

Romans 15:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.

Analysis

And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people (καὶ πάλιν λέγει· Εὐφράνθητε, ἔθνη, μετὰ τοῦ λαοῦ αὐτοῦ, kai palin legei· euphranthēte, ethnē, meta tou laou autou)—Paul's second quotation comes from Moses' final song (Deut 32:43, LXX). Euphranthēte (rejoice, be glad) is an imperative: Gentiles are commanded to join Israel's rejoicing. Meta tou laou autou (with his people) indicates inclusion, not replacement—Gentiles join Israel in worship, forming one multi-ethnic people of God. This isn't Gentile replacement of Israel but Gentile addition to Israel through Christ.

The Deuteronomy 32 context is significant: Moses' song predicts Israel's rebellion, God's judgment, and eventual vindication when God avenges his people and atones for their land. In that eschatological restoration, Gentiles rejoice with Israel—precisely what Paul sees happening in the gospel. The church's Jewish-Gentile unity is eschatological fulfillment of Torah's own vision.

Historical Context

Deuteronomy 32:43 in the Septuagint includes lines not in the Hebrew Masoretic Text but present in Dead Sea Scroll fragments, validating Paul's use. The text's call for Gentile rejoicing 'with his people' was eschatologically oriented in Judaism—associated with Messiah's age. Paul argues this age has dawned in Christ, so Gentile inclusion now is prophetic fulfillment.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does the image of Gentiles rejoicing 'with' Israel (not replacing it) shape your understanding of the church's relationship to God's ancient people?
2. What does Gentile and Jewish believers rejoicing together reveal about God's character and purposes?
3. In what ways does your worship reflect the multi-ethnic, inclusive vision of God's people that Scripture anticipates?

Interlinear Text

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And	again	he saith	Rejoice ye	Gentiles	with	G3588	people
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Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 32:43 (Parallel theme): Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.

Psalms 68:32 (Parallel theme): Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; Selah:

