

Isaiah 40:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Analysis

Zion and Jerusalem, personified as messengers ('mevaser' - herald of good news), are called to proclaim God's coming with boldness ('lift up your voice with strength'). The message—'Behold your God!'—is the essence of the gospel: God Himself comes to save. This anticipates both the return from exile and Christ's advent.

Historical Context

The high mountain imagery recalls Moses receiving the Law on Sinai, now transformed into a place of proclamation rather than revelation. The herald announces not law but redemption.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How can you boldly proclaim 'Behold your God' to those living in fear and darkness?
2. What fears prevent you from lifting your voice in witness to God's salvation?

Interlinear Text

מִבְשֵׁרֶת לְעֵדָה גַּבְּרֵךְ עַלְיָה בְּרֵכֶת צִוְּנָה מִבְשֵׁרֶת לְעֵדָה
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mountain into the high get thee up that bringest good tidings

וּרְוֹשָׁלָם מִבְשֵׁרֶת לְעֵדָה קְוָלָה בְּכָבֵד יְמִינָה צִוְּנָה וּרְוֹשָׁלָם
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O Zion lift it up with strength thy voice that bringest good tidings O Jerusalem

הִנֵּה יְהוָה הַלְּעֵב אֶל בְּרֵכֶת אָמָרִי אָמָרִי לְעֵב אָמָרִי
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of Judah unto the cities say be not afraid

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Behold your God

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 12:2 (References God): Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Isaiah 25:9 (References God): And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 61:1 (Good): The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind

up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

Ephesians 6:19 (Parallel theme): And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Isaiah 41:27 (Good): The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.

Isaiah 51:12 (Parallel theme): I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass;

Isaiah 51:7 (Parallel theme): Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

Isaiah 58:4 (Parallel theme): Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.

Acts 4:29 (Parallel theme): And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

Acts 4:13 (Parallel theme): Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.