

# 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

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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

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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

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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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

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כָּה	אָמַר	יְהוָה	גֹּאֲלִי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	קֹדֶשׁ
H3541	Thus saith	because of the LORD	the Redeemer	of Israel	and his Holy One
	H559	H3068	H1350	H3478	H6918
לְבִזָּה	נָפֶשׁ	לְמַתָּעַב	גּוֹי	לְעַבְדָּךְ	
despiseth	to him whom man	abhorreth	to him whom the nation	to a servant	
H960	H5315	H8581	H1471	H5650	
מַשְׁלֵי יָם	מְלָכִים	יֵרְאֶה	וְקָמוּ	שָׂרֵי יָם	וְשִׁתְּחוּ וְלָמַעַן
of rulers	Kings	shall see	and arise	princes	also shall worship
H4910	H4428	H7200	H6965	H8269	H4616
	יְהוָה	אִשָּׁר	נֶאֱמַר	קֹדֶשׁ	יִשְׂרָאֵל
	because of the LORD	H834	that is faithful	and his Holy One	of Israel
	H3068		H539	H6918	H3478
	וַיִּבְחַרְכֶּנּוּ:				
	and he shall choose				
	H977				

## Additional Cross-References

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**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 lothed them, and their soul also abhorred me.