

# Isaiah 44:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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God commands Israel not to fear or be afraid ('al-tirau' and 'al-tirhau'), then appeals to their own experience: 'have not I told thee from that time?' Israel themselves are God's witnesses ('edim'). The rhetorical question 'Is there a God beside me?' expects a resounding 'No!' The metaphor of God as 'rock' (tsur) emphasizes stability, protection, and unchanging faithfulness.

## Historical Context

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Israel's corporate memory of God's faithfulness through centuries of covenant relationship serves as testimony against false gods. Their existence as a people despite exile proves God's promises.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does your personal history with God serve as witness to His faithfulness?

2. In what ways is God your 'rock' providing stability in uncertain circumstances?

## Interlinear Text

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אֵל H408	תִּפְחָדוּ <b>Fear</b> H6342	וְאֵל H408	תִּהְיֶה וְ <b>ye not neither be afraid</b> H7297	הֵל א H3808	יִמָּא ז <b>thee from that time</b> H227
הִשְׁמַעְתִּי יְיָ H8085	וְהִגַּדְתִּי <b>and have declared</b> H5046	וְאֵתָם H859	עַד י <b>it ye are even my witnesses</b> H5707	הִי שֵׁ <b>Is there</b> H3426	
אֵל וְ H433	מִבֶּלְעַד י <b>beside</b> H1107	וְאֵין H369	צֹר <b>me yea there is no God</b> H6697	בֵּל H1077	יָדַעְתִּי: <b>I know</b> H3045

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 43:10** (Witness): Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

**1 Samuel 2:2** (References God): There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

**Deuteronomy 4:35** (References God): Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him.

**Deuteronomy 4:39** (References God): Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

**John 10:30** (Parallel theme): I and my Father are one.

**Psalms 18:31** (References God): For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God?

**2 Samuel 22:32** (References God): For who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God?

**Isaiah 44:6** (References God): 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.

**John 1:1** (References God): In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**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.

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