

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

זָכֹר	אֵלֶּה	יַעֲקֹב	יִשְׂרָאֵל	כִּי	עָבָד
Remember	H428	these O Jacob	O Israel	H3588	for thou art my servant
H2142		H3290	H3478		H5650
אֵלֶּה	יַעֲקֹב	יִשְׂרָאֵל	אֵלֶּה	לִי	אֵלֶּה
H859	I have formed	for thou art my servant	H0	H859	O Israel
	H3335	H5650			H3808
					H3478
תִּשְׁכַּח:					
thou shalt not be forgotten					
H5382					

Additional Cross-References

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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