

Isaiah 37:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such as groweth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

Analysis

The "sign" given to Hezekiah provides tangible evidence of God's promise. "Ye shall eat this year such as groweth of itself" and next year "that which springeth of the same" describes two years without normal planting due to Assyrian invasion's disruption. "In the third year sow ye" promises return to normalcy, indicating Assyria will be gone. This sign requires faith—waiting two years for fulfillment tests trust. The agricultural timeline demonstrates God's promise extends beyond immediate crisis to long-term restoration.

Historical Context

Assyrian invasions disrupted agricultural cycles. Soldiers trampled fields, preventing normal planting and harvest. The sign's multi-year timeline showed God's comprehensive restoration plan.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does God provide tangible signs to strengthen faith during waiting periods?
2. What does the multi-year timeline teach about trusting God's promises beyond immediate relief?
3. How do we maintain faith when God's timeline extends longer than we prefer?

Interlinear Text

וְזֶה	לָךְ	הָא וְת	וּבְשָׁנָה	וְאָכֹל	סִפּ יִם
H2088	H0	And this shall be a sign	and eat	this year	such as groweth
		H226	H398	H8141	H5599
וּבְשָׁנָה	הַשָּׁנָה	יִשְׁחַיִּים	וּבְשָׁנָה		
this year	of itself and the second	that which springeth	this year		
H8141	H8145	H7823	H8141		
הַשְּׁלִישִׁית	זָרַע וְ	וְקָצַר וְ	וְנָטַע וְ	כְּרָמִים	וְאָכֹל
of the same and in the third	sow	ye and reap	and plant	vineyards	and eat
H7992	H2232	H7114	H5193	H3754	H398
פְּרִיָּם:					
the fruit					
H6529					

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 19:29 (Parallel theme): And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

Isaiah 7:14 (Parallel theme): Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Exodus 3:12 (Parallel theme): And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

2 Kings 20:9 (Parallel theme): And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?

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