

Isaiah 30:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

Analysis

In returning and rest shall ye be saved (בְּשׁוּבָה וַנַּחַת/b'shuvah vanachat)—Shuvah (returning) is the Hebrew word for repentance, literally turning around, reversing direction from sin back to God. Nachat (rest) means settled quietness, ceasing from anxious striving. Salvation comes through repentant return to God followed by restful trust—the exact opposite of frantic political maneuvering. This is gospel truth: we are saved by grace through faith-rest, not works (Ephesians 2:8-9).

In quietness and confidence shall be your strength (בְּהַשְׁקֵט וּבְטַחָה/b'hashqet uvitchah)—Hashqet means tranquil stillness; bitchah is trusting security. Military strength comes from God-confidence, not Egyptian chariots. **And ye would not** (וְלֹא אָבִיתֶם/v'lo avitem)—the tragic refrain of rejected grace. They actively refused God's simple path to safety.

Historical Context

This verse comes at the climax of Isaiah's dispute with Hezekiah's pro-Egypt faction. While diplomats negotiated military treaties, Isaiah proclaimed that Judah's survival depended solely on repentant trust in Yahweh. History vindicated Isaiah—Egypt proved useless (Isaiah 30:7), but when Hezekiah finally trusted God, Jerusalem was miraculously delivered from Assyria (Isaiah 37:36).

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What does 'returning and rest' look like practically when you face overwhelming circumstances?
2. How does our culture's activism make 'quietness and confidence' seem irresponsible?
3. In what current crisis are you saying 'I will not' to God's call for restful trust?

Interlinear Text

יְהוָה	כֹּה	אָמַר	אֲדֹנָי	יְהוָה	קֹדֶשׁ	וְשֵׁם	יִשְׂרָאֵל
H3588	H3541						
		For thus saith	the Lord	GOD	the Holy One	of Israel	
		H559	H136	H3069	H6918	H3478	
וּבְבִטָּחָה	וּבְשׁוּבָה	וְיָנוּחַ	וְיִשְׁעוֹ	בְּהַשְׁקֵט	וְיִשְׁעוֹ	וְיִשְׁעוֹ	וְיִשְׁעוֹ
	In returning	and rest	shall ye be saved	in quietness	and in confidence		
	H7729	H5183	H3467	H8252	H985		H1961
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	shall be your strength		and ye would				
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 32:17 (Parallel theme): And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

Luke 13:34 (Parallel theme): O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy

children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!

John 5:40 (Parallel theme): And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

1 Chronicles 5:20 (References God): And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was intreated of them; because they put their trust in him.

2 Chronicles 32:8 (References God): With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

2 Chronicles 16:8 (References Lord): Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand.

Isaiah 30:7 (Parallel theme): For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still.

Hebrews 12:25 (Parallel theme): See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

Isaiah 7:4 (Parallel theme): And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

Matthew 23:37 (Parallel theme): O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!