

Isaiah 54:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Analysis

The declaration 'thy Maker is thine husband' employs marriage imagery depicting covenant intimacy between God and people. The titles 'the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called' progress from particular (Israel's God) to universal (whole earth's God). This anticipates gospel going to all nations - Israel's covenant God becomes world's only God.

Historical Context

In exile, Israel felt widowed and abandoned. God's reassurance 'thy Maker is thy husband' renewed covenant relationship. Ultimately fulfilled in Christ as bridegroom (Ephesians 5:25-32) married to the church, His bride. The husband-imagery emphasizes permanent covenant commitment.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does understanding God as your 'husband' (covenant partner) deepen your assurance of His committed love?
2. What does it mean that Israel's particular God is 'God of the whole earth' - how does this affect evangelism?

Interlinear Text

שְׁמָה וְאֶבְרָא וְתִּהְתִּה בֶּן־בָּלְעָד עֲשֵׂה־אֶיךָ בְּנֵל־יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי
H3588 is thine husband H1166 For thy Maker H6213 the LORD H3068 of hosts H6635 is his name H8034
וְגַאֲלָה כָּל־אֱלֹהִים יְשַׁבָּא לְלִידָךְ וְשַׁבָּא
and thy Redeemer H1350 the Holy One H6918 of Israel H3478 The God H430 of the whole earth H3605 H776
שְׁמָה־בְּרָא:
shall he be called H7121

Additional Cross-References

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.

Ezekiel 16:8 (References God): Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.

John 3:29 (Parallel theme): He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

Ephesians 5:32 (Parallel theme): This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Zechariah 14:9 (References Lord): And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

Luke 1:32 (References God): He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: