

# ISAIAH 43 vs 1

The book of Isaiah has two great divisions; **first**: chapters 1–39; God's Criticism of both rebel houses **Israel** and **Judah**, thereby affecting all the local neighbors in the hood; and **second**: chapters 40–66; God's Consolation to both houses who have separate histories. The great Isaiah scroll found in the Qumran caves, dated from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC has put to rest many wild speculations about prophet Isaiah.



**<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD,**

**He who created you, O Jacob,**

**and He who made you, O Israel,**

**Fear not:** for I have redeemed you / when God says, Fear not to His people, it is because something is coming that could cause them fear,

**I have called you by name / I claim you; you are Mine.**

**<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I am with you,**

**the rivers will not overflow.**

**When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you afire.**

**<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior:**

**I put Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba instead of you.**

**<sup>4</sup> Since you are precious in My sight, so honored, so beloved:**

**I put men for you, and nations for your life.**

**<sup>5</sup> Fear not:** for I am with you:

**From the east I will bring your descendants; from the west gathering you;**

**<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, Give up / hand over; to the south, Do not withhold:**

**bring my sons from far, my daughters from the ends of the earth;**

**<sup>7</sup> Everyone who is called by My name: for My glory, I created them,**

**I formed them; yes, I made them.**

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**<sup>8</sup> He brought the blind people who have eyes, the deaf who have ears / those with insight.**

**<sup>9</sup> All the nations gathered together, and the people assembled:**

**Who can declare this, and show us former things? / the first things; things from the beginning?**

**Bring them for your witnesses, that they be justified: hear them say the truth.**

**<sup>10</sup> You are My witnesses, says the LORD, My servant whom I have chosen / those who speak the truth are His choice; the truth seekers get the Lord's vote:**

**You are My witnesses... that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He: /** now we'd say: **He's the One**; about Him, Paul wrote: *He is head of the church, we are His body -- Ephesians 1*; just think about it, at best that means we are: the shoulders or arms, hands or fingers; legs, feet or toes... no brains for the Lord; no ears for the Lord; no eyes for the Lord, no nose for the Lord, and no mouth for the Lord. And should any object to the last sense, all God's senses function perfectly; the book of Hebrews rapidly silences any objection: *God spoke in various ways in bits and pieces through the prophets, but in these last days spoke to us through His Son -- Hebrews 1*. (end of subject)

**before Me no God was formed: and after there will be none.**

**<sup>11</sup> I... I am the LORD; and beside Me... is no Savior /** God says, looking around where He sits, there ain't anybody; isn't it interesting, the Caesars mistakenly thought they were the savior of the world; but in the NT, Peter, Paul and Mary all assure us... that their Savior was not in Rome; but He lives and reigns in heaven – Hallelujah!

**<sup>12</sup> I declared, I saved, I announced... nothing strange / no foreign god:**

**you are My witnesses, says the LORD, I am God.**

**<sup>13</sup> Yes, before the first day / since all eternity...**

**I am He;**

**none can deliver from My hand:**

**I work, and who can stop it? / what God does, there is nobody who can hinder or frustrate it.**

And why does the Lord God declare His majestic uniqueness? Because He trains His people in all these truths: **He** will save, **He** will deliver... do not look around for another.

**Call Him!** Remind Him what He said. no matter what situation we go through... it is for our instruction... never give up on the Lord who promises: *I will never leave you nor abandon you*; He will be with us through the fiercest storms of life.

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<sup>14</sup> **Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel** / the Creator and Maker; the Savior, the King; who alone has the full payment for a debt we could never pay in a million years; a name Isaiah uses 30 times; He is very different than us;

**So I sent you to Babylon,**

**and brought down all their crooked fugitives,**

**and the Chaldeans** / the sword wielding maniacs...

**who rejoice in their ships** / and not one of their wooden ships sunk like the great Titanic; nonetheless every one of them rotted along some shoreline.

<sup>15</sup> **I am the LORD, your Holy One, your King; creating Israel** / some people imagine life as being totally prescribed... as if every step, and thought and action is somehow ordained planned by God; and their life is usually peppered with fear of offending Him; rather than raising our thoughts higher to a perfect Father who can multitask like no other, who daily works individually with a broken creation.

<sup>16</sup> **Thus says the LORD: who makes a way in the sea,**

**and a path in the mighty waters** / the Lord travels uncommon paths; He can walk on water;

<sup>17</sup> **bringing out the chariot and horse, the army and the power** / like taking garbage to the curb; the Lord of hosts can take the entire array of mankind's finest military might... and yank their harness to serve His purpose... and when He is finished with them, when they are no longer useful to Him; He adds this parenthesis probably with a YAWN;

**altogether they will lie down, they will not rise again:**

**extinguished as a wick** / their great military prowess, is snuffed out like a birthday candle.

<sup>18</sup> **Do not remember the former things,**

**do not consider the things of old** / the Lord God says, let's forget the past.

<sup>19</sup> **Behold, I do a new thing** / so the response is not: **Yep, I know**. The Lord God says, rethink, reconsider; God is alive... He is doing something **new**; He is creative; tirelessly working over His creation;

**now it blossoms; will you not notice it?** / will you not be aware of it?

**I will make in the wilderness a way** / a path, a road,

**and in the desert, rivers** / streams.

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**20 Honoring Me are the beast of the fields,**

**the dragons** / in Hebrew: *tannim*, the monsters. The word: dinosaur was only invented in the mid-1800s. It's interesting, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, recent discoveries found in dinosaur heaps – of course, being suppressed by the science and education communities, blowing apart their evolution theories... have revealed **Triceratops with soft tissue and blood** has been extracted from these non-fossilized remains proving that these giant animals are not millions of years old, or there would be **no** blood in the tissue; and they have lived within the past 4000 years. The massive Triceratops are still honoring God their Creator, even in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



**and the screech owls** / or ostriches:

**because I place in the wilderness streams** *for the animals,*

**and rivers in the desert,**

**giving drink to My people,**

**My chosen** / the Creator God does His part, providing for the creepy animals and His creepy people.

**21 This people I formed** / those who He hoped would know what He said; who can also see His loving hand move still today... I fashioned...

**for Myself;**

**to recount** / and retell and proclaim... and sing

**My praise.**

We know God speaks from His heaven, and He will have the last laugh in His heaven. Does He sing in His heaven? Of course! And He wants us to join Him. Check out: [The Songlist of Our Brothers and Sisters](#) singing His praises throughout the world!



Why has the Lord God been saying all these things?

Read on...

**22 Yet you have not called on Me, O Jacob;**

**you have been tired of Me, O Israel.**

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<sup>23</sup> **You** have **not** brought Me the smallest burnt offering;

**Your** sacrifices have **not** honored Me.

(I have not made you serve an offering, nor wearied you about incense.)

<sup>24</sup> Yet **you** have brought **no** silver with the sweet cane;

and the fat of your sacrifices **you** have **not** lavishly offered:

but **you** served Me your sins, **you** wearied Me with your iniquities.

<sup>11</sup> **I... I am He** who blots out **your** transgressions for My own sake,

and **your** sins I will **not** remember.

<sup>26</sup> **Remember Me** / something we should do every day, throughout the day; acknowledge our great God; after all, Almighty God is very much longsuffering and full of mercies to the thousandth generation of those who love Him; Moses reminds us *those who hate Him, He will reward to their face*. God is not populating His heaven... with earth's trailer trash; *it is the fool who says in their heart... there is no God* – Psalm 14; God is not a fool;

and He is nobody's maid service:

let us argue the case together:

State your cause, that **you** may be proved right.

<sup>27</sup> **Your** first forefather sinned, and **your** teachers have transgressed against Me.

<sup>28</sup> So, I consider the rulers of the sanctuary common / ordinary, mundane; and not worthy of respect,

I relegate a curse to **Jacob**; and to **Israel** censures.