

Isaiah 44:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

One shall say, I am the LORD'S; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and surname himself by the name of Israel.

Analysis

This verse describes conversion to the God of Israel: 'One shall say, I am the LORD's' (claiming covenant relationship), 'another shall call himself by the name of Jacob' (identifying with God's people), and 'another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD' (formal written commitment). The threefold pattern shows complete dedication.

Historical Context

This prophecy anticipates Gentile inclusion in the covenant community, later fulfilled as the gospel spread beyond Israel. The practice of writing God's name or covenant commitment on one's hand appears in verse 5 and anticipates baptism as a sign of covenant belonging.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to publicly identify yourself as belonging to the LORD?
2. How do you express your commitment to God and His people in tangible, visible ways?

Interlinear Text

וְאָמַר יְהִי הַלְּהִיא אֵין אֵין יְהִי אֵין אֵין	וְאָמַר יְהִי הַלְּהִיא אֵין אֵין יְהִי אֵין אֵין
H2088 One shall say I am the LORD'S	H589 H2088 and another shall call
H559 H3068	H7121
וּבְשָׁם מִצְתָּבֵב וְכַתֵּב יְהִי יְעָקֹב בְּיַד	וּבְשָׁם מִצְתָּבֵב וְכַתֵּב יְהִי יְעָקֹב בְּיַד
himself by the name of Jacob H2088 and another shall subscribe with his hand	H3789 H3027
H8034 H3290	
לְהִיא הַלְּהִיא אֵין אֵין וּשְׁרָא לְהִיא הַלְּהִיא אֵין אֵין	לְהִיא הַלְּהִיא אֵין אֵין וּשְׁרָא לְהִיא הַלְּהִיא אֵין אֵין
I am the LORD'S himself by the name of Israel and surname	H3478 H3655
H3068 H8034	

Additional Cross-References

Zechariah 13:9 (References Lord): And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

2 Corinthians 8:5 (References Lord): And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

Galatians 6:16 (References Israel): And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

1 Peter 2:9 (Parallel theme): But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

