

Isaiah 35:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Analysis

The "ransomed of the LORD" returning to Zion with singing depicts triumphant homecoming. "Everlasting joy" and sorrow fleeing away describe permanent transformation from mourning to gladness. Revelation 21:4 echoes this promise in the new creation. The "ransomed" (Hebrew "paduwy") emphasizes payment of redemption price, pointing to Christ's atoning work. This glorious procession anticipates believers' entry into heaven's rest, welcomed with joy unspeakable.

Historical Context

This prophecy encouraged exiles with promise of return from Babylon, but its ultimate fulfillment awaits Christ's gathering of all the redeemed.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's ransom price secure our eternal joy and banish sorrow?
2. What does everlasting joy look like compared to temporary earthly pleasures?
3. How should the certainty of this future joy affect our present perspective on suffering?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Revelation 21:4 (Parallel theme): And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Isaiah 30:19 (Parallel theme): For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

Isaiah 25:8 (References Lord): He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

Jude 1:21 (Eternal Life): Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

