

Isaiah 37:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:

Analysis

The metaphor "the remnant that is escaped...shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward" uses agricultural imagery for spiritual reality. Deep roots represent firm foundation in God's promises; upward fruit represents visible blessing. This promise assures that despite devastation, the remnant will not just survive but thrive. The vertical metaphor emphasizes both hidden depth (relationship with God) and visible growth (observable blessing). Judah's future depends on spiritual depth, not merely escaping immediate danger.

Historical Context

After Assyria destroyed most of Judah, only Jerusalem and a few cities remained. God promises this remnant will become foundation for restored nation.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does spiritual depth (roots) enable fruitful ministry (upward fruit)?
2. What does it mean to be part of the remnant that survives judgment?

3. How can we cultivate deep spiritual roots during times of upheaval?

Interlinear Text

וְסָפָה	פָּלִיטָה	בֵּית	יְהוּדָה	הַנִּשְׁאָרִים	שֶׁרֶשׁ
shall again	that is escaped	of the house	of Judah	And the remnant	take root
H3254	H6413	H1004	H3063	H7604	H8328
לְמַטָּה	וְנִשָּׂא	פֶּרִי	לְמַעַל:		
downward	and bear	fruit	upward		
H4295	H6213	H6529	H4605		

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 27:6 (Parallel theme): He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

Psalms 80:9 (Parallel theme): Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

Romans 11:5 (Parallel theme): Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

Romans 9:27 (Parallel theme): Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: