

Isaiah 44:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

Analysis

God proclaims His uniqueness with multiple titles: 'King of Israel,' 'his redeemer' (go'el), 'the LORD of hosts,' 'the first,' 'the last,' and 'beside me there is no God.' This comprehensive declaration establishes absolute monotheism. The Hebrew 'go'el' (redeemer/kinsman-redeemer) emphasizes God's covenant commitment to rescue His people.

Historical Context

Against Babylonian polytheism with its pantheon of gods, Isaiah asserts radical monotheism. These divine titles later appear in Revelation 1:17 and 22:13 applied to Christ, demonstrating His full deity.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does God's claim to be 'first and last' with no other gods challenge modern religious pluralism?

2. What does it mean that God is both Israel's King and Redeemer?

Interlinear Text

יְהִי הָיָה כִּי אָמַר רַבָּה
H3541 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel and his redeemer the LORD
H559 H3068 H4428 H3478 H1350 H3068

אֵין מִבְּלָעֵד אָנֹכִי רָאשׁוֹן אָנֹכִי אָמֵן וְאַתָּה
of hosts I am the first and I am the last and beside H369
H6635 H589 H7223 H589 H314 H1107

אֲלֹהִים:
me there is no God
H430

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 41:4 (References Lord): Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.

Revelation 1:8 (References Lord): I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 22:13 (Parallel theme): I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Isaiah 44:8 (References God): Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.

Isaiah 48:17 (Redemption): Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

Isaiah 48:12 (References Israel): Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.

Deuteronomy 32:39 (References God): See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

Isaiah 42:8 (References Lord): I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Isaiah 44:24 (Redemption): 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;

Deuteronomy 6:4 (References God): Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

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