

# Isaiah 46:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

## Analysis

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The command 'remember the former things of old' calls Israel to rehearse redemptive history (Exodus, wilderness, conquest) as basis for future hope. The declaration 'I am God, and there is none else' emphasizes absolute monotheism and covenant exclusivity. Remembering God's past faithfulness is not nostalgia but theological foundation for present faith and future hope (Deuteronomy 8:2).

## Historical Context

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For exiles who had forgotten Jerusalem (Psalm 137), remembering ancient covenant promises seemed impossible. Yet Isaiah insists that God's nature ('I am God') transcends immediate circumstances and guarantees restoration.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does rehearsing God's past faithfulness in your life strengthen present faith?

2. What 'former things' has God done that anchor your hope in His future promises?

## Interlinear Text

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| אָל             | אָנֹכִי                  | כִּי | מֵעוֹלָם      | רָאשֵׁן | וְתִּזְכֶּר | וְתִּזְכֶּר         |
| <b>Remember</b> | <b>the former things</b> |      | <b>of old</b> | H3588   | H595        | <b>for I am God</b> |
| H2142           | H7223                    |      | H5769         |         |             | H410                |

## Additional Cross-References

**Isaiah 42:9** (Parallel theme): Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

**Psalms 111:4** (Parallel theme): He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

**Isaiah 46:5** (Parallel theme): To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

**Deuteronomy 32:7** (Parallel theme): Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.

**Deuteronomy 33:26** (References God): There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.

**Isaiah 45:18** (References God): For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

**Isaiah 65:17** (Parallel theme): For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

**Isaiah 45:14** (References God): Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God.

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