

Isaiah 35:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

Analysis

The abundant blossoming and joyful singing demonstrate complete transformation. Lebanon's glory, Carmel's excellence, and Sharon's beauty represent the pinnacle of natural splendor. The promise that "they shall see the glory of the LORD" connects natural restoration to theophany—seeing God Himself is the ultimate blessing. This anticipates the new creation where God's glory illuminates everything (Revelation 21:23). The "excellency of our God" emphasizes covenant relationship ("our God") as the source of all blessing.

Historical Context

Lebanon (cedars), Carmel (vineyards), and Sharon (flowers) were regions famous for natural beauty in ancient Israel. Isaiah uses them to depict abundant restoration.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does seeing God's glory bring greater joy than any earthly blessing?
2. What does the promise of transformation teach about God's power over seemingly impossible situations?
3. How should future glory shape our present worship and service?

Interlinear Text

וְכִי	גַּיל	תְּאַרְיֵן	וְיִתְגַּלֵּל	מִפְּגַּח	חַדְשָׁה	וְכִי
It shall blossom	It shall blossom	and rejoice	even with joy			
H6524	H6524	H1523	H1525	H637		H7442
כְּבוֹד	כְּבוֹד	נָתַן	לְהַ	רְדֵבֶת	לְכִרְמָה	
the glory	of Lebanon	shall be given	^{וְ}	and the excellency	of Carmel	
H3519	H3844	H5414	H0	H1926	H3760	
וְכִי	וְכִי	וְכִי	וְכִי	וְכִי	וְכִי	
and Sharon	^{וְ} they shall see	the glory	of the LORD	and the excellency		
H8289	H1992	H7200	H3519	H3068	H1926	
אֱלֹהִינוּ						
of our God						
H430						

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 60:13 (Glory): The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

Isaiah 25:9 (References God): And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Romans 10:15 (Parallel theme): And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Habakkuk 2:14 (Glory): For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 40:5 (Glory): And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Revelation 21:23 (Glory): And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Isaiah 61:3 (Glory): To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Isaiah 33:9 (Parallel theme): The earth mourneth and languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed and hewn down: Sharon is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruits.

Isaiah 60:19 (Glory): The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

Psalms 50:2 (References God): Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.