

Isaiah 43:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

Analysis

The exclusive claim: 'I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.' The emphatic repetition 'I, even I' (Hebrew 'anoki anoki') and absolute negation of other saviors establishes God's unique ability to save. The Hebrew 'yasha' (save) denotes deliverance from danger and enemies.

Historical Context

Against Babylonian gods claiming salvific power, God declares His exclusive ability to save. Israel's deliverance from Egypt and promised return from Babylon prove only He saves.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does God's exclusive claim to be Savior challenge trust in other sources of deliverance?
2. What areas of your life reveal divided trust between God and other 'saviors'?

Interlinear Text

אֲנֹכִי	אֲנֹכִי	יְהוָה	וְאֵין	מִבְּלַעַד	מוֹשִׁיעַ:
H595	H595	I even I am the LORD	H369	and beside	me there is no saviour
		H3068		H1107	H3467

Additional Cross-References

Hosea 13:4 (Salvation): Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me.

Isaiah 44:6 (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

Isaiah 43:3 (Salvation): For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

Isaiah 12:2 (Salvation): 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.

Acts 4:12 (Salvation): Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Isaiah 44:8 (Parallel theme): Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.

Deuteronomy 6:4 (References Lord): Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

Jude 1:25 (Salvation): To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

2 Peter 3:18 (Salvation): But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Luke 2:11 (Salvation): For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

