

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-2, 3a, 4a (NRSV)

¹But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ^{3a}For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior....^{4a}...you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you..."