



**ISAIAH 43:18-19**

**FORGET THE  
FORMER  
THINGS**



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“Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland”

# ISAIAH



*God's  
judgement*

A nation of idolatry, rebellion,  
immorality



*Hope and  
restoration*

God committed to His people and the  
covenant He made



*Prophecy of the  
Davidic Messiah*

The hope for the world; a new  
covenant

# HIS COVENANT - Abraham



*Genesis 12:2-3*

I will make you  
into a great nation,  
and I will bless you

*Genesis 17:4*

You will be the  
father of many  
nations.

*Genesis  
13:15-17*

All the land that  
you see I will give  
to you and your  
offspring forever

*Genesis 17:1-2*

Walk before me  
faithfully and be  
blameless. Then I  
will ...greatly  
increase your  
numbers

# FORMER THINGS – Isaiah 1



**Rebellious (vs 2)**

**A people who do not know, understand or follow their father/master (vs 2-3)**

**Sinful (vs 4)**

**Corrupt (vs 4)**

# FORMER THINGS – Isaiah 1



**Forsaken the Lord  
& turned their  
back on Him (vs 4)**

**Full of superstition  
(Ch2:6)**

**Practice divination  
(Ch2:7)**

**Full of idols and  
bowed down to  
the work of their  
hands (Ch2:8)**



**FAILED TO  
ACKNOWLEDGE  
GOD**

**Failed to  
acknowledge God's  
provision of:**

- the law
- His covenant
- His temple
- His promises





# OBEDIENCE NOT SACRIFICE

**Isaiah 1:11-17** - “The multitude of your sacrifices— what are they to me?” says the Lord. “I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations— I cannot bear your worthless assemblies. Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals. I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. *When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood! Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.*”



# **HIS GREAT LOVE**

**“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord.  
“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as  
snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like  
wool.**

**Isaiah 1:18**

# **GOD'S UNCHANGABLE PURPOSE**

**“Remember these things, Jacob, for you, Israel, are my servant. I have made you, you are my servant; Israel, I will not forget you”.**

**Isaiah 44:21**



# LEAVE THE PAST BEHIND - DON'T GET STUCK

*He is a God who forgives, heals and restores  
And He has a great purpose for your life*

**“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” — the things God has prepared for those who love him**

**1 Cor 2:9**

# PILLAR OF FIRE & CLOUD

- Exodus 13:17-18
- Exodus 14:13-31

**Moses put his faith into action, and the presence & power of God delivered them out of slavery**



**WHAT DO YOU  
SEE?**

**“See, I am doing a new thing!... I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland”**

**Isaiah 43:19**