

He Maketh a Way

Isaiah 43:16-21 Thus saith the LORD, **which maketh a way** in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters; **17** Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow. **18** Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. **19** Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? **I will even make a way** in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert. **20** The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen. **21** This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

I am glad today that my God can Make a Way!

Isaiah is a Pre-exile book. The children of Israel are about to go into captivity.

But He tells them before they go into captivity and under the rule of evil people – GOD CAN MAKE A WAY

1. Maketh a Way For Eternity

(1) Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, **(5)** Fear not: for I *am* with thee,

Isaiah 43:11 I, *even* I, *am* the LORD; and beside me *there is* no saviour.

Isaiah 43:25 I, *even* I, *am* he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

ACTS 4:12

Revelation 5:1-5 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. **2** And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? **3** And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. **4** And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. **5** And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

If you are going to get into heave it will have to be through JESUS! HE IS THE WAY!

a. Heals and Brings Comfort

He is reminding them of their salvation for God knew that they faced great difficulty: They are going to a land where there will be a law to where you cannot pray to God!

HE MAKETH A WAY!!!!

b. Helps us Bear Correction

Isaiah 43:14 Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; **For your sake I have sent to Babylon**, and have

brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.

Purpose of their captivity:

God is raising up the Chaldean army. Not because He hates you, it is because He loves you!

Proverbs 3:11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: **12** For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

Hebrews 12:6-8 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. **7** If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? **8** But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and

2. Maketh a Way Escape Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

Without excuse! You will never be able to justify your sin before God! He MAKETH A WAY to ESCAPE

3. Maketh a Way to Endure Trials

(19) ...I will even make a way in the wilderness...

Yes they faced uncertain trials, yet Isaiah reminds them before their hardship befall them that God can make a way!

2 Samuel 22:31 *As for* God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

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In this chapter God reminds His people of their captivity in Egypt and how He delivered them!

God knew that as soon as they left Egypt they would face the Red Sea... **God keep trials before us so that we look to Him**

4. Maketh a Way to Extinguish Trouble

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As God reminds them of their past troubles he uses a unique word – EXTINCT!

One day all our trouble will be gone! Let us trust Him.

Isaiah 40:1-8 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. **2** Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double

for all her sins. 3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*. 6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodliness thereof *is* as the flower of the field: 7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people *is* grass. 8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

THREE THINGS ABOUT HIS WAY

1. His Way is Needed

John 15:5 I am the vine, *ye are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **for without me ye can do nothing.**

2. His Way is New

Isaiah 43:19 “Behold, I will do a new thing...”

- **David and Goliath – 5 stones**

Can you imagine the marketing of today getting a hold of the stones and selling Giant killer stones? It was not the stones!!!! IT WAS GOD. HE MAKETH A WAY

If I were to face a giant one day the only thing I know how to do is to check the precedent. 5 stones....

We are so prone to follow methods rather than praying down the power of God!

- **God took the chariot wheels off** “ and the chariot drave hard”
God did not say that every time you went into battle the wheels would fall off. His way is NEW! TRUST HIM
- **Gideon - pitchers and light**
- **Hornets**
- **Plagues**
- **Sound of Battle**
- **Flood/Ark**
- **Trumpets/Jericho**

HAVE FAITH IN HIM! God ALWAYS MAKES A WAY.

Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

3. His Way is Narrow

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**