

**God's Plan of Redemption:
God Worked and Controlled All Events to Redeem Israel
Isaiah 48: 12–22**

***God's plan:
He controlled all events
in order to redeem His people***

- a. The surety of redemption
 - 1) His person: "I am..." v. 12
 - 2) His power:
Created the universe
- b. The promise of redemption, deliverance from captivity
 - 1) His knowledge foretold this
 - 2) His power would raise up Cyrus to destroy Babylon
 - 3) His Word guaranteed the prophecy: Cyrus would succeed against Babylon
 - 4) His promise should be heeded: The LORD Himself had clearly predicted the destruction of Babylon and the redemption (deliverance) of His people from captivity
- c. The reassurance of their redemption, deliverance
 - 1) He was their Redeemer, the Holy One
 - 2) He was the LORD their God who taught and led them
- d. The blessings of redemption God desired for His people
 - 1) Peace like a river
 - 2) Righteousness that rolls on like the waves of the sea

- 12 "Listen to me, Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: I am he; I am the first and I am the last.
- 13 My own hand laid the foundations of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I summon them, they all stand up together.
- 14 "Come together, all of you, and listen: Which of the idols has foretold these things? The LORD's chosen ally will carry out his purpose against Babylon; his arm will be against the Babylonians.
- 15 I, even I, have spoken; yes, I have called him. I will bring him, and he will succeed in his mission.
- 16 "Come near me and listen to this: "From the first announcement I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens, I am there." And now the Sovereign LORD has sent me, endowed with his Spirit.
- 17 This is what the LORD says — your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.
- 18 If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your well-being like the waves of the sea.

- 3) Population growth
- 4) A name never cut off
nor removed
from God's presence
- e. The great imperative
shout of redemption:
Flee Babylon (the influence of
the world and its unbelievers)
- 1) Proclaim redemption
to the whole earth
 - The LORD has redeemed
His people
 - The LORD will guide His people
to the promised land
and meet their needs —
just as He did in the wilderness
journey, Exo 17:1-7; Num 20:11
- 2) Issue a warning:
There is no peace
for the wicked

19 Your descendants would have been like the sand,
your children like its numberless grains;
their name would never be blotted out
nor destroyed from before me.”

20 Leave Babylon, flee from the Babylonians!
Announce this with shouts of joy
and proclaim it.
Send it out to the ends of the earth; say,
“The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob.”

21 They did not thirst
when he led them through the deserts;
he made water flow for them from the rock;
he split the rock and water gushed out.

22 “There is no peace,”
says the LORD,
“for the wicked.”