

Isaiah 2:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

Analysis

The Day of the LORD inverts human pride—lofty looks brought low, haughtiness humbled. The exclusive exaltation of Yahweh establishes monotheism's practical outcome: when God is rightly honored, human pretension is exposed. This anticipates Philippians 2:9-11 where every knee bows to Christ. The passive voice ('shall be brought down') indicates divine action, not self-humiliation.

Historical Context

In an age of imperial pride (Assyria, Egypt), Isaiah declares all human glory temporary. Only the LORD remains exalted when earthly powers crumble, a lesson Israel needed while trusting political alliances.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What forms of pride need to be brought low in your life?

2. How does God's exclusive right to glory affect your ambitions and self-promotion?

Interlinear Text

וְתַּחַזֵּקְנָה	אַדְמָן	שְׁפָלָה	וְתַּעֲמִידְנָה
looks	The lofty	of man	shall be humbled
H5869	H1365	H120	H8213
רְאֵמָה	אַנְשָׁם	בְּנֵשֶׁגֶת	לְבָדָה
and the haughtiness	alone	shall be exalted	and the LORD
H7312	H376	H7682	H905
בַּיּוֹם			
in that day			
H3117			

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 18:27 (Parallel theme): For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.

Isaiah 2:17 (References Lord): And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

Isaiah 12:4 (References Lord): And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

Isaiah 24:21 (References Lord): And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

Isaiah 13:11 (Parallel theme): And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

Malachi 4:1 (References Lord): For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

Micah 4:6 (References Lord): In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted;

Ezekiel 39:22 (References Lord): So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward.

Hosea 2:18 (Parallel theme): And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

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