

Zechariah 10:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.

Analysis

And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man—(וְהִי כָּבֹר אַפְנִים) previously weak, rejected Ephraim becomes gibbor (mighty warrior) through divine empowerment. **And their heart shall rejoice as through wine**—samach (rejoice) is covenant joy, the gladness of restored relationship. Wine metaphor suggests celebratory exuberance, not drunkenness.

Yea, their children shall see it, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD—(וְיָרָא בְּנֵיכֶם וְשָׁמַחוּ בָּגָל לְבָם בִּיהִהָה) multi-generational blessing. Children witness God's faithfulness and join the rejoicing, ensuring covenant continuity. This is the goal of covenant theology: each generation experiencing God's saving power anew. Their joy is specifically **in the LORD**—not in victory itself but in knowing Yahweh as covenant God. This anticipates New Testament joy 'in the Lord always' (Philippians 4:4).

Historical Context

Northern tribes carried shame from Assyrian exile (722 BC) and were often despised by Judah. This promise of restored dignity and generational blessing offered hope that God's purposes for all twelve tribes remained intact. Christ's ministry intentionally included Samaritans (John 4), beginning reunification.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does experiencing God's deliverance shift from mere relief to deep joy 'in the LORD' Himself?
2. What responsibility do you have to ensure your children 'see and be glad'— witnessing God's faithfulness?
3. In what ways can God restore dignity to those who feel permanently disqualified by past failure?

Interlinear Text

וְיִהְיֶה	כִּי	אָפָּנִים	וְיִשְׂרָאֵל	וְיִשְׂרָאֵל
H1961	shall be like a mighty	And they of Ephraim	it and be glad	
H1368		H669		H8055
לְבָם	כִּמְנֻזָּה	בְּאַלְמָנָה	וְבְנֵי יִם	וְיִשְׂרָאֵל
man and their heart	H3644	as through wine	yea their children	shall see
H3820		H3196	H1121	H7200
בְּיַהְוָה:	לְבָם	לְבָם	בְּיַהְוָה:	וְיִגְלַּח
shall rejoice	man and their heart	in the LORD		
H1523	H3820	H3068		

Additional Cross-References

Zechariah 9:15 (References Lord): The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar.

