

The main points again...

Answering the accusations of the people:

"My way is hidden from the LORD;
my cause is disregarded by my God?"

Isaiah 40.27
Cf. Psalm 42.9-12

A different servant?

Hearing and not hearing; seeing and not seeing

'You have seen many things, but have paid no attention;
your ears are open, but you hear nothing.'

Cf. Isaiah 6, Matthew 7.24ff.

'Hello!'

Recognising God in the judgement of exile,

Who handed Jacob over to become loot,
and Israel to the plunderers?

Was it not the LORD,
against whom we have sinned?

Isaiah 42.24

Will the servant listen now or not understand again?



'Do not fear for I have redeemed you', 'You are mine!'

God's Reseal word

'I'd sell off the whole world to get you back, trade the creation for you'
Isaiah 43.6

Remembering God the rescuer

Avoiding the danger of losing the plot

Memory aids...cf. Joshua 4.8-9

Choosing an inattentive servant as a witness

Forgetting

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

Isaiah 43.18.
Cf. Haggai 2.9

'Faith requires a 'thick memory' that is always letting ancient miracles be re-enacted in always fresh and daring ways...Israel cannot slough off what is old; but Israel cannot stay there either, for God is moving on to a fresh, present tense that is indeed different from what was.'
- Walter Brueggemann

'Behold I am making all things new'

Revelation 21.5

Christ's resurrection- an event in the past which shapes our present and determines our future

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ will come again

So what...

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Choice of Menus

Isaiah 55

**Devoted to Christ,
his people, his mission**