

Isaiah 45:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Israel affirms 'Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.' The Hebrew 'mistateer' (hiding oneself) acknowledges divine mystery. God's ways are often hidden - using Cyrus, working through suffering servants, accomplishing salvation through apparent defeat. Yet He remains 'Saviour' ('Moshia') despite the hiddenness.

Historical Context

Israel in exile experienced God's hiddenness intensely. This confession acknowledges the tension between God's apparent absence and His saving purposes working behind the scenes.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How do you respond when God seems hidden, when His purposes are unclear?
2. What does it mean to trust a God who hides Himself yet saves?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 8:17 (Parallel theme): And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

Psalms 44:24 (Parallel theme): Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

Isaiah 57:17 (Parallel theme): For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.

Isaiah 46:13 (Salvation): I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry; and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

Psalms 77:19 (Parallel theme): Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

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