

Isaiah 10:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

As yet shall he remain at Nob that day: he shall shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

Analysis

The climax: 'As yet shall he remain at Nob that day: he shall shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.' Nob, barely a mile from Jerusalem, offers clear view of the city. The enemy stands at the gates, shaking his fist in defiant threat against God's dwelling place. This is the moment of maximum danger—and maximum revelation of God's power. To shake one's hand is a gesture of violent intent and mocking contempt. The Assyrian threatens not just a city but 'the mount of the daughter of Zion'—God's chosen dwelling. This sets up the divine response: when human power directly challenges divine sovereignty, God acts decisively (see 10:33-34; 37:36).

Historical Context

Nob was a priestly city where David received help from Ahimelech (1 Samuel 21:1-9). Its proximity to Jerusalem—visible from the city—made it the last staging ground before assault. When Sennacherib's representative Rabshakeh delivered his threatening speech to Jerusalem (2 Kings 18:17-37), he may have spoken from such a location. The historical fulfillment came when the angel of the Lord struck down 185,000 Assyrian soldiers (Isaiah 37:36). The hand shaken in threat was withered by divine judgment.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. When enemies of God's purposes seem to stand at the very threshold of victory, what should our response be?
2. How does this passage encourage believers facing seemingly overwhelming opposition to the gospel or God's work?

Interlinear Text

עֹד	הַיּוֹם	בְּנוֹב	לַעַמֹּךָ	יִנָּפֶה	יָדוֹ
H5750	that day	at Nob	As yet shall he remain	he shall shake	his hand
	H3117	H5011	H5975	H5130	H3027
הָרָ	בֵּית	צִיּוֹן	גִּבְעַת	יְרוּשָׁלַם:	
against the mount	H1004	of Zion	the hill	of Jerusalem	
H2022		H6726	H1389	H3389	

Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 21:1 (Parallel theme): Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?

Isaiah 19:16 (Parallel theme): In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it.

Isaiah 37:22 (References Jerusalem): This is the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

Zechariah 2:9 (Parallel theme): For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.

1 Samuel 22:19 (Parallel theme): And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

From KJV Study • kjevstudy.org