

Isaiah 19:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

Analysis

'Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.' Astonishing conclusion: God applies His covenant titles to Gentile nations. 'Egypt MY PEOPLE' uses the covenant phrase reserved for Israel (Exodus 3:7; Hosea 1:9-10). 'Assyria the work of my hands' echoes Isaiah 60:21's description of Israel. 'Israel mine inheritance' is traditional covenant language (Deuteronomy 4:20). This demonstrates complete equality—no nation privileged above others based on ethnicity. God's covenant blessings extend to all who worship Him, regardless of origin. This prophesies New Covenant reality: neither Jew nor Greek, all one in Christ (Galatians 3:28). Reformed theology emphasizes election based on grace, not ethnicity—God's people include believers from every nation equally. This concluding verse captures the entire chapter's redemptive arc: judgment leads to repentance, repentance to healing, healing to unity, unity to blessing.

Historical Context

Never literally fulfilled with historical Egypt and Assyria as nations. Fulfillment is entirely ecclesiological: Egyptian and Assyrian Christians (representing all Gentiles) become 'God's people,' equal with Jewish Christians. Acts 15 resolves this issue—Gentiles don't need to become Jews to be God's people; faith in Christ suffices. The prophecy's fulfillment required New Covenant revelation to understand—Old Testament saints couldn't fully grasp how Gentiles would be

included so completely. Paul calls this the 'mystery' hidden for ages: Gentiles fellow heirs with Jews (Ephesians 3:6). This verse prophetically announced what grace would accomplish: multi-ethnic people equally beloved, equally God's workmanship, equally His inheritance. The prophecy's grandeur reveals God's heart for all nations.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 – Definition of faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 – God is love

Study Questions

1. What does God calling Egypt 'my people' teach about covenant inclusion transcending ethnicity?
2. How does this prophecy require New Covenant revelation to understand properly?
3. In what ways does this capture the gospel's mystery: multi-ethnic people equally beloved by God?

Interlinear Text

H834	Blessed	Whom the LORD	of hosts	saying	Blessed	my people	
	H1288	H3068	H6635	H559	H1288	H5971	

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 29:23 (References Israel): But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

Hosea 2:23 (Parallel theme): And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

Psalms 115:15 (Blessing): Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.

Psalms 138:8 (References Lord): The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Deuteronomy 32:9 (References Lord): For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

Isaiah 60:21 (Parallel theme): Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

Isaiah 61:9 (Blessing): And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed.

Numbers 6:24 (Blessing): The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:

Numbers 6:27 (Blessing): And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

Isaiah 65:23 (Blessing): They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.