

*What does "Egypt, my people" in Isaiah 19:25 mean?*

The phrase "Egypt, my people" in Isaiah 19:25 represents a shift in the relationship between God and Egypt in history future. Egypt was often portrayed as a place of enslavement for the Israelites and a target of divine punishment[1][2]. However, in Isaiah 19:25 we see that God will extend his blessing to Egypt, along with Assyria and Israel[3][4]. God will favor his former enemy[2]. The verse is interpreted as a prophecy of peace and unity among nations that were once in conflict[3][5]. Isaiah's broader message shows us that God cares for nations beyond Israel[4]. This reconciliation is attributed to divine grace and is seen as part of a future where these nations will coexist peacefully under God's blessing[5].

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