

# Isaiah 49:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

## Analysis

The title 'the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One' emphasizes both covenant faithfulness and moral purity, while 'to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth' prophesies the Servant's rejection. The phrase 'to a servant of rulers' describes humiliation - the true King serves earthly authorities. Yet 'Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship' predicts ultimate vindication when all bow to Christ.

## Historical Context

Jesus was despised and rejected (John 1:11), submitted to Roman/Jewish authorities, yet is now worshiped by believing rulers worldwide. This pattern of humiliation-then-exaltation defines the gospel and Christian experience (2 Timothy 2:12).

## Related Passages

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

1. How does Christ's experience of despising and rejection comfort you when you face similar treatment for faithfulness?
2. What does it mean that Christ became 'servant of rulers' yet will be worshiped by kings?

## Interlinear Text

לֹדֶשׁ יִשְׁבָּא לְגַאֲלֵי יִהְיָה אָמָר כִּי הַ  
H3541 Thus saith because of the LORD the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One  
H559 H3068 H1350 H3478 H6918

לְשָׁבֵד לְמַתָּעַ בְּנֵי פְּשָׁע לְבָזָה  
despiseth to him whom man abhorreth to him whom the nation to a servant  
H960 H5315 H8581 H1471 H5650

לְמַעַן וַיַּשְׁתַּחַטֵּא וְיִמְשְׁלָל יְמִינָה  
of rulers Kings shall see and arise princes also shall worship H4616  
H4910 H4428 H7200 H6965 H8269 H7812

וְיִתְּחַרְּבֶּן יְהִי אֲשֶׁר רַבֵּן  
because of the LORD H834 that is faithful and his Holy One of Israel  
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וְיִתְּחַרְּבֶּן  
and he shall choose  
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## Additional Cross-References

**Matthew 26:67** (Parallel theme): Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands,

**Isaiah 53:3** (Parallel theme): He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**1 Peter 2:4** (Parallel theme): To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

**Isaiah 48:17** (Redemption): Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

**Matthew 20:28** (Redemption): Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

**Isaiah 49:23** (Kingdom): And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

**Isaiah 49:1** (References Lord): Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

**Isaiah 42:1** (Parallel theme): Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

**Isaiah 52:15** (Kingdom): So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

**Zechariah 11:8** (Parallel theme): Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me.