

Isaiah 44:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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;

Analysis

God identifies Himself as Israel's Redeemer who 'formed thee from the womb' and 'maketh all things.' His power extends to stretching out the heavens 'alone' and spreading the earth 'by myself.' These emphatic statements of sole creative power (Hebrew 'levad' and 'meitti') deny any divine assistance or rival.

Historical Context

This creation language directly challenges Babylonian creation myths where multiple gods collaborated (often violently) to create. Israel's God needed no help and faced no opposition.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does God's sole creative power affect your understanding of His sufficiency?
2. What does it mean that the same God who stretched out heavens formed you personally?

Interlinear Text

כִּי אֶמְתָּח יְהֹוָה נָאָל בָּנָי יִצְרָאֵב
H3541 Thus saith I am the LORD thy redeemer and he that formed
H559 H3068 H1350 H3335

מִבְּבִן עַשְׂתָּה אָנָּכִי יְהֹוָה נָאָל בָּנָי
thee from the womb I am the LORD that maketh
H990 H595 H3068 H6213 H3605

נָתַת הָרָקָע שְׁמָה יְמִינָה לְבָדָי
all things that stretcheth forth the heavens H905 alone that spreadeth abroad
H5186 H8064 H7554

בָּאָרֶץ מִן אָתָּה
the earth H4325 H854
H776

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 45:12 (Parallel theme): I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

Isaiah 42:5 (References Lord): Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

Isaiah 54:5 (Redemption): For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Job 9:8 (Parallel theme): Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

Isaiah 51:13 (References Lord): And forgiestest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?

Isaiah 45:18 (References Lord): For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

Isaiah 44:2 (References Lord): 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.

Revelation 5:9 (Redemption): And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Isaiah 43:14 (Redemption): Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.

Isaiah 40:22 (Parallel theme): It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: