

Jeremiah 30:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

Analysis

Fear thou not, O my servant Jacob (וְאַתָּה אֶל-תִּירָא עַבְדִּי יַעֲקֹב)—God addresses Israel with covenant intimacy: avdi (my servant) evokes Abraham (Genesis 26:24), Moses (Numbers 12:7), and David (2 Samuel 7:5). The name Ya'akov (Jacob) recalls patriarchal promises, grounding future hope in ancient covenant.

I will save thee from afar (כִּי הִנְנִי מוֹשִׁיעַךְ מִכַּחֲזֹק)—The participle moshia'kha (saving you) presents ongoing divine action. From merachok (from afar), God retrieves scattered exiles. **Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest** (וְיָשָׁב יַעֲקֹב וְיָשָׁקֵט וְיָשָׁן)—Three verbs describe restoration: shuv (return/repent), shaqat (be quiet/at rest), sha'anan (be at ease/secure). This progression—return, peace, security—reverses exile's terror. None shall make him afraid—the promised shalom absent in verse 5.

Historical Context

This promise, repeated nearly verbatim in 46:27-28, was written for exiles scattered 'afar' in Babylon and beyond. It sustained hope through Persian, Greek, and Roman periods, awaiting ultimate Messianic peace.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does God's address to you as 'my servant' assure you of covenant relationship amid fear?
2. From what 'far country' of spiritual exile is God calling you to return and find rest?
3. What would it look like for you to experience the progression: return, quietness, security?

Interlinear Text

יְהוָה	נָאֻם	יַעֲקֹב	עַבְדִּי	תִּירָא	אַל	וְאַתָּה
H3068	H5002	H3290	H5650	H3372	H408	H859
the LORD	saith	Jacob	thou not O my servant	Therefore fear		
מֹשִׁיעֲךָ	הִנֵּנִי	כִּי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	תִּהְיֶה	וְאַל	
H3467	H2005	H3588	H3478	H2865	H408	
for lo I will save			O Israel	neither be dismayed		
וְשָׁב	שְׁבוֹם	מֵאֶרֶץ	זֶרַעְךָ	וְאַתָּה	מִכָּח וּקִי	
H7725	H7628	H776	H2233	H853	H7350	
shall return	of their captivity	from the land	and thy seed	thee from afar		
מִתְּרִיד:	וְאֵין	וְשָׁמֵן	וְשָׁקֵט	וְיַעֲקֹב		
H2729	H369	H7599	H8252	H3290		
and none shall make him afraid		and be quiet	and shall be in rest	Jacob		

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 43:5 (Parallel theme): Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

Jeremiah 29:14 (References Lord): And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

Hosea 2:18 (Parallel theme): And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

Isaiah 35:9 (Parallel theme): No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

Isaiah 44:2 (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

Jeremiah 23:3 (Parallel theme): And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

Jeremiah 33:16 (Salvation): In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.

Jeremiah 23:8 (References Lord): But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

Jeremiah 3:18 (References Israel): In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

John 12:15 (Parallel theme): Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

