

Isaiah 29:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.

Analysis

Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham (לֵכֵן כֹּה־אָמַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי־לַחֲנֵן קוֹחַ־אֱמָר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי־בֵית יַעֲקֹב אֲשֶׁר פָּדָה אֶת־אַבְרָהָם, lakhen koh-amar YHWH el-beyt Ya'akov asher padah et-Avraham)—Yahweh identifies as the One who פָּדָה (padah, redeemed) אַבְרָהָם (Avraham). **Concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale** (יַעֲקֹב לֹא־עֲתָה יִבּוֹשׁ וְלֹא עֲתָה פָּנָיו יִחְוָרוּ, Ya'akov lo-atah yevosh velo atah fanav yechevaru)—no more בּוֹשׁ (bosh, shame) or חֹוֹר (chawar, growing pale/white with fear).

God recalls His foundational covenant act: redeeming Abraham from Ur, calling him from idolatry to faith. This same God who initiated covenant with Abraham will not allow Jacob's descendants to remain in shame. The name 'Jacob' itself (supplanter, heel-grabber) evokes the patriarch's transformation to 'Israel' (one who wrestles with God). God promises removal of shame—not deserved vindication, but grace-driven restoration. Romans 9:33 and 1 Peter 2:6 quote Isaiah to show that faith in Christ removes shame.

Historical Context

Abraham's redemption from Ur (Genesis 12:1-3, Joshua 24:2-3) established Israel's identity as a chosen, redeemed people. But by Isaiah's time, persistent sin had brought covenant shame—defeat, subjugation, and humiliation. Yet God promises eschatological restoration. The ultimate fulfillment: Gentile inclusion in Abraham's

covenant family (Galatians 3:14, 29), the shameless confidence of justified sinners (Romans 5:5, 10:11).

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does remembering God's past redemptive acts provide confidence for future deliverance?
2. What shame do you carry that God promises to remove through covenant faithfulness?
3. How does being 'in Christ' mean never being ultimately ashamed, regardless of circumstances?

Interlinear Text

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| לְכֹ H3651 | כֹּה H3541 | אָמַר H559 | יְהוָה H3068 | אֵל H413 | בֵּית H1004 | יַעֲקֹב H3290 |
| | | Therefore thus saith | the LORD | | concerning the house | Jacob |
| אֲשֶׁר H834 | פָּדָה H6299 | אֶת H853 | אַבְרָהָם H85 | לֹא H3808 | עַתָּה H6258 | יִבּוֹשׁ H954 |
| | who redeemed | | Abraham | | | shall not now be ashamed |
| יַעֲקֹב H3290 | וְלֹא H3808 | עַתָּה H6258 | כִּי יוֹ H6440 | יִחַירוּ H2357 | | |
| Jacob | | | neither shall his face | now wax pale | | |

Additional Cross-References

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

Isaiah 51:2 (References Abraham): Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.

Jeremiah 30:10 (References Lord): Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

Isaiah 54:4 (Parallel theme): Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

Joel 2:27 (References Lord): And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Luke 1:68 (Redemption): Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,