

Isaiah 43:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

Analysis

God declares 'Ye are my witnesses' to Israel—their existence and experience testify to His reality. The purposes: 'that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he.' The Hebrew 'yada' (know), 'aman' (believe), and 'bin' (understand) progress from experiential to intellectual to comprehensive knowledge. The emphatic 'I am he' asserts absolute deity.

Historical Context

Israel's calling as witnesses meant their history—exodus, covenant, exile, restoration—demonstrates God's existence and character. Their very survival against odds proves His faithfulness.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does your life function as a witness to God's reality and faithfulness?
2. What experiences have moved you from knowing about God to knowing Him personally?

Interlinear Text

אֲתֶם H859	עֵדֵי H5707	נֹאֵם H5002	יְהוָה H3068	וְעַבְדִּי H5650	אֲשֶׁר H834
Ye are my witnesses		saith	the LORD	and my servant	
בְּחִירָתִי H977	לִמֵּן H4616	תֵּדָעוּ H3045	וְתִאֲמַר יוֹ H539	לִי H0	
whom I have chosen		that ye may know	and believe		
וְתֵב יוֹ H995	כִּי H3588	אֲנִי H589	הוּא H1931	לִפְנֵי H6440	לֹא H3808
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אֵל H410	וְאַחֲרַי H310	לֹא H3808	יְהִי: H1961		
me there was no God	neither shall there be after				

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 41:4 (References Lord): Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.

Isaiah 45:6 (References Lord): That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

Isaiah 43:12 (Witness): I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God.

Isaiah 41:20 (References Lord): That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

Isaiah 42:1 (Parallel theme): Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

Acts 1:8 (Witness): But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Philippians 2:7 (Parallel theme): But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

John 20:31 (Faith): But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Revelation 1:2 (Witness): Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

Isaiah 41:8 (Parallel theme): But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.