

Jeremiah 50:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Their Redeemer is strong; the LORD of hosts is his name: he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

Analysis

The title 'Redeemer' (Hebrew 'go'el') refers to the kinsman-redeemer who buys back family property or avenges wrongdoing. Applied to God as 'their Redeemer,' it emphasizes His covenant commitment to Israel. The phrase 'the LORD of hosts is his name' invokes military imagery - God commands heaven's armies. He will 'thoroughly plead their cause' against Babylon. God advocates for His people with His full power.

Historical Context

This redemption language anticipates the greater redemption through Christ, the ultimate Kinsman-Redeemer who purchased our freedom (Gal 3:13, 1 Pet 1:18-19).

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does viewing God as your Redeemer affect how you approach trials?

2. What does it mean that God 'thoroughly pleads your cause' before your adversaries?

Interlinear Text

גֹּאֲלִי מִן	קִי חָזָק	יְהוָה ה	צְבָאוֹת	שְׁמוֹ י	יְרֵיב
Their Redeemer	is strong	the LORD	of hosts	is his name	he shall thoroughly
H1350	H2389	H3068	H6635	H8034	H7378
יְרֵיב	אֶת	רִיבָם	לְמַעַן	הֵרָג יַעַ	אֶת
he shall thoroughly		their cause		that he may give rest	
H7378	H853	H7379	H4616	H7280	H853
הָאָרֶץ	וְהֵרָג יֵצֵר	לְיוֹשְׁבֵי י	בָּבֶל:		
to the land	and disquiet	the inhabitants	of Babylon		
H776	H7264	H3427	H894		

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 54:5 (Redemption): For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Isaiah 47:4 (Redemption): As for our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.

Jeremiah 15:21 (Redemption): And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

Jeremiah 51:36 (References Lord): Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.

Isaiah 41:14 (Redemption): Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 43:14 (Redemption): Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.

Psalms 35:1 (References Lord): Plead my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

Psalms 43:1 (Parallel theme): Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

Micah 7:9 (References Lord): I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.

Isaiah 51:22 (References Lord): Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again: