

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

# ISAIAH 43

## Isaiah 43

Isaiah forty-three is an incredible prophesy that truly is the epitome of dual fulfillment of prophesy that relates to the day in which it was given and to the present day and future. This chapter is a word that speaks to those who will go into captivity and be exiled and scattered. Remember Isaiah is preaching this message two hundred years before the Babylonian captivity and the promised regathering during the Persian period and the reign of Cyrus the Great. God reminds Israel and all who will come after, that He supernaturally created Israel. The nation of Israel is a supernatural creation from the beginning and has been supernaturally sustained down through history. This will continue until the end of time. Abraham was ninety-nine years old and Sarah ninety when Isaac, the son of promise was born! Down through the ages from Haman to Hitler, God has supernaturally sustained and redeemed the nation of Israel. Verse, one says, God created, formed, redeemed Israel, and called them by name. The floods and fire will not overwhelm or overtake them. He says He has given Egypt, Ethiopia, and Seba. These were the nations that God gave to Cyrus, King of Persia instead of Israel. God allowed Cyrus to find favor with the Jewish people of the captivity and exile, and to go back to their

homeland to be a "buffer" for the Persians from the rise of a rebellious Egypt and Ethiopia and the African nations to the south of the "Land in between" called Israel. Yes, God uses secular nations and their selfish wars and uprisings to sometimes facilitate His will. Remember, all of history is "His-story."

These words are also prophetic for the days present. In the late nineteenth century, from 1880 onward, Jewish people began to come from the corners of the earth to the land of Israel to live, not to die. For eighteen centuries, since the diaspora of 70 A.D. and the destruction of the second temple, Jews had been coming back to Israel when they were ready to die, so they could be buried with their ancestors. That changed and God begin to fulfill the promise of verses 5-7. This resulted in the 1948 A. D. declaration of the modern State of Israel. God is faithful to His promises.

### **Prayer and Action Points**

*Thank you, God, for your faithfulness to the promises you made to Abraham and His descendants and thank you that you are faithful to your promises to me. Amen*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

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