

Isaiah 52:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I.

Analysis

The promise 'Therefore my people shall know my name' indicates that deliverance reveals God's character. The emphatic 'therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I' stresses personal divine intervention - not impersonal fate but covenant God acting. The 'behold, it is I' echoes Jesus' 'ego eimi' (I AM) statements, revealing divine self-disclosure through saving acts.

Historical Context

Exiles questioned whether God could or would save them. The deliverance through Cyrus revealed God's continued covenant commitment. Ultimately, Christ's incarnation and resurrection perfectly fulfill this promise - 'behold, it is I' standing among His people.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How has experiencing God's deliverance deepened your knowledge of His name (character)?
2. What does it mean that God reveals Himself not just through propositional truth but through saving intervention in your life?

Interlinear Text

לְכָה יְדַעַת שְׁמִי

H3651 shall know H3045 H3651

Therefore my people

H5971

לְכָה שְׁמִי

H8034 H3651

בְּיַמִּים

therefore they shall know in that day

H3117

הִיא אָנִי בַּיּוֹם הַזֶּה

H1931 H3588 H589 H1931

רַבְלָבְבָּה הַתְּבִנָּה

that I am he that doth speak

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H2005

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 20:44 (Parallel theme): And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

Numbers 23:19 (Parallel theme): God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Exodus 33:19 (Parallel theme): And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

Psalms 48:10 (Parallel theme): According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

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