

Isaiah 10:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction.

Analysis

Two promises encourage fearlessness: the indignation will end, and God's anger against Assyria will accomplish their destruction. 'Very little while' offers temporal perspective—suffering is temporary. 'The indignation shall cease' promises that God's disciplinary anger against Israel will end once its purpose is fulfilled. Then 'mine anger' redirects toward Assyria for 'their destruction.' This demonstrates God's controlled anger—directed purposefully, with defined endpoints. His wrath against His people is disciplinary and temporary; against His enemies, destructive and final.

Historical Context

Fulfilled precisely: God's indignation against Judah ended when Assyrian army was destroyed (701 BC). Sennacherib withdrew, never to threaten Jerusalem again. His assassination (681 BC) and Assyria's eventual destruction (612 BC) completed God's anger against them. The 'very little while' proved accurate—what seemed endless occupation lasted only months before God intervened. This encourages endurance, knowing God's discipline has defined limits.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does knowing that trials have divinely-ordained endpoints help us endure them?
2. What is the difference between God's disciplinary anger toward His people and destructive anger toward His enemies?
3. How can we discern God's purposes in our difficulties to respond with faith rather than despair?

Interlinear Text

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H3588	H5750	little while	For yet a very	shall cease	and the indignation
		H4592	H4213	H3615	H2195
וְאִפֹּי	עַל	תְּבִלֵּיתָם:			
and mine anger	H5921	in their destruction			
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Additional Cross-References

Daniel 11:36 (Parallel theme): And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

Hebrews 10:37 (Parallel theme): For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

2 Kings 19:35 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.