

Isaiah 12:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

Analysis

Drawing water from 'wells of salvation' with joy illustrates receiving continuous spiritual refreshment from God's saving work. Wells provide reliable, ongoing supply unlike one-time rain. 'With joy' emphasizes the gladness accompanying salvation. This imagery suggests salvation isn't one-time event only but ongoing source of spiritual sustenance. The plural 'wells' might indicate multiple aspects of salvation or abundant supply. Christ identified Himself as living water (John 4:14; 7:37-38), the ultimate well of salvation.

Historical Context

May reference water-drawing ceremonies during Feast of Tabernacles, when this passage was read. Jews would draw water from Siloam pool with joy, celebrating God's provision. Jesus attended this feast and declared Himself living water (John 7:37-38), applying this prophecy to Himself. Christian experience confirms continual drawing of spiritual refreshment from Christ, the inexhaustible well of salvation.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How do you regularly 'draw water' from the wells of salvation in Christ?
2. What spiritual resources and blessings do you receive from ongoing relationship with Christ?
3. How can we cultivate the joy that should accompany receiving from God's abundant provision?

Interlinear Text

שָׁאַבְתֶּם מִן־בְּשָׁשׁ וְמִפְעִינָה הַיְשׁוּעָה:
shall ye draw water Therefore with joy out of the wells of salvation
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Additional Cross-References

Revelation 22:1 (Parallel theme): And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Revelation 22:17 (Parallel theme): And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Revelation 7:17 (Parallel theme): For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Jeremiah 2:13 (Parallel theme): For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Isaiah 49:10 (Parallel theme): They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

