

# Isaiah 25:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

## Analysis

**Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers** (שָׁאוֹן זָרִים תִּכְנִיעַ, she'on zarim takhnia)—The Hebrew שָׁאוֹן (she'on, noise) suggests tumult, uproar, boasting of invaders. זָרִים (zarim, strangers/foreigners) are those outside God's covenant. תִּכְנִיעַ (takhnia, bring down/humble) indicates forceful suppression of their arrogant clamor.

**As the heat in a dry place** (כְּחֹרֵב בְּצִיּוֹן, kechorev betsayon)—Like oppressive heat in desert places that threatens life. **Even the heat with the shadow of a cloud** (חֹרֵב בְּצֶל־עָב, chorev betsel-av)—Just as a cloud's shadow brings relief from scorching sun, God's intervention silences oppressors' noise.

**The branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low** (זֶמִיר עֲרִיצִים יִשְׁעָה, zemir aritsim ya'aneh)—The זֶמִיר (zemir, branch/song) of the ruthless will be humbled (יִשְׁעָה, ya'aneh). This might refer to their triumphal songs or their offspring ('branch' as descendants)—either way, their pride ends.

## Historical Context

Ancient warfare included psychological tactics—conquerors' 'noise' meant boastful threats designed to demoralize defenders (see Rabshakeh's speech in Isaiah 36:4-20). Assyrian and Babylonian inscriptions record kings' boasts of terror they inflicted. Isaiah promises this 'noise' will be silenced—God brings sudden 'shade'

(relief/deliverance) just as clouds provide shade from desert heat. History confirmed this: Sennacherib's 185,000 troops destroyed in one night (Isaiah 37:36), Babylon's sudden fall (Daniel 5:30), Rome's eventual collapse. Every oppressive empire's 'noise' eventually falls silent before God's greater power.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. What 'noise of strangers' (threatening voices, hostile ideologies) does God need to silence in your current circumstances?
2. How does the image of God as 'shadow of a cloud' providing relief from oppressive heat comfort you in spiritual warfare?
3. In what ways do you see the 'branch of the terrible ones' (proud oppressors and their legacy) being brought low today?

## Interlinear Text

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חַרָּב	בְּצֵי אוֹן	שֹׁא אוֹן	זֶרֶם יָם	תִּכְנֶנּוּ יָעַ
as the heat	in a dry place	the noise	of strangers	Thou shalt bring down
H2721	H6724	H7588	H2114	H3665

חַרָּב	בְּצֵל	עַב	זֶמֶר יָר	עֲרִיצֵי יָם
as the heat	with the shadow	of a cloud	the branch	of the terrible ones
H2721	H6738	H5645	H2159	H6184

יִשְׁעָנָה:  
shall be brought low  
H6030