

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 פְּקֻדִּיעַ, 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. **פְּקֻדִּיעַ** (takhnia, bring down/humble) indicates forceful suppression of their arrogant clamor.

As the heat in a dry place (פְּחַרְבָּב בָּצְיָוִן, kechorev betsayon)—Like oppressive heat in desert places that threatens life. **Even the heat with the shadow of a cloud** (חַרְבָּב בְּצַלְעָב, 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 (זָמִיר עֲרִיצִים יָעָנֶה, zemir aritsim ya'aneh)—The **זָמִיר** (zemir, branch/song) of the ruthless will be humbled (**יָעָנֶה**, 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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

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

תְּכַנֵּן יְמֵינֶךָ בְּצִיּוֹן שָׁאֵל בְּצִיּוֹן חַדְבָּךְ
as the heat in a dry place the noise of strangers Thou shalt bring down
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as the heat with the shadow of a cloud the branch of the terrible ones
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shall be brought low
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