

Isaiah 65:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

God's response to His new creation: "And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people." The mutual joy is profound—God rejoices in His people, and they in Him. The Hebrew *gil* (rejoice) and *sus* (joy) show God's delight in His work. Then comes the glorious promise: "and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying." The Hebrew *bechi* (weeping) and *za'aqah* (crying/outcry) encompass all sorrow. This directly parallels Revelation 21:4: "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying." From a Reformed perspective, this reveals God's ultimate purpose: His own joy in His people and their complete freedom from all suffering. The final state is characterized not just by absence of negative (no weeping) but presence of positive (mutual joy). God's delight in His redeemed people—the joy He has over them (Zephaniah 3:17)—consummates in eternal fellowship unmarred by any sorrow or pain.

Historical Context

The exile brought overwhelming weeping—Psalm 137:1, "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept." Even after return, sorrow persisted due to diminished circumstances (Ezra 3:12, Nehemiah 1:4). Jesus wept over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41) and His people continue experiencing sorrow in this age (John 16:20-22). However, He promised their sorrow would turn to joy. Complete fulfillment awaits the consummated kingdom where God personally removes all

tears and sources of sorrow (Revelation 7:17, 21:4). The transition from weeping to joy parallels believers' experience—present suffering preparing eternal glory (Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 4:17).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does God's rejoicing in His people shape our understanding of our value and purpose?
2. What comfort does the promise of no more weeping provide in present sorrow?
3. How should anticipation of God wiping away all tears shape our response to current suffering?

Interlinear Text

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And I will rejoice	in Jerusalem	and joy	in my people		H3808
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וְשִׁמְ ע	בָּהּ	ע וְד	וְק וְל	בְּכִי י	וְק וְל
shall be no more heard			and the voice	of weeping	and the voice
H8085	H0	H5750	H6963	H1065	H6963
וְעֵקָה:					
of crying					
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Additional Cross-References

Revelation 7:17 (Parallel theme): For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Revelation 21:4 (Parallel theme): And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Isaiah 35:10 (Parallel theme): And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 25:8 (Parallel theme): He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

Jeremiah 32:41 (Parallel theme): Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

Isaiah 51:11 (Parallel theme): Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

Isaiah 60:20 (Parallel theme): Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

Zephaniah 3:17 (Parallel theme): The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Isaiah 51:3 (Parallel theme): For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Jeremiah 31:12 (Parallel theme): Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for

wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

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