

Isaiah 11:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

Analysis

Ancient enmity between Ephraim (northern kingdom) and Judah (southern kingdom) will cease. 'The envy also of Ephraim shall depart' and 'Judah shall not vex Ephraim' promise mutual reconciliation. 'The adversaries of Judah shall be cut off' eliminates all opposition. This depicts comprehensive peace—not just absence of conflict but removal of envy, vexation, and adversarial attitudes. In Christ, former enemies become brothers, historical grudges dissolve, and perfect harmony emerges.

Historical Context

Ephraim and Judah were often rivals or enemies (1 Kings 12; 2 Chronicles 28:12). Prophecies reconciliation that never fully occurred politically but is fulfilled spiritually in church. Jews and Gentiles, historically hostile, are reconciled in Christ (Ephesians 2:16). The principle extends to all human divisions—race, class, nationality—all overcome in Christ. The cutting off of adversaries ensures nothing threatens this unity.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What historical enmities has Christ reconciled in His church?
2. How do we overcome envy and vexation toward fellow believers from different backgrounds?
3. What role does the removal of adversaries play in maintaining unity among God's people?

Interlinear Text

אֶפְרַיִם:	יִכָּר תּוֹ	וְיִהְיֶה הַ	וְצִרְיָ י	אֶפְרַיִם:	קִנְאָת	וְסָרָה
Ephraim	shall be cut off	Judah	H6862	Ephraim	The envy	shall depart
H669	H3772	H3063		H669	H7068	H5493
אֶת	וְצָר	לֹא	וְיִהְיֶה הַ	וְיִהְיֶה הַ	לֹא יִקְנֶה אֶת	לֹא
H853	and the adversaries	H3808	Judah	Judah	H853	H3808
	H6887		H3063	H3063	H7065	
אֶפְרַיִם:						
Ephraim						
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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 3:18 (Parallel theme): In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

Hosea 1:11 (Parallel theme): Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel.