

Isaiah 35:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

Analysis

The lame leaping like a deer and the mute tongue singing depict miraculous healing. Jesus' healing miracles (Matthew 11:5) fulfilled this prophecy, demonstrating His messianic identity. The wilderness waters breaking forth symbolizes spiritual refreshment in barren places—the Holy Spirit bringing life where death reigned. This physical-spiritual duality characterizes biblical prophecy: literal healing points to deeper spiritual restoration. The abundance of water in the desert represents the gospel's life-giving power.

Historical Context

Ancient Israel understood healing as divine intervention since medical care was limited. These miracles would unmistakably demonstrate God's presence and power.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do Jesus' healing miracles validate His messianic claims and fulfill prophecy?
2. What spiritual healing do you need that only Christ can provide?
3. How does the gospel bring spiritual water to dry, thirsty souls?

Interlinear Text

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Then shall the lame sing | and the tongue
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וְנַפְלֵל יָמָם מִמְּדֻבָּר נִבְזָע וְ בְּמִדְבָּר
and streams shall waters for in the wilderness break out H4325 H5158

בְּעֵבֶרְבָּהּ:
in the desert
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 32:4 (Parallel theme): The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

Luke 11:14 (Parallel theme): And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

Psalms 51:15 (Parallel theme): O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Matthew 12:22 (Parallel theme): Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

Revelation 22:17 (Parallel theme): And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

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