

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 129--Isaiah 43:1-44:23

Introduction: God continues to contrast His greatness with the helpless idols which His sinful people worshipped. In this section He shows His power and love in creating Israel to be His servant and witness, and in redeeming the nation from captivity. The nation of Israel itself could bear witness to God's revelation and accomplishment of all that He planned, a proof of His superiority to the false gods of the nations.

Lesson aim: To emphasize the greatness of God in creating, judging, and restoring the nation of Israel.

God's promise to redeem Israel--Isaiah 43:1-7

1. Why did God tell Israel not to fear? (v. 1)
Compare with 41:10,13.
2. Why did God purpose to redeem Israel (v. 4)?
What did God promise to do? (v. 5-7)

Israel, the true "Jehovah's witnesses"-- Isaiah 43:8-13

1. When God gathers the nations in assembly, who does God say would be His witness? (v. 8-10)
2. Of what could Israel testify? (v. 11-13)

God's new demonstration, the punishment of Babylon--Isaiah 43:14-21

1. God said He would bring down the Chaldeans as what? (v. 14)
2. What did God say the people God had formed for Himself would do? (v. 21)

**Israel's sinful present contrasted with
Israel's faithful future--Isaiah 43:22-44:5**

1. In contrast to the future day of deliverance, what did God say Israel was not doing? (v. 22-23) What were they doing? (v. 24)
2. What did God say to Israel in v. 25-28?
3. What future blessings does God promise to give His people? (24:3-4) What will those who believe in the Lord say and do? (v. 5)

Israel's folly in worshipping idols and God's forgiveness of their sin--Isaiah 44:6-23

1. What does God affirm about Himself in v. 6-8?
2. How does God demonstrate the folly of idolatry? (v. 9-17) Israel's spiritual dullness and blindness is said to have originated with whom? (v. 18-20) How can this be?
3. What assurances does God give His people in v. 21-23?