

Isaiah 52:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem:
loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter
of Zion.

Analysis

The progression 'Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck' depicts active participation in deliverance. Though God saves, believers must 'shake' off captivity's mindset and 'loose' themselves from bondage. This illustrates the synergism of sanctification - God empowers, we act. The movement from dust (humiliation) to sitting (dignity) shows grace restoring status.

Historical Context

Returning exiles literally needed to shake off Babylon's dust and mindset. Spiritually, believers must actively reject old patterns despite being freed by Christ. The 'bands of thy neck' represents slavery's yoke removed by Cyrus temporarily, Christ permanently.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What 'dust' of your old life before Christ do you need to actively shake off despite being freed?
2. How does understanding that God empowers you to loose your own bonds change your approach to sanctification?

Interlinear Text

הִתְנַעֵר י	מֵעָפָר	קוּמִי	שִׁבִי י	יְרוּשָׁלַם	הִתְפַּתְּחוּ
Shake	thyself from the dust	arise	and sit down	O Jerusalem	loose
H5287	H6083	H6965	H3427	H3389	H6605
מוֹסֵר י	צַמֶּךָ	שִׁבִי ה	בֵּת	צִיּוֹן:	
thyself from the bands	of thy neck	O captive	daughter	of Zion	
H4147	H6677	H7628	H1323	H6726	

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 51:45 (Parallel theme): My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD.

Jeremiah 51:50 (References Jerusalem): Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.

Isaiah 51:14 (Parallel theme): The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.

Isaiah 61:1 (Parallel theme): The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

Luke 4:18 (Parallel theme): The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the

brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Revelation 18:4 (Parallel theme): And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Zechariah 2:6 (Parallel theme): Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.

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