

# Isaiah 43:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

## Analysis

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God declares 'Ye are my witnesses' to Israel—their existence and experience testify to His reality. The purposes: 'that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he.' The Hebrew 'yada' (know), 'aman' (believe), and 'bin' (understand) progress from experiential to intellectual to comprehensive knowledge. The emphatic 'I am he' asserts absolute deity.

## Historical Context

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Israel's calling as witnesses meant their history—exodus, covenant, exile, restoration—demonstrates God's existence and character. Their very survival against odds proves His faithfulness.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does your life function as a witness to God's reality and faithfulness?
2. What experiences have moved you from knowing about God to knowing Him personally?

## Interlinear Text

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אֲשֶׁר יְעַבֵּד תָּאָמֵן יְהִי הָעֵד אַתָּה  
H859 Ye are my witnesses saith the LORD and my servant H834  
H5707 H5002 H3068 H5650

לֹא יְמִתְּמַתְּמֵן יְדַעַּת רְתָא  
whom I have chosen H4616 that ye may know and believe H0  
H977 H3045 H539

כִּי תִּعְשֶׂר לֹא יְמִתְּמַתְּמֵן  
me and understand H3588 H589 H1931 that I am he before H3808 H3335  
H995 H6440

לֹא יְהִי: לֹא יְאַכֵּל  
me there was no God neither shall there be after H3808 H1961  
H410 H310

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 41:4** (References Lord): Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.

**Isaiah 45:6** (References Lord): That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

**Isaiah 43:12** (Witness): I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God.

**Isaiah 41:20** (References Lord): That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

**Isaiah 42:1** (Parallel theme): Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

**Acts 1:8** (Witness): But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

**Philippians 2:7** (Parallel theme): But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

**John 20:31** (Faith): But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

**Revelation 1:2** (Witness): Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

**Isaiah 41:8** (Parallel theme): But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.