

Isaiah 56:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The Lord GOD which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith,
Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered
unto him.

Analysis

The Lord GOD who 'gathereth the outcasts of Israel' declares He 'will gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.' The Hebrew 'qabats' (gather) describes God actively assembling His scattered people. The 'others' added to Israel anticipates Gentile inclusion in salvation.

Historical Context

This looks beyond the physical return from Babylon to a greater ingathering. Jesus references this concept when speaking of 'other sheep' He must bring (John 10:16).

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does God's ongoing gathering of 'others' shape your view of evangelism?
2. Who are the 'outcasts' God is gathering today?

Interlinear Text

וְאֶת	יְהִי	הָ	אָדָם	יְהִי	הָ	אָדָם	וְאֶת
saith	The Lord	GOD	Yet will I gather	the outcasts	of Israel	and	shea
H5002	H136	H3069	H6908	H1760	H3478		H5750
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Yet will I gather		H5921	Yet will I gather		H6908		

Additional Cross-References

John 10:16 (Parallel theme): And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Isaiah 54:7 (Parallel theme): For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

Jeremiah 31:10 (References Lord): Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

Ephesians 1:10 (Parallel theme): That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

Genesis 49:10 (Parallel theme): The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

Isaiah 43:6 (Parallel theme): I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

Isaiah 49:12 (Parallel theme): Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

Isaiah 49:22 (References God): Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.

Psalms 147:2 (References Lord): The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

Psalms 106:47 (References God): Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.