

# Isaiah 44:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.

## Analysis

God calls Israel to remember 'these things' - the contrast between living God and dead idols. The servant language returns: 'thou art my servant...I have formed thee; thou art my servant.' The emphatic repetition emphasizes identity. The promise 'thou shalt not be forgotten of me' reverses exile's fear of divine abandonment.

## Historical Context

After satirizing pagan idolatry, God reminds Israel of their unique relationship with Him. Their identity as His formed servant contrasts with those who form their own gods.

## Related Passages

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

1. How does remembering who God is and who you are to Him counter idolatrous tendencies?

2. What comfort comes from God's promise never to forget His servants?

## Interlinear Text

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זְכָר	אֵלֶּה	בְּנֵי	אַתָּה	עָבֹד	עָבֹד
<b>Remember</b>		<b>these O Jacob</b>		<b>O Israel</b>	<b>for thou art my servant</b>
H2142	H428	H3290		H3588	H5650
אַתָּה	צְרָתָתִיךְ	עָבֹד	לִ	אַתָּה	לְ
H859	I have formed	for thou art my servant	H0	H859	<b>O Israel</b>
	H3335	H5650			H3808
					H3478
תִּפְשַׁרְתִּי:					
<b>thou shalt not be forgotten</b>					
H5382					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 43:1** (References Israel): 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 43:15** (References Israel): I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

**Zechariah 10:9** (Parallel theme): And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again.

**Isaiah 43:7** (Parallel theme): 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 42:23** (Parallel theme): Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come?

**Deuteronomy 32:18** (Parallel theme): Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

**Deuteronomy 4:23** (Parallel theme): Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.

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