Set Free Through the Redeemer, the Lord Your God: A Study of Redemption

Isaiah 43:01-21

1. The source of redemption: The LORD

- a. He created and formed you
- b. He encourages you: Fear not
- 1) The Lord has redeemed you
- 2) The LORD knows you by name

2. The promises of the Redeemer

- a. He will be with you
- 1) Through all the deep waters (trials, hardships) of life
- 2) Through all the fiery oppressions of life
- b. He will rescue you, set you free from all oppressors (Egypt, Cush and Sheba)
- 1) Because He is your God, the Holy One, your Saviour
- 2) Because you are precious to Him, you will be honoured and loved
- c. He will gather you from the ends of the earth, return you to the promised land (a symbol of heaven)
- 1) The identity of those gathered: Israel (true believers)
- All the children sons and daughters — of God

- But now, this is what the LORD says he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, Israel,
 "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have summoned you by name; You are mine.
- When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.
- 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead.
- 4 Since you are precious and honoured in my sight, and because I love you,
 I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.
- 5 Do not be afraid,for I am with you;I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.
- 6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'
 and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'
 Bring my sons from afar
 and my daughters from the ends of the earth —

- All who are believers and created for His glory
- 2) The summons for unbelieving Jews to see and hear:
 Believe God
- 3) The summons for unbelieving nations to assemble
- To acknowledge that the LORD foretold the restoration of Israel
- To prove their claim that their gods were real, that they could predict future events
- d. He will appoint you to be His special witness and servant
- 1) The reason: That you may know, believe and understand Him
- 2) The facts
- He alone is God
- He alone is the Saviour
- 3) The witness you are to bear
- He has revealed the truth
- He has saved you
- He alone is God
- He alone possesses eternal power and judgment: No one can reverse His words
- e. He will defeat all the enemies who oppress you
- 1) He guarantees deliverance: Because He is your Redeemer, the Holy One
- 2) He guarantees the defeat of Babylon

- 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."
- 8 Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf.
- 9 All the nations gather together and the people assemble.
 Which of their gods foretold this and proclaimed to us the former things?
 Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right, so that others may hear and say, "It is true."
- 10 "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.

 Before me no god was formed, neither shall there be after me.
- 11 I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no saviour.
- 12 I have revealed and saved and proclaimed I, and not some foreign god among you.You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God.
- 13 Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"
- 14 This is what the LORD says —
 your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
 "For your sake I will send to Babylon
 and bring down as fugitives all the Babylonians,
 in the ships in which they took pride.

- The reason:
 He is the LORD, your Holy
 One, Creator, King
- The surety of judgment:
 He will utterly destroy
 the enemy —
 just as surely as He destroyed
 the Egyptian army
 in the Red Sea
- f. He will do great things, even a new thing: Will guide and provide for you as never before
- His guidance:
 Will make a way to return to the promised land
- 2) His provision: Water and all other necessities of life
- The wild animals will drink and be glad
- The returning exiles will have their thirst quenched
- 3) His purpose:To stir youto proclaim His praise

- 15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, Israel's creator, your King."
- 16 This is what the LORD says he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters,
- 17 who drew out the chariot and horse, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick.
- 18 Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past.
- 19 See, I am doing a new thing!Now it springs up;do you not perceive it?I am making a way in the wilderness,and streams in the wasteland.
- 20 The wild animals honour me, the jackals and the owls because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen,
- 21 the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.