

Isaiah 41:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.

Analysis

God declares, 'The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them' and gives Jerusalem 'one that bringeth good tidings' ('mevaser'—gospel messenger). The Hebrew suggests God was first to announce these things, and now brings the prophetic word to fruition. The good news is God's action on behalf of His people.

Historical Context

This anticipates the messenger announcing Babylon's fall and Israel's release, ultimately pointing to the gospel messengers (same Hebrew root) who announce salvation in Christ.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does God's pattern of announcing beforehand and then fulfilling strengthen trust in future promises?
2. What 'good tidings' do you need to hear afresh from God today?

Interlinear Text

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The first shall say to Zion

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לְצִיּוֹן וְלִרְאָשׁ

Behold

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וְלִירֹשָׁלָם מִן הַבָּהָר מִן הַצִּיּוֹן

to Jerusalem

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מְבָשֵׁר אֶתְנָה:

one that bringeth good tidings them and I will give

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 40:9 (Good): 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!

Isaiah 52:7 (Good): How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Isaiah 44:28 (References Jerusalem): That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Isaiah 48:3 (Parallel theme): I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.

Nahum 1:15 (Good): Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.