

Isaiah 41—50

God's Love for His People

The Bible does not teach that the Church has replaced Israel in distinction or prophecy. Many things that God has promised Israel have yet to be fulfilled. It is therefore an error to lump every specific promise to Israel into the future of the Church. On the other hand, many promises to Israel apply equally as well to God's redeemed in the Church, especially those promises that reflect His character and His love for His chosen ones. In that sense we, the Church, share God's blessings as branches grafted into the true olive tree (see Romans, chapter 9—11, especially 11:17-27)

Relevant Promises that we Might Claim Because of God's Character

Isaiah 41

8 "But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, **Descendant of Abraham My friend,** (Isa 41:8 NAU) See also John 15:13-15

10 'Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.' (Isa 41:10 NAU)

13 "For I am the LORD your God, who upholds your right hand, Who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.' 14 "Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel; I will help you," declares the LORD, "and **your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.** (Isa 41:13-14 NAU)

Isaiah 42

"Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 "He will not cry out or raise His voice, Nor make His voice heard in the street. 3 "**A bruised reed He will not break And a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish;** He will faithfully bring forth justice.(Isa 42:1-3 NAU)

"I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, And I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations, 7 **To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who dwell in darkness from the prison.**(Isa 42:6-7 NAU)

Isaiah 43

But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, **"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!**2 **"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.**3 **"For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place.**4 **"Since you are precious in My sight, Since you are honored and I love you,** I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life.5 "Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring 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,7 Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made." 8 Bring out the people who are blind, even though they have eyes, And the deaf, even though they have ears. 9 All the nations have gathered together

So that the peoples may be assembled. Who among them can declare this And proclaim to us the former things? Let them present their witnesses that they may be justified, Or let them 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 there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me. 11 "I, even I, am the LORD, And there is no savior besides Me. 12 "It is I who have declared and saved and proclaimed, And there was no strange god among you; So you are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And I am God. 13 "Even from eternity I am He, And there is none who can deliver out of My hand; I act and who can reverse it?" (Isa 43:1-13 NAU)

Isaiah 44

"But now listen, O Jacob, My servant, And Israel, whom I have chosen: 2 Thus says the LORD who made you And formed you from the womb, who will help you, 'Do not fear, O Jacob My servant; And you Jeshurun whom I have chosen. 3 'For I will pour out water on the thirsty land And streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring And My blessing on your descendants; 4 And they will spring up among the grass Like poplars by streams of water.' 5 "This one will say, 'I am the LORD'S'; And that one will call on the name of Jacob; And another will write on his hand, 'Belonging to the LORD,' And will name Israel's name with honor. 6 "Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me. 7 'Who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it; Yes, let him recount it to Me in order, From the time that I established the ancient nation. And let them declare to them the things that are coming And the events that are going to take place. 8 'Do not tremble and do not be afraid; Have I not long since announced it to you and declared it? And you are My witnesses. Is there any God besides Me, Or is there any other Rock? I know of none.'" (Isa 44:1-8 NAU)

"Remember these things, O Jacob, And Israel, for you are My servant; I have formed you, you are My servant, O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me. 22 "I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud And your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you." (Isa 44:21-22 NAU)

Isaiah 46

"Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, And all the remnant of the house of Israel, You who have been borne by Me from birth And have been carried from the womb; 4 Even to your old age I will be the same, And even to your graying years I will bear you! I have done it, and I will carry you; And I will bear you and I will deliver you. (Isa 46:3-4 NAU)

Isaiah 49

But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, And the Lord has forgotten me." 15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child And have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you. 16 "Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me. (Isa 49:14-16 NAU) And you will know that I am the LORD; Those who hopefully wait for Me will not be put to shame. (Isa 49:23 NAU)