

Isaiah 65:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

Analysis

The promise that 'he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth' and 'he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth' depicts universal acknowledgment of Yahweh. The title 'God of truth' (literally 'God of Amen') emphasizes absolute faithfulness and reliability. The reason: 'because the former troubles are forgotten' - God's comprehensive redemption eclipses all past suffering.

Historical Context

This anticipates Philippians 2:10-11 - 'every knee shall bow...every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.' The 'God of truth' will be universally acknowledged either in salvation (believers) or judgment (rebels). The forgotten 'former troubles' points to new creation where 'former things are passed away' (Revelation 21:4).

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does the assurance that 'former troubles will be forgotten' in new creation give hope for present suffering?
2. What does it mean that God is the 'God of truth' - absolutely reliable in every promise?

Interlinear Text

בָּאֵלָהּ	וְ	יִתְבָּרֵךְ	בָּאֵלָהּ	וְ	יִתְבָּרֵךְ	בָּאֵלָהּ	וְ
H430			H776			H1288	
That he who blesseth		himself in the earth	That he who blesseth			by the God	
H834		H1288	H776			H1288	
בָּאֵלָהּ	וְ	יִשְׁבֶּעֶת	בָּאֵלָהּ	וְ	יִשְׁבֶּעֶת	בָּאֵלָהּ	וְ
H430			H776			H7650	
of truth	and he that sweareth	himself in the earth	and he that sweareth			by the God	
H543	H7650	H776	H7650			H430	
בָּאֵלָהּ	וְ	בְּנֵשֶׁכֶת	בָּאֵלָהּ	וְ	בְּנֵשֶׁכֶת	בָּאֵלָהּ	וְ
H3588	H3588	H7911	H6869			H3588	
of truth	are forgotten	troubles	because the former			H7223	
H543	H3588	H7911	H6869			H7223	
בָּאֵלָהּ	וְ	נִסְתַּר	בָּאֵלָהּ	וְ	מִצְנַחַת	בָּאֵלָהּ	וְ
and because they are hid	from mine eyes						
H5641	H5869						

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 19:18 (Parallel theme): In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction.

Jeremiah 4:2 (Truth): And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

Psalms 31:5 (Truth): Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

Isaiah 65:19 (Parallel theme): And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

Deuteronomy 32:4 (Truth): He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

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