

Isaiah 22:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken it.

Analysis

In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed—Despite Eliakim's faithful service and divine installation (v. 23), even he would eventually fail under the weight. The Hebrew yated (peg/nail), promised as secure (ne'eman, v. 23), will be **removed and cut down and fall** (תִּמּוֹשׁ וְנִגְדָּעָה וְנִפְלָה). The threefold verbs emphasize total collapse: loosened, cut off, fallen.

This devastating conclusion points beyond Eliakim to messianic typology. Every human 'peg'—no matter how divinely appointed—ultimately proves insufficient. Only Christ fulfills what Eliakim foreshadowed: the eternal government resting on His shoulders (Isaiah 9:6), the key of David that none can shut (Revelation 3:7). **For the LORD hath spoken it** (כִּי יְהוָה דִּבֶּר) carries prophetic authority: human dynasties crumble, but God's Word endures. The burden that crushes earthly pegs finds its only adequate support in the One who bore our sins on the cross.

Historical Context

While Eliakim served faithfully during Hezekiah's reign, his descendants apparently succumbed to corruption through nepotism. The prophecy's fulfillment likely occurred during subsequent reigns when his family lost favor. This illustrates

the biblical pattern: human institutions, however divinely blessed initially, decay without continual renewal.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What 'sure pegs' (leaders, institutions, traditions) have you trusted that eventually failed?
2. How does Eliakim's failure point to the necessity of Christ as the only reliable foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11)?
3. What warning does this passage give about creating dynasties or systems dependent on human strength rather than God's continual grace?

Interlinear Text

בִּי וּם	הָהּ וָא	נָאֵם	יְהוָה	צָבָא וְת	תְּמוּשׁ	הֵת דַּ
In that day	H1931	saith	for the LORD	of hosts	be removed	shall the nail
H3117		H5002	H3068	H6635	H4185	H3489
הַתְּקוּעַ הַ	בְּמָקוֹם וּם	נָאֵם	וְנִגְדָּע הַ	וְנָפַל הַ		
that is fastened	place	in the sure	and be cut down	and fall		
H8628	H4725	H539	H1438	H5307		
וְנִכְרַת	הַמֶּשֶׁשׁ אַ	אֲשֶׁר	עַל יְהוָה	כִּי	יְהוָה	
that was upon it shall be cut off	and the burden				for the LORD	
H3772	H4853					H3068
דָּבָר:						
hath spoken						
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 46:11 (Parallel theme): Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

Isaiah 22:23 (Parallel theme): And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.

Psalms 146:3 (Parallel theme): Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

Micah 4:4 (References Lord): But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.