

<sup>23</sup> Who among [them] gives ear to [you],  
[or] will hearken and hear [you], for the time to come?

<sup>24</sup> [And] who gave Jacob for a spoil  
and Israel to the plunderers?

Did not the LORD,  
He against whom they have sinned?

For they were not willing to walk in His ways  
and did not heed His law;

<sup>25</sup> therefore, He has poured fury upon them,  
His anger, and the strength of battle;

and [they have] set [them] on fire round about, yet [they  
know] not;  
and it burned [them], yet [they] laid it not to heart.

#### PROPHECY OF THE SAVIOR AND REDEMPTION (43:1-7)

**Isaiah** **43** And now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob,  
And your Fashioner, O Israel:

**The LORD** “Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are Mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I am with you;  
and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you.

When you walk through fire, you will not be scorched,  
and the flames will not burn you.

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

I give Egypt for your ransom,<sup>152</sup>  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in My eyes,  
you are honored, and I love you;

I give a human in return for you,  
people in exchange for your life.

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152. “Ransom” (Hebrew *kofer*) can also be translated “redemption payment.” The Lord pays a ransom or redemption payment to free Israel from the nations, just as He freed ancient Israel from the dominance of Egypt, but instead of money, He exchanges three countries—Egypt, Cush, and Seba—for Israel.

<sup>5</sup> Fear not, for I am with you.  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and I will gather you from the west.

<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, “Give up,”  
and to the south, “Do not withhold!

Bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth.

<sup>7</sup> All who are called by My name,  
and for My glory I created them—

I fashioned them,  
I created them.”

### WE ARE WITNESSES THAT THE LORD IS GOD (43:8-13)

**Isaiah** <sup>8</sup> Bring forth a blind people who have eyes,  
and those who are deaf who have ears.

<sup>9</sup> Let all nations gather together,  
and let the peoples assemble.

Who among them will declare this  
and make us hear the former things?

Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right,  
and let them hear and say,

**Witnesses** “It is truth.”

**The LORD** <sup>10</sup> “You are My witnesses,”

**Isaiah** declares the LORD,

**The LORD** “and My servant whom I have chosen,

so that you may know and trust in Me  
and understand that I am He;

there was no god formed before Me,  
nor will there be after Me.

<sup>11</sup> I, I am the LORD,  
and there is no Savior besides Me.

<sup>12</sup> I have declared,  
and I have saved,

and I have proclaimed—and there is no strange god among you—  
and you are My witnesses, that I am God,”

**Isaiah** declares the LORD.

**The LORD** <sup>13</sup>“Yea, before the day was, I am He; there is none that can deliver from My hand; I act, and who will reverse it?”

#### THE LORD PROVIDES WATER FOR US (43:14–21)

**Isaiah** <sup>14</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
your Redeemer,  
the Holy One of Israel,

**The LORD** “For your sake I send to Babylon,  
and I bring down all of them as fugitives,  
and the shouting of the Chaldeans will become lamentations.

<sup>15</sup>I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
the Creator of Israel, your King.”

**Isaiah** <sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea  
and a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse,  
together with army and warrior.

They lie down; they cannot rise.  
They are out, snuffed like a wick.

**The LORD** <sup>18</sup>“Do not remember the former things  
nor consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now, it will spring forth. Do you not know it?

Also, I will make a way in the wilderness,  
paths<sup>153</sup> in the desert.

<sup>20</sup>The beast of the field will honor Me,  
jackals and ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen.

<sup>21</sup>I have fashioned this people for Me;  
they will recount My praise.”

#### THE LORD BLOTS OUT ISRAEL'S TRANSGRESSIONS (43:22–28)

**The LORD** <sup>22</sup>“But you did not call upon Me, O Jacob,  
because you have been weary of Me, O Israel.

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153. DSS Isaiah reads “paths” rather than “rivers.”

<sup>23</sup> You have not brought sheep for your burnt offerings to Me,  
nor honored Me with your sacrifices;

I have not burdened you with an offering,  
nor wearied you with frankincense.

<sup>24</sup> You have not bought Me cane with silver,  
nor satisfied Me with the fat of your sacrifices,

but you have burdened Me with your sins;  
you have wearied Me with your iniquities.

<sup>25</sup> I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for My sake,  
and I will not remember your sins.

<sup>26</sup> Put Me in remembrance. Let us plead together.  
Set forth your case so that you will be proved right.

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

<sup>28</sup> So I profaned the officers of the sanctuary;  
let Me give Jacob to destruction  
and Israel to reviling.”

**GOD INSTRUCTS HIS COVENANT PEOPLE—“YOU ARE MY  
WITNESSES” (44:1-8)**

**The LORD** **44** “And now hear, O Jacob, My servant,  
and Israel, whom I have chosen.”

**Isaiah** <sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD, your Maker,  
and your Fashioner from the womb; He will help you.

**The LORD** “Do not fear, My servant Jacob  
and Jeshurun, whom I have chosen,

<sup>3</sup> for I will pour water on the thirsty  
and streams on dry ground.

I will pour My Spirit on your seed  
and My blessing on your offspring.

<sup>4</sup> They will sprout among grass,  
like willows beside flowing streams of water.

<sup>5</sup> One will say,

**Unnamed individual** ‘I am the LORD’s,’

**The LORD** and another will be called by the name of Jacob,  
and another will write on his hand,