

God's Power to Protect and Provide for Israel (His People)

Isaiah 41:08–20

1. *God's assurance:*

They were His chosen servants

- a. He would gather them from the ends of the earth: Set them free from Babylonian captivity. 43:1-7
- b. He would not reject them

2. *God's promise*

to protect His people

- a. They were not to fear: He would be with them, help them and uphold them
- God would shame and confuse all who opposed them
- God would totally eliminate all the enemies of His people
- b. They were not to fear, because He would hold their right hands and help them
- c. They were not to fear, because He was their Redeemer: He would deliver them from captivity

8 “But you, Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
you descendants of Abraham my friend,

9 I took you from the ends of the earth,
from its farthest corners I called you.
I said, ‘You are my servant’;
I have chosen you,
and have not rejected you.

10 So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you
with my righteous right hand.

11 All who rage against you
will surely be ashamed and disgraced;
those who oppose you
will be as nothing and perish.

12 Though you search for your enemies,
you will not find them.
Those who wage war against you
will be as nothing at all.

13 For I am the LORD, your God,
who takes hold of your right hand
and says to you,
Do not fear;
I will help you.

14 Do not be afraid, you worm Jacob,
little Israel, do not fear,
for I myself will help you,”
declares the LORD, your Redeemer,
the Holy One of Israel.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God would empower them to defeat their enemies • God would give His people a reason to rejoice and to glory in Him <p>3. <i>God's promise to provide for His people</i></p> <p>As they suffered in exile or returned from captivity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The people would be poor and needy, parched with thirst b. The LORD would hear their cry and prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He would provide water • He would provide a fruitful land: Make desert into productive land c. The LORD's purpose: To demonstrate His power, showing that He alone could free His people and meet their needs, 14, 16 	<p>15 "See, I will make you into a threshing sledge, new and sharp, with many teeth. You will thresh the mountains and crush them, and reduce the hills to chaff.</p> <p>16 You will winnow them, the wind will pick them up, and a gale will blow them away. But you will rejoice in the LORD and glory in the Holy One of Israel.</p> <p>17 "The poor and needy search for water, but there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the LORD will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them."</p> <p>18 I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs.</p> <p>19 I will put in the desert the cedar and the acacia, the myrtle and the olive. I will set junipers in the wasteland, the fir and the cypress together,</p> <p>20 so that people may see and know, may consider and understand, that the hand of the LORD has done this, that the Holy One of Israel has created it.</p>
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