

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

וְהָ	יֹאמַר	לִיהוָה	אֶנִּי	וְהָ	יִקְרָא
H2088	One shall say	I am the LORD'S	H589	H2088	and another shall call
	H559	H3068			H7121
וּבְשֵׁם	וְהָ	יִשְׁקָב	וְהָ	יִכְתֹּב	בְּיָדוֹ
himself by the name	of Jacob	H2088	and another shall subscribe	with his hand	
H8034	H3290		H3789	H3027	
לִיהוָה	וּבְשֵׁם	יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְהָ	יִכְתֹּב	
I am the LORD'S	himself by the name	of Israel	and surname		
H3068	H8034	H3478	H3655		

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:

