

Isaiah 42:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

Analysis

Israel's condition is pitiable: 'robbed and spoiled,' trapped in holes and prisons, becoming prey without deliverance. The Hebrew 'bazaz' (spoiled/plundered) depicts total defeat. None says 'Restore'—no advocate, no hope from human sources. This desperate situation reveals the need for divine intervention.

Historical Context

This accurately describes the exile's reality—Israel plundered, scattered, imprisoned in foreign lands without human hope of restoration. Only God could reverse this catastrophic condition.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing your helpless condition drive you to cry for divine deliverance?
2. What situations in your life have no human solution, requiring God's intervention?

Interlinear Text

וְהִוא	עַם	בַּצְבָּא	וְשָׁבֵן	בְּנֵי
H1931	But this is a people	robbed	and spoiled	they are all of them snared
	H5971	H962	H8154	H6351
in holes	houses	in prison	and they are hid	
H2352	H3605	H1004	H3608	H1961
לְבָזָן	אֵין	מֵאֵל	מִשְׁפָּט הַ	אִם רִ
they are for a prey	and none delivereth	for a spoil	H4933	and none saith
H957	H369	H5337	H369	H559

בְּשִׁבְבָּן:

Restore

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 102:20 (Parallel theme): To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

Jeremiah 50:17 (Parallel theme): Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

Isaiah 51:23 (Parallel theme): But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

Psalms 50:22 (Parallel theme): Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

Isaiah 24:22 (Parallel theme): And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.

Isaiah 24:18 (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.

Isaiah 14:17 (Parallel theme): That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

Isaiah 42:7 (Parallel theme): To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

Isaiah 1:7 (Parallel theme): Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

Isaiah 18:2 (Parallel theme): That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, saying, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled!