

GET A CLUE!

Isaiah 43.16-21

The Israelite people find themselves in the middle of a 70-year Babylonian captivity. Even though God has allowed his people to be taken away from their homeland, he promises to be with them during this difficult time. Moreover, God promises to do a new thing among his people. Some modern Christian thinkers suggest that western Christianity and its minority status is similar to the Israelites during the Babylonian exile. What new thing might God be doing among us today?

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
Isaiah 43.19

Encouraging words from Isaiah for our present exile:

1. Forget the **GLORY DAYS** of the past. *“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.”* v.18
2. **NEWNESS** is a main topic with God. *“See, I am doing a new thing!”* v.19
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5.17
He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Revelation 21.5
3. Are you **CLUED IN** to what God is doing? *“...do you not perceive it?”* v.19

How might we perceive what God is doing? How can we get clued in?

1. Aspire to the **NEW LIFE** in **CHRIST**. Ephesians 4.17-32
*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to **be made new in the attitude of your minds**; and to put on the **new self**, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.* Ephesians 4.22-24
2. Continually ask God for **SPIRITUAL SIGHT**.
I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. Ephesians 1.18-19
3. Look for where you think God might be working and **JOIN IN**.
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5.22-23

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?