

Isaiah 10:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

Analysis

The phrase 'in that day' points to post-judgment restoration. The 'remnant of Israel' demonstrates God's covenant faithfulness—despite judgment, He preserves a people. 'Shall no more again stay upon him that smote them' means they'll stop trusting oppressors (like seeking Assyrian alliances). Instead, they'll 'stay upon the Lord' (lean on, trust in) the Holy One of Israel 'in truth.' This conversion from political maneuvering to genuine faith represents true reformation. Judgment produces genuine repentance in the remnant.

Historical Context

Fulfilled when Judah, after being saved from Assyria (701 BC), experienced religious reformation under Hezekiah and later Josiah. The remnant that returned from Babylonian exile (538 BC onward) had learned through bitter experience to trust God rather than foreign alliances. This pattern continues—hardship often produces deeper faith in God's remnant. The ultimate fulfillment comes in the church—the true remnant trusting Christ alone.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does God use judgment to wean His people from false securities to genuine trust in Him?
2. What is the difference between trusting God out of convenience versus 'in truth' (genuine faith)?
3. How has hardship in your life produced deeper trust in God rather than worldly alternatives?

Interlinear Text

וְהָיָה הַיּוֹם	בֵּי יוֹם	לֹא הָיָה וְאֵל	יֹסֵף יֵף			
H1961		H1931	H3808			
And it shall come to pass in that day		shall no more again				
H3117		H3254				
עַד וְ	שָׁאָר	יִשְׂרָאֵל ל	וּפְלִיטֵי ת	בֵּית	יַעֲקֹב ב	
H5750						
that the remnant		of Israel	and such as are escaped	of the house	of Jacob	
H7605		H3478	H6413	H1004	H3290	
עַל וְנִשְׁעַ	עַל	מִכָּהוּ	עַל וְנִשְׁעַ	יְהוָה ה	קֹדֶשׁ וְשׁ	
stay	H5921	upon him that smote	stay	H5921	upon the LORD	the Holy One
H8172		H5221	H8172	H3068	H6918	
יִשְׂרָאֵל ל		בְּאֵמֶת:				
of Israel		in truth				
H3478		H571				

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 1:9 (References Lord): Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

Isaiah 50:10 (References Lord): Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

2 Kings 16:7 (References Israel): So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I am thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me.

2 Chronicles 28:20 (Parallel theme): And Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not.