

Thank You, God, for the Possibilities!

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Scripture: Isaiah 43:14-19; *Christian Standard Bible (CSB)*

Background: Exodus 14; Deuteronomy 17:6-8; Isaiah 43

Part#2: "God Opens Possibilities Where None Seem to Exist"

Context: Isaiah 43 paints a portrait of God's power. In verse 1, God is identified as Creator and Redeemer, "the One who created you, Jacob, and the One who formed you, Israel—"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are mine."

The people of Judah, were facing the devastating consequences of their rebellion against God. While in exile, God's covenant people must have wondered if God had abandoned them. Through the prophetic word of Isaiah, God assures Judah He is still God; exile does not cancel His covenant purposes, for He is about to do something **new** (see v. 19). According to Strong's Concordance #H2319, the Hebrew word translated "**new**" is *chadash* (חָדָשׁ), refers to something new, fresh, renewed, or unprecedented. It describes something that has never existed before, or a radical restoration that makes a place or person fresh and alive again.

As a recap, Part #1 of our series, Paul reminded us that possibility begins with God's capacity. He declares that God "**is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.**" Just as Isaiah reminds us in today's lesson, possibility is not wishful thinking—it is rooted in the very nature of who God is. He is the God who goes before us, making a way and providing "**Strength for What's Ahead.**"

Beloved, when we **own our identity**, God unveils to us those possibilities that lie where none seem to exist. Listen to what He says in verses 2-3: "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. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior..." While God does not promise to remove all our troubles, He does promise to walk *through* the trouble with us. **Hallelujah!**

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The Declaration

¹⁴This is what the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel says: Because of you, I will send an army to Babylon and bring all of them as fugitives, even the Chaldeans in the ships in which they rejoice.

Imminent Redemption

¹⁵ I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. ¹⁶ This is what the LORD says—who makes a way in the sea, and a path through raging water, ¹⁷ who brings out the chariot and horse, the army and the mighty one together (they lie down, they do not rise again; they are extinguished, put out like a wick)—

Releases Before He Reveals

¹⁸ "Do not remember the past events; pay no attention to things of old.

Assuredly

¹⁹ Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.

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