

Isaiah 44:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

Analysis

In contrast, God 'confirms the word of his servant' and 'performs the counsel of his messengers.' The Hebrew 'qum' (confirms/establishes) shows that prophetic word becomes historical reality. Specifically, God says to Jerusalem 'Thou shalt be inhabited' and to Judah's cities 'Ye shall be built' - promises of restoration.

Historical Context

This contrast between false prophets' failure and true prophets' vindication was fulfilled when Cyrus decreed Jerusalem's rebuilding, exactly as Isaiah prophesied 150 years earlier.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does fulfilled prophecy confirm the reliability of God's word?
2. What promises is God currently working to fulfill in your life?

Interlinear Text

מְלָאֵךְ יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים:	וְעַבְדֵּךְ וְיִצְחַקְתָּ				
That confirmeth	the word	of his servant	the counsel	of his messengers	
H6965	H1697	H5650	H6098	H4397	
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of Judah	Ye shall be built	the decayed places	That confirmeth		
H3063	H1129	H2723	H6965		

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 60:10 (Parallel theme): And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.

Zechariah 1:6 (Word): But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

Isaiah 42:9 (Parallel theme): Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Jeremiah 30:18 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwellingplaces; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.

Jeremiah 33:7 (Parallel theme): And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.

Nehemiah 1:3 (References Jerusalem): And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.

Ezra 2:70 (Parallel theme): So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

Nehemiah 2:3 (Parallel theme): And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

Zechariah 2:4 (References Jerusalem): And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:

Zechariah 12:6 (References Jerusalem): In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.