

Isaiah 44:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.

Analysis

God challenges any rival to match His prophetic ability: 'who...shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me?' Only God can announce history before it happens. The reference to 'the ancient people' points to Israel's establishment and God's ongoing prophetic declarations through them.

Historical Context

This challenges Babylonian astrologers and diviners who claimed to predict the future. Only Israel's God had a track record of specific fulfilled prophecy, proving His uniqueness.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does biblical prophecy's fulfillment strengthen your confidence in Scripture?
2. What does God's ability to declare 'things that are coming' teach about His sovereignty over history?

Interlinear Text

לְכָמָן וְיִעֲרַךְ בְּנֵי יִצְחָק
H4310 H3644 And who as I shall call and shall declare it and set it in order H0
 H7121 H5046 H6186

מִשְׁׁוּם וְעַמְּלֵךְ עַמְּלֵךְ וְאֶתְתִּים
for me since I appointed people the ancient and the things that are coming H857
 H7760 H5971 H5769

לְמַמְּוֹן וְיִתְבּוֹא אֶתְתִּים
and shall come and shall declare H0
 H834 H935 H5046

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 41:26 (Parallel theme): Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words.

Isaiah 41:22 (Parallel theme): Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.

Isaiah 45:21 (Parallel theme): Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

