

Isaiah 27:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit. This prophecy shifts from individual peace-making (v.5) to corporate restoration of Jacob/Israel. The Hebrew *yashrish* (יָשַׁרְשֵׁשׁ, cause to take root) uses agricultural imagery of deep, secure rooting—no longer the shallow planting vulnerable to removal. The triple promise—**blossom and bud** (*yatsits ufarach*, יָצִיץ וּפָרַח) and **fill the face of the world with fruit** (*umalu pnei tevel tenu'ah*, וּמָלְאוּ פְּנֵי-תֵבֶל תְּנוּבָה)—escalates from rooting to flowering to worldwide fruit-bearing.

This reverses the barren vineyard of chapter 5. God's restored people won't just survive but flourish globally. The phrase **fill the face of the world** suggests universal scope—Israel's blessing extending to all nations, fulfilling Abrahamic covenant promises (Genesis 12:3). Paul applies this to the gospel's worldwide spread through Jewish-Gentile church (Romans 11:12-15). Jesus's parable of the mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-32) and His promise of disciples bearing much fruit (John 15:8, 16) echo this vision. Pentecost began this fulfillment as Spirit-empowered witnesses went to all nations (Acts 1:8).

Historical Context

Post-exilic Jews returning from Babylon were a tiny remnant, hardly "filling the world." This prophecy pointed beyond immediate restoration to Messianic age when God's kingdom would spread globally. The church, grafted into Israel's olive

tree (Romans 11:17-24), became the agent of this worldwide fruit-bearing. By the 4th century, Christianity had spread throughout the Roman Empire and beyond. Today, global Christianity numbers over 2 billion—Isaiah's vision of worldwide fruitfulness continues unfolding.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does God's promise that Israel would 'fill the face of the world with fruit' find fulfillment in the global church?
2. What does the progression from 'take root' to 'blossom' to 'fill the world' teach about God's patient, purposeful growth?
3. In what ways can your life bear fruit that extends beyond your immediate circle to impact the world?

Interlinear Text

הַבָּאִים	יִשְׂרָאֵל	יַעֲקֹב	יִצְיָא	וּפָרַח
He shall cause them that come	to take root	of Jacob	shall blossom	and bud
H935	H8327	H3290	H6692	H6524
יִשְׂרָאֵל	וּמָלֵא	פָּנָיו	תִּבְלֵל	תְּנוּבָה:
Israel	and fill	the face	of the world	with fruit
H3478	H4390	H6440	H8398	H8570

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 37:31 (Parallel theme): And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:

Zechariah 2:11 (Parallel theme): And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

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.

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