

Isaiah 10:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

Analysis

The burden (Assyrian oppression) will be removed and the yoke destroyed. The phrase 'because of the anointing' is challenging—it may refer to God's anointed king (Hezekiah/Messiah) or the anointing oil making yokes slip off. Either way, divine intervention breaks oppression. The yoke's destruction 'because of the anointing' ultimately points to Messiah, who breaks sin's yoke through His anointing by the Spirit. This illustrates Christ as the ultimate Deliverer who frees from all bondage.

Historical Context

Immediately fulfilled when Assyria's yoke was broken from Judah (701 BC). More fully fulfilled in Christ, the Anointed One (Messiah/Christ means 'Anointed'), who breaks sin's yoke (Matthew 11:28-30). Jesus's anointing by the Spirit (Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:18) empowered Him to liberate captives. Every yoke-breaking deliverance in Scripture prefigures Christ's ultimate liberation.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's anointing by the Spirit enable Him to break the yoke of sin and Satan?
2. In what ways have you experienced Christ breaking yokes of bondage in your life?
3. How do Old Testament deliverances point forward to Christ's greater deliverance?

Interlinear Text

וְהָיָה הַיּוֹם	בְּיּוֹם	וְהָיָה וְאֵל	יִסּוּר	
H1961		H1931		
And it shall come to pass in that day		shall be taken away		
	H3117		H5493	
סִבְלֹו	מִעַל ל	שִׁכְמוֹךָ	עַל ל	מִעַל ל
that his burden	H5921	from off thy shoulder	and his yoke	H5921
H5448		H7926	H5923	
צִמְרוֹךְ	וְהָיָה ל	עַל ל	מִפְּנֵי	שִׁמּוֹן
from off thy neck	shall be destroyed	and his yoke	because	of the anointing
H6677	H2254	H5923	H6440	H8081

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 9:4 (Parallel theme): For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

Luke 4:18 (Parallel theme): The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Isaiah 14:25 (Parallel theme): That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

Psalms 105:15 (Parallel theme): Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

1 John 2:20 (Parallel theme): But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

Psalms 45:7 (Parallel theme): Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Psalms 20:6 (Parallel theme): Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

1 John 2:27 (Parallel theme): But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

2 Samuel 1:21 (Parallel theme): Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil.

Psalms 84:9 (Parallel theme): Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.