

Jeremiah 46:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

Analysis

'Fear not, O Jacob my servant' appears frequently in prophetic literature (Isa 41:10, 44:2). Despite judgment, God's ultimate purpose is restoration. The phrase 'I will save thee from afar' acknowledges the distance of exile but affirms God's ability to reach across it. No distance separates God's people from His saving power (Rom 8:38-39).

Historical Context

This promise looks beyond immediate judgment to ultimate restoration. God's covenant with Jacob/Israel remains intact despite discipline.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does God's promise 'fear not' speak to your current anxieties?
2. What does it mean that God saves from 'afar' - that distance doesn't limit His power?

Interlinear Text

אֶתָּה H859	אֵל H408	בְּיָדִי H3372	אֲנִי H5650	יַעֲקֹב H3290	וְאֵל H408
		But fear	not thou O my servant	Jacob	
וְלֹא H2865	תִּחַת H3478	לִישְׂרָאֵל H3588	כִּי H2005	אֲנִי H3467	מוֹשִׁיעֶךָ H3467
		and be not dismayed	O Israel	for behold I will save	
מִמָּוֶת H7350	וּמִכָּל H853	זֶרַע H2233	מִן הָאָרֶץ H776	שָׁבוּ H7628	וְשָׁבוּ H7725
thee from afar off	and thy seed	from the land	of their captivity	shall return	
יַעֲקֹב H3290	וְשָׁקֵט H8252	וְשָׁנָא H7599	אֵין H369	וְלֹא H2729	יִמְחִיד H2729
Jacob	and be in rest	and at ease	and none shall make him afraid		

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;

Isaiah 43:1 (References Israel): But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

Jeremiah 29:14 (Parallel theme): 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.

Jeremiah 50:19 (References Israel): And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead.

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 23:6 (Salvation): In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Amos 9:14 (References Israel): And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

Isaiah 44:2 (Parallel theme): 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 32:37 (Parallel theme): Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

Ezekiel 39:25 (References Israel): Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name;