

# 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

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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

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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

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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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

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כֹּה	אֲמַר	יְהוָה	מֶלֶךְ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְגֹאֲלִי	יְהוָה
H3541	Thus saith	the LORD	the King	of Israel	and his redeemer	the LORD
	H559	H3068	H4428	H3478	H1350	H3068
וְצָבָא	אֲנִי	רִאשׁוֹן	וְאֲנִי	אֲחֵר	וּמִבֵּלְעַד	אֲנִי
of hosts	H589	I am the first	H589	and I am the last	and beside	H369
H6635		H7223		H314	H1107	
אֱלֹהִים:						
me there is no God						
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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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