

Isaiah 35:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

Analysis

The promise "No lion shall be there" removes danger from God's highway, echoing Eden's pre-fall safety and anticipating the peaceable kingdom (Isaiah 11:6-9). "Ravenous beasts" represent spiritual dangers—Satan as a roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8) cannot access this protected way. "The redeemed shall walk there" specifies who travels this highway—only those purchased by God's grace. This security assures believers that nothing can separate them from God's love (Romans 8:38-39).

Historical Context

Travel in the ancient world involved real danger from wild animals and bandits. A safe highway represented unprecedented security and divine protection.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's redemption provide security from spiritual enemies?

2. What does it mean that only the redeemed can walk this way?
3. How should this assurance of security affect our confidence in persevering to glory?

Interlinear Text

לֹא	וְיִהְיֶה	בְּשָׂמֶן	אָרְיוֹן	יְהִי	וְפָרָג	בְּלֹא	חַיִּת
H3808	H1961	H8033	No lion	shall be there nor any ravenous	H6530	beast	H1077
		H738				H2416	
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shall go up	H3808	thereon it shall not be found	H4672	H8033	shall walk	H1980	
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גַּאֲוִילִים:							
there but the redeemed							
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 62:12 (Redemption): And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

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