

16-Streams in the Wasteland

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INTRO:

I. → **Isaiah 43:14-21**

Thus says Yahweh—

your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

*“For your sake I have sent to Babylon
and brought them all down as fugitives,
the Chaldeans in the ships of their pride.*

*I am the Yahweh, your Holy One,
Creator of Israel, your King.”*

→ 16 *Thus says Yahweh—*

*he who gave a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,
who brings out the chariot and horse,
the army and reinforcements together,
they will lay down, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:*

→ 18 **“You shall not remember** the former things,
you shall not dwell on the things of old.

Behold, I am doing a new thing!

*Now it shall spring up; **do you not perceive it?***

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

→ 20 *“The beasts of the field shall honor me,
the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,
the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.”*

- II. Cyrus conquered Babylon and release them to return in 539
E. Jehoichin’s grandson Zerrubabel led the first wave back
F. Ezra led the second wave 20 year later

BODY:

I. Letting Go of the Old

18 "You shall not **remember** the former things,
you shall not **dwelling on** the things of old."

al-tizkaru (you shall not remember)

al-titbananu (you shall not dwell on)

A. Sometimes there is no fixing the past, just moving on.

1) **Isaiah 43:27-28**

*Your first father sinned;
those I sent to teach you rebelled against me.
So I dissolved the rulers of your sanctuary;
I consigned Jacob to destruction (cherem)
and Israel to scorn.*

2) **STILL CARRYING THEIR SHAME IN BABYLON**

B. Some things come to an end to allow a new season.

1) **John 12:24**

*Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the
ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies,
it produces many seeds.*

2) **FRUIT BATS—THE BUILDERS OF THE FORESTS**

- a) Rich in nitrogen, phosphate, potassium
- b) Eat the fruits and deposit the seeds
- c) "Into each life, a little guano must fall"

II. Embracing the New

19 "**Behold**, I am doing a **new thing!**

Now it shall spring up; do you not **perceive** it?"

hiniy oseh chadashah

halo tedauha (shall you not know it?)

A. We can get stuck in a rut and completely miss the Lord.

1) **Mark 2:21-22**

*"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment.
Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old,*

making the tear worse. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined."

2) JESUS REVOLUTION—EMBRACING THE HIPPIES

B. We need to always be listening for a new perspective.

1) **John 10:27-28**

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand."

2) THE BIG SHORT—HOUSING CRASH OF 2007

Michael Burry—489%, made \$2.69B

III. Believing the Way

"I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

A. The only way we fail is when we take our eyes off Jesus.

1) **Hebrews 10:39**

But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

2) FAITH LIKE POTATOES—RAIN COMING JUST IN TIME

B. As long as we have faith in God, He always makes a way.

1) **1 Corinthians 10:13**

And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

2) TRUSTING GOD DURING THE BUILDING PROCESS