

Isaiah 47:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.

Analysis

The interjectory 'As for our redeemer' interrupts the taunt song with worship, identifying God as 'go'el' - the kinsman-redeemer who avenges wrongs and buys back enslaved family. The titles 'LORD of hosts' and 'Holy One of Israel' combine military sovereignty with covenant relationship. This anticipates Christ as ultimate Redeemer who conquers enemies and purchases His bride.

Historical Context

The go'el concept (Leviticus 25, Ruth) required a relative who was able and willing to pay redemption price. Israel's go'el must be powerful enough to overthrow Babylon and faithful enough to keep covenant promises.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does understanding God as your 'kinsman redeemer' deepen your assurance of salvation?
2. What enemies (sin, death, Satan) has your Redeemer conquered on your behalf?

Interlinear Text

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| גֹּאֲלֵנוּ | יְהוָה | צְבָאֵהוּ | שְׁמוֹ | קֹדֶשׁ | יִשְׂרָאֵל: |
| As for our redeemer | the LORD | of hosts | is his name | the Holy One | of Israel |
| H1350 | H3068 | H6635 | H8034 | H6918 | H3478 |

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 44:6 (Redemption): 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.

Isaiah 43:14 (Redemption): Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.

Isaiah 41:14 (Redemption): Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 49:26 (Redemption): And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.