

Isaiah's prophecy in today's Scripture verse was directed to the Israelites when they had been in captivity in Babylon for many years. They in all likelihood thought: "Have you seen how powerful our enemies are? We are stuck. We will never be free, never own our own houses, never live an abundant life." God says that if you are dwelling on the past, you won't see the new thing. If you are focused on who hurt you and what wasn't fair, you will miss your destiny. Living in regrets for former things will keep you from new opportunities. Reliving your mistakes will stop the new favour from springing up. If you are looking back at the old, you won't see the new.

When you drive your car, there is a big windshield in front of you and a very small rearview mirror. The reason it's so small is because what is behind you is not nearly as important as what is in front of you. Where you are going is what matters, not where you have been. Is there something you need to forget, so you can see the new thing?

Isaiah 43:18-19 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"