

Isaiah 14:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

Analysis

After judgment oracles, hope emerges: 'the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel.' Divine mercy and election persist despite judgment. God will 'set them in their own land'—restoration after exile. Remarkably, 'strangers shall be joined with them'—Gentile inclusion in Israel's restoration. This prophesies both physical return from exile and spiritual inclusion of Gentiles in God's people. The phrase 'will yet choose' reaffirms unconditional election—God's choice of Israel isn't revoked despite their unfaithfulness.

Historical Context

Fulfilled when Jews returned from Babylonian exile (538 BC onward) and Gentiles like Rahab, Ruth, and later entire nations joined God's people through Christ. The church epitomizes this—Jews and Gentiles united as one people (Ephesians 2:11-22). The promise of restoration demonstrates covenant faithfulness—God disciplines but doesn't ultimately reject His elect. Modern Christian theology sees this ultimately fulfilled in new covenant community.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 – God is love

Study Questions

1. How does God's mercy and renewed choice of Israel demonstrate covenant faithfulness?
2. What does Gentile inclusion ('strangers joined') reveal about God's expanding purposes?
3. How do we see this pattern of judgment-then-restoration throughout redemptive history?

Interlinear Text

גַּ	יְמִינָה	הִנֵּה	אַתָּה	יְעַזְבֶּנָה	רַבָּת	עִזָּה
H3588	will have mercy	For the LORD	H853	of Jacob	and will yet choose	H5750
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וְגַם הַיּוֹם אֲזַמְּתָם עַל וְהַפִּיכָּם בִּישְׁרָאֵל Israel and set H5921 them in their own land shall be joined H3478 H3240 H127 H3867

בְּ יִתְּعַלֵּם וְיִנְסַפֵּחַ וְיִגְגַּר
and the strangers H5921 with them and they shall cleave H5921 to the house H1004

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 102:13 (Grace): Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

Zechariah 1:17 (References Lord): Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

Malachi 1:11 (References Lord): For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah 49:13 (Grace): Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

Jeremiah 50:33 (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The children of Israel and the children of Judah were oppressed together: and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.