

Jeremiah 50:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

Analysis

They will ask the way to Zion 'with their faces thitherward' and join themselves to the LORD in 'a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.' This covenant language points to the new covenant in Christ's blood (Jer 31:31-34, Heb 13:20). The phrase 'perpetual covenant' emphasizes its eternal, unchangeable nature - unlike the old covenant which was broken.

Historical Context

The returning remnant would seek Zion with determination ('faces thitherward'). This restored relationship would be based on God's new covenant provision.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to set your face toward Zion?
2. How does the perpetual covenant in Christ differ from breakable human covenants?

Interlinear Text

צִיּוֹן	יִשְׁאַל לֹ	דֶּרֶךְ	הַ נָּה	פְּנֵיהֶם	בֹּאוּ
to Zion	They shall ask	the way	thitherward	with their faces	saying Come
H6726	H7592	H1870	H2008	H6440	H935
וְנִלְוּ	אֵל	יְהוָה	בְּרִית	עוֹלָם	לֹא
and let us join	H413	ourselves to the LORD	covenant	in a perpetual	H3808
H3867		H3068	H1285	H5769	
תִּשְׁכַּח:					
that shall not be forgotten					
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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 32:40 (Covenant): And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

Isaiah 55:3 (Covenant): Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Isaiah 35:8 (Parallel theme): And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

Jeremiah 6:16 (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

Genesis 17:7 (Covenant): And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

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