

Isaiah 12:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Analysis

This Messianic verse appears in Isaiah's song of salvation (chapter 12). 'Behold, God is my salvation' (Yeshua, Jesus in Hebrew) identifies God Himself as Savior, not merely the source of salvation. The threefold affirmation—'I will trust, and not be afraid'—demonstrates faith conquering fear. 'The LORD JEHOVAH' (Yah Yahweh) emphasizes covenant faithfulness. The phrase 'is my strength and my song' echoes Moses's song after Red Sea deliverance (Exodus 15:2), connecting redemption themes.

Historical Context

Chapter 12 follows prophecies of judgment (1-11) and Messiah's kingdom (11), providing the redeemed's response. This anticipates millennial worship when Israel recognizes Jesus as Yeshua (salvation).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing that God Himself is your salvation (not just your helper) transform your confidence?
2. What fears need to be replaced with trust in God's covenant faithfulness in your life?

Interlinear Text

הֵן ה	א ל	לִישׁוּעָה:	אֶבְטָח	וְלֹא א	
H2009	Behold God	he also is become my salvation	I will trust	H3808	
	H410	H3444	H982		
אֶפְחָד	כִּי	עֲזִי י	וְזִמְרָת	יְהוָה	יְהוָה
and not be afraid	H3588	is my strength	and my song	for the LORD	JEHOVAH
H6342		H5797	H2176	H3050	H1961
				H3068	
לִי	לִישׁוּעָה:				
H0	he also is become my salvation				
	H3444				

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 15:2 (Salvation): The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Psalms 27:1 (Salvation): The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 118:14 (Salvation): The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

Revelation 7:10 (Salvation): And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Jonah 2:9 (Salvation): But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

Isaiah 45:17 (Salvation): But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

Jeremiah 23:6 (Salvation): In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Jeremiah 3:23 (Salvation): Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains: truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel.

Isaiah 32:2 (Parallel theme): And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

Isaiah 7:14 (References Lord): Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.