

**Get Ready for Your New Thing**  
**Isaiah 43:18-21**

Go ahead and prophesy: Get ready for your new thing!

Isaiah was speaking to those in Babylonian captivity. They were there because of disobedience to God. Disobedience has consequences.

The mindset of the people can be found in Psalms. They had a captivity mindset. They had normalized bondage.

Isaiah showed up telling the people to not remember the former things. Meaning to not keep something in mind from the past so that it affects your present.

“What do you keep remembering from your past that is affecting the way you live now?” – Pastor Billy Johnson

Isaiah tells them not to consider the things of old. Don't get to the place where you are paying so much attention to the way things were that it blocks what things can and should be now.

God said I will do a new thing. He's getting ready to do something like you've never seen before. God is committed to His word. The prophetic word through Jeremiah said that they would be in captivity for 70 years. The people are to stop talking themselves out of what God can do!

V19 – Previously God had dried up the water and now He is bringing the water – now it will spring forth (the signs of God are already visible).

“God will do it; It’s happening now; and you gonna know it.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

You will say nobody but God!

Examine Isaiah 43:18-20 in the New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>18</sup>“But forget all that—

it is nothing compared to what I am going to do.

<sup>19</sup>For I am about to do something new.

See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?

I will make a pathway through the wilderness.

I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

<sup>20</sup>The wild animals in the fields will thank me,

the jackals and owls, too,

for giving them water in the desert.

Yes, I will make rivers in the dry wasteland

so my chosen people can be refreshed.

Examine Isaiah 43:18 in The Message (MSG)

“Forget about what’s happened;

don’t keep going over old history.

Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand-new.

It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it?

“Don’t keep going over old history.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

In 2020, experience the new thing that God is doing.