

Isaiah 33:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.

Analysis

Now will I rise, saith the LORD (עַתָּה אָקָם וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה, attah aqum yomar YHWH)—now (הָעֵת, attah) I will arise (מוֹקֵם, qum), declares Yahweh. **Now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself** (עַתָּה אָרוּם מִעֵתָה אֲשֶׁר אָשָׁא, attah eromam attah enase)—now I will be exalted (רוּם, rum), now I will lift myself up (נָשָׁא, nasa).

The threefold 'now' (הַתָּעַ, attah) marks decisive divine intervention. After patient endurance of Assyrian atrocities (vv. 7-9), God announces: the time has come. The three verbs (arise, be exalted, lift up) emphasize action—God isn't passive observer but active warrior. Psalm 12:5: 'For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD.' When wickedness reaches fullness and God's people cry out, He rises in judgment and deliverance. The divine 'now' may seem delayed by human reckoning, but it comes at the perfect moment.

Historical Context

After Assyria devastated Judah, captured 46 cities, besieged Jerusalem, broke covenants, and destroyed the land (vv. 7-9), God's patience ended. The 'now' came on one night—the angel of the LORD struck 185,000 Assyrian soldiers (Isaiah 37:36). Sennacherib's blasphemous prayer-challenge (Isaiah 37:10-13) triggered divine response (Isaiah 37:21-35). God's timing is perfect—He acts when glory is maximized and need is greatest.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's 'now' of intervention often come after prolonged waiting that tests faith?
2. What does the threefold emphasis (arise, exalted, lift up) reveal about God's decisive action when He finally moves?
3. What situations in your life need God's 'now' of intervention—how can you wait faithfully until it comes?

Interlinear Text

עַתָּה מֵאָתָר יְאֹמֶר יְהֹוָה עַתָּה אָרוֹם מִעַתָּה
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 12:5 (Resurrection): For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.

Amos 6:1 (Parallel theme): Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!

