

Isaiah 41:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.

Analysis

God challenges false gods to 'produce your cause' in divine court. The legal language ('rib'—case/cause) and 'King of Jacob' title emphasize God's authority to judge. The 'strong reasons' challenge requires evidence of divine power and foreknowledge, which only the true God can provide.

Historical Context

This trial scene directly challenges Babylonian deities like Marduk and Bel, who claimed to rule history and predict future. God dares them to demonstrate real power or knowledge.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does God's challenge to false gods inform your evaluation of modern truth claims?
2. What 'strong reasons' does the God of Scripture provide for exclusive worship?

Interlinear Text

קָרַב ו	רִיבְךָ מ	יֹאמַר	יְהוָה	הֵגִישׁוּ	עֲצָמ וְיִתִּיכָם
Produce	your cause	reasons saith	the LORD	bring forth	your strong
H7126	H7379	H559	H3068	H5066	H6110

יֹאמַר	מֶלֶךְ	יַעֲקֹב:
reasons saith	the King	of Jacob
H559	H4428	H3290

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