

Isaiah 1:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:

Analysis

God's self-designation as 'the mighty One of Israel' (Hebrew 'Abir Yisrael'—powerful, strong one) asserts His sovereign authority to execute judgment. The phrase 'Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries' anthropomorphically depicts God's resolve to vindicate His holiness. Divine judgment serves both punitive and purgative purposes—removing rebels while refining the remnant. This reflects the Reformed understanding that God's wrath against sin upholds His glory and establishes justice.

Historical Context

The covenant name 'mighty One of Israel' recalls God's past deliverance (Exodus 15:2) while now threatening judgment against covenant breakers. God fights for His people by fighting against their sin.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does God's judgment of His own people reveal His commitment to holiness over sentimentality?
2. In what ways is divine discipline an expression of covenant love rather than vindictiveness?

Interlinear Text

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H3651 Therefore saith the Lord the LORD of hosts the mighty One
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אֶלְעָגָם הַמָּכְרֵב מִשְׁבָּא לְאֶבֶן מִמְּנִזְבֵּחַ אֶבֶן מִמְּנִזְבֵּחַ
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מְאֹיבָיו:
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 60:16 (References Lord): Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

Isaiah 61:2 (References Lord): To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

Isaiah 35:4 (Parallel theme): Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

Isaiah 49:26 (References Lord): And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and

all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

Deuteronomy 28:63 (References Lord): 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.

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