Isaiah 42-43

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INTRODUCTION

- He declares in advance what will happen, which we do not see anywhere else. God alone has that power.
- Those that reject God and seek to find light in their own ways, God will reject.

1 Behold My Servant: The Unnamed Servant

Isaiah 42:1–9; Matthew 12:9–21; John 8:31–32

- Behold my servant whom I uphold, my elect one in whom my soul delights. I have put my spirit upon him.
- So direct evidence from Matthew that yes, this is the servant, the unnamed servant in Isaiah that was spoken of in chapter 42.
- Jesus did not come in his earthly ministry to judge the earth, but to seek and save.
- A new covenant, not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers, which was made with the Jews only, but this new covenant would be with all mankind.
- All these things in these first few verses are definitely not the return from Babylon. They're speaking of Messiah.

2 God Will Make War With the Idols

Isaiah 42:10–17

- He will roar and intimidate all those that would claim the powers of deity.
- I will restrain myself no longer. I will cry out to mankind. I will judge.
- That which seems to be blessings by the idols, he says, I will dry it up. And I believe his purpose is to prove that the idols are nothing.
- They shall be greatly ashamed who trust in carved images.

3 Who Is Blind but My Servant?

Isaiah 42:18–25; Ezekiel 22:30

- Who is blind but my servant? Or deaf as my messenger whom I send.
- First part is Messiah, second part is Jacob.
- The problem is not the law that God had given, the covenant that he made with his people. The problem was with Jacob.
- It burned him, and he did not take it to heart.
- These are covenant people of God. Surely they should know the difference. But they don't. And therefore they will go into captivity.

4 Fear Not, for I Have Redeemed You

Isaiah 40:3

- Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have purchased you back. I have called you by my name, you are mine.
- When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flames scorch you.
- You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am He.
- Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing.
- We see that same picture applied to both events, the time of Messiah, and here the time of recovery from Babylon.

5 You Have Burdened Me With Your Sins

Isaiah 40:27; Ezekiel 18:20; Exodus 20:5

- You have burdened me with your sins. You've wearied me with your iniquities.
- I, even I, he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.
- In each case, he's looked back to the current state. And the people have failed God miserably.
- For multiple generations, he seeks to turn them.
- These people are going into captivity because they have followed in the sins of their fathers and repeated over and over again.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Here's what I've got in mind for you. Here's where you're at. There's a difference. You need to make a change.**

MY NOTES