

Isaiah 46:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

Analysis

The promise 'even to your old age I am he' and 'even to hoar hairs will I carry you' extends God's faithfulness across the entire lifespan, refuting fears of abandonment in weakness. The emphatic 'I have made, and I will bear' establishes divine responsibility for His creation. This anticipates the New Covenant's 'I will' promises (Jeremiah 31:33) and eternal security theology.

Historical Context

In ancient Near Eastern culture, elderly parents without children faced destitution. God's promise to carry Israel through old age assured covenant security despite the nation's 'childless' exile period.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What fears about aging or weakening does this promise address in your life?

2. How can you encourage elderly believers with this promise of God's never-failing care?

Interlinear Text

וְעַד H5704	זְקֵנָה H2209	אֲנִי H589	וְאֵל H1931	וְעַד H5704	שִׁיבֵה H7872
	And even to your old age			I am he and even to hoar hairs	
אֲנִי H589	אֶסֶב ל H5445	אֲנִי H589	עָשִׂיתִי H6213	וְאֲנִי H589	אֶשָּׂא H5375
	even I will carry		you I have made	and I will bear	
	אֶסֶב ל H5445		וְאֶמְלֹט H4422		
	even I will carry		and will deliver		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 71:18 (Parallel theme): Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

Psalms 48:14 (Parallel theme): For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

Hebrews 13:8 (Parallel theme): Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Psalms 92:14 (Parallel theme): They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

James 1:17 (Parallel theme): Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Hebrews 1:12 (Parallel theme): And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

Isaiah 43:25 (Parallel theme): I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Romans 11:29 (Parallel theme): For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Malachi 3:6 (Parallel theme): For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

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

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