

Isaiah 44:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

Analysis

All creation is called to celebrate God's redemption: heavens, earth's depths, mountains, forest, and every tree. This cosmic worship anticipates Romans 8:19-22 where creation awaits liberation. The Hebrew 'ranan' (sing/shout for joy) expresses exuberant praise. The reason: 'the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.'

Historical Context

Creation's participation in redemption's celebration reflects the cosmic scope of salvation. When God redeems His people, all creation benefits and rejoices.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does God glorify Himself through the redemption of His people?
2. What does creation's joy at redemption teach about salvation's cosmic significance?

Interlinear Text

תְּחַתִּי וְתַתִּי	הָרַ יְעוֹ	יְהוָה	עָשָׂה	כִּי	שָׁמַיִם	רְנֵוּ
ye lower parts	it shout	for the LORD	hath done		O ye heavens	Sing
H8482	H7321	H3068	H6213	H3588	H8064	H7442
וְכָל־עֵץ	יַעַר	רְנֵה	הַרִים	פָּצְחוּ	אֶרֶץ	
and every tree	O forest	into singing	ye mountains	break forth	of the earth	
H6086	H3293	H7440	H2022	H6476	H776	
וַיִּשְׂבַּח־לְ	יַעֲקֹב	יְהוָה	לְ	גָאֵל	כִּי	בֹו
himself in Israel	Jacob	for the LORD		hath redeemed		
H3478	H3290	H3068		H1350	H3588	H0
וַיִּתְפָּאֶר:						
and glorified						
H6286						

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 69:34 (Parallel theme): Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.

Isaiah 49:3 (Glory): And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

Jeremiah 51:48 (Sin): Then the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein, shall sing for Babylon: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 49:13 (Sin): Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

