

Isaiah 3:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

Analysis

Isaiah identifies the root cause of judgment: Jerusalem's stumbling and Judah's falling result from their speech and actions being 'against the LORD.' The Hebrew 'lamar' (rebel against) indicates active defiance. Their conduct directly 'provokes the eyes of His glory,' meaning God's manifest presence witnesses their rebellion. Deliberately sinning before God's watchful eyes compounds guilt.

Historical Context

Despite Jerusalem housing God's temple (His dwelling place), the people practiced idolatry and injustice. This brazenly defiant sin in God's presence necessitated severe judgment.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. Do you maintain consciousness of God's presence throughout your daily activities?

2. How does awareness that God sees everything affect your secret thoughts and actions?

Interlinear Text

כִּי	כָשְׁלָה	יְרֻשָׁלַיִם	וַיהוּדָה	נָפַל	כִּי	לְשׁוֹנָם
H3588	is ruined H3782	For Jerusalem H3389	and Judah H3063	is fallen H5307	H3588	because their tongue H3956
וּמַעֲלָלֵיהֶם	אֵל	יְהוָה	לְמַרּוֹת	עֵינָיו	כְּבוֹדוֹ	
and their doings H4611	H413	are against the LORD H3068	to provoke H4784	the eyes H5869	of his glory H3519	

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 10:22 (References Lord): Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

Hosea 7:16 (Parallel theme): They return, but not to the most High: they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.