

Isaiah 44:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

Analysis

God identifies Himself with three covenant titles: 'the LORD that made thee,' 'formed thee from the womb,' and 'will help thee.' The Hebrew 'yatsar' (formed) is the same verb used for God forming Adam (Genesis 2:7), emphasizing intimate creation. The repeated command 'fear not' addresses Israel's deep anxiety, grounding assurance in God's creative and redemptive purposes.

Historical Context

For exiles questioning their identity and future, God traces His relationship with Israel back to their national 'birth' at the Exodus. This prenatal imagery emphasizes that God's purposes for Israel began before their existence as a nation.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does knowing God formed you from the womb affect your sense of identity and purpose?

2. What fears is God addressing in your life with the command 'fear not'?

Interlinear Text

כֹּה	אֵמַר	יְהוָה	עָשָׂה	וַיִּצְרְךָ	מִבֶּטֶן
H3541	Thus saith	the LORD	that made	thee and formed	thee from the womb
	H559	H3068	H6213	H3335	H990
וְיִעֲזֹרְךָ	אֵל	תִּירָא	עַבְדִּי	יַעֲקֹב	וְיֵשׁוּרָן
which will help	H408	thee Fear	my servant	not O Jacob	and thou Jesurun
H5826		H3372	H5650	H3290	H3484
בְּחַרְתִּי	בְּךָ	רָחֵם			
whom I have chosen		H0			
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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 1:5 (Parallel theme): Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Isaiah 43:1 (Creation): But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

Isaiah 44:24 (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

Isaiah 43:7 (Creation): Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Isaiah 49:1 (Creation): Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

Ephesians 1:4 (Parallel theme): According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Isaiah 41:10 (Parallel theme): Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Romans 8:30 (Parallel theme): Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Psalms 71:6 (Parallel theme): By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of thee.

Isaiah 43:21 (Parallel theme): This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.