

Deuteronomy 30:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:

Analysis

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The phrase for the LORD will again rejoice over thee reveals God's emotional investment in His people's flourishing. He doesn't reluctantly bless but joyfully delights in their prosperity. Divine joy in human flourishing demonstrates God's fatherly heart.

The connection as he rejoiced over thy fathers links present blessing to patriarchal experiences. God's delight in Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob extends to their descendants, demonstrating covenant continuity across generations.

Zephaniah 3:17 beautifully expands this theme - The LORD...will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. God sings over His restored people.

Historical Context

After Babylon return, Jews experienced agricultural renewal, rebuilt Jerusalem and the temple, and saw population growth. However, full prophetic prosperity awaited messianic fulfillment.

Christian theology sees ultimate fulfillment in new creation where God dwells with humanity in perfect communion, joy, and blessing forever.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What does comprehensive prosperity teach about God's holistic blessing?
2. How does God's rejoicing over His people demonstrate His emotional investment?
3. What does covenant continuity across generations teach about God's faithfulness?
4. How does Zephaniah develop the theme of God singing over His people?
5. What ultimate fulfillment awaits in new creation?

Interlinear Text

וְהִזְמִירָב	וְהִזְמִירָב	יְהִי הָאֱלֹהִים	יְהִי הָאֱלֹהִים	מְשֻׁשֵּׁה בְּכָל	מְשֻׁשֵּׁה בְּכָל
will make thee plenteous	And the LORD	thy God	thy God	in every work	in every work
H3498	H3068	H430	H3605	H4639	
בְּ יָדֶךָ	בְּ פְרִי תְּ	בְּ טַבְנָה	בְּ פְרִי תְּ	בְּ קָמְתָב	
of thine hand	and in the fruit	of thy body	and in the fruit	of thy cattle	
H3027	H6529	H990	H6529	H929	
בְּ פְרִי תְּ	אֶדְמָתָב	לְטַבְנָה	כִּי לְטַבְנָה	יְהִי הָאֱלֹהִים	
and in the fruit	of thy land	for good	for good	will again	And the LORD
H6529	H127	H2896	H3588	H7725	H3068
שָׁשֶׁן	שָׁשֶׁן	שָׁשֶׁן	שָׁשֶׁן	עַל	אֶבְתִּיכָּה
as he rejoiced	H5921	H834	as he rejoiced	H5921	over thy fathers
H7797			H7797		H1

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 32:41 (Good): Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

Jeremiah 33:9 (Good): And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

Deuteronomy 28:4 (Parallel theme): Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Leviticus 26:4 (Parallel theme): Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

Isaiah 65:19 (Parallel theme): And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

Jeremiah 31:28 (References Lord): And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD.

John 15:11 (Parallel theme): These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

Deuteronomy 28:63 (Good): And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Luke 15:32 (Parallel theme): It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

Leviticus 26:6 (Parallel theme): And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.