

Isaiah 44:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen:

Analysis

God addresses Israel as 'my servant' and 'Jeshurun' (meaning 'upright one'), terms of endearment despite their unfaithfulness. The Hebrew 'bachar' (chosen) emphasizes God's sovereign election that precedes human response. This call to hear echoes Deuteronomy's covenantal language, reminding Israel that their relationship with God rests on His initiative, not their merit.

Historical Context

Following warnings about spiritual blindness (43:8), God reassures His chosen people. The name Jeshurun appears only four times in Scripture (Deuteronomy 32:15, 33:5, 33:26, here), always as an affectionate title for Israel, contrasting their failures with their calling.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God's choice of you precede and determine your response to Him?

2. What does being called 'Jeshurun' (upright one) reveal about God's view of His people despite their failures?

Interlinear Text

היעת בעה	יעת בעה י' עבד י' יעקוב ב' שמו ע' ישראאל ו' רבי בעה	H6258 Yet now hear O Jacob my servant and Israel whom I have chosen
H8085	H3290	H5650 H3478 H977

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Additional Cross-References

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

Jeremiah 30:10 (References Israel): Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

Psalms 105:6 (Parallel theme): O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.

Jeremiah 4:7 (Parallel theme): The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.