

***THE GREAT OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGIAN***  
**A SCRIPTURAL STUDY OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH**  
**(Chapters 40-66)**

**“God’s Transcendence, Uniqueness, and Mercy”**

**Chapter 43; God’s Transcendence, Presence and Mercy**

**Verses 1 – 7 have been defined by OT scholar Claus Westermann as an “oracle of salvation.” He sees a repetition of some basic material when comparing verses 1-4 with verses 5-7. How do those two units teach similar things?**

**How is God’s regard for his people expressed in verses 1-7?**

**What imminent action of God in the life of the Hebrew people is envisioned in verses 5-7, given the context of the historical setting of this passage?**

**What does Yahweh teach about himself in verses 8–15?**

**What “saving act” of Yahweh is described briefly in verses 16 and 17?**

**What is the “new thing” God is about to do as outlined in verses 16-21?**

**How do verses 22-28 affirm both God’s righteous judgment as well as God’s grace and forgiveness?**

**Isaiah 44:6-23; God's Uniqueness and Superiority to Idols**

**What claims of uniqueness does Yahweh make for Himself in verses 6-8?**

**In what ways does the prophet critique idols and those who fashion them with his satire in verses 9–20?**

**What “idols” exist in our world today? (which capture the focus, interest, time and energy of people and which can become their “ultimate concern”)**

**What is Israel asked to do in verses 21–23?**

**What spiritual practices can we make use of today to try to take seriously what the prophets teach us in the above verses?**