

Isaiah 37:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

Analysis

God's promise "I will send a blast upon him" refers to divine intervention in Sennacherib's spirit—God controls even the thoughts and decisions of pagan kings (Proverbs 21:1). The prophecy that he will "hear a rumour" and return home, then "cause him to fall by the sword in his own land" predicts specific details of judgment. This demonstrates God's sovereignty over history—He doesn't merely react to events but orchestrates them according to His purposes. The precision of fulfilled prophecy validates God's word.

Historical Context

Historical records confirm Sennacherib withdrew from Judah, then was later assassinated by his sons (verse 38). The prophecy's exact fulfillment demonstrates divine foreknowledge.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's control over rulers' decisions encourage faith during political turmoil?
2. What does fulfilled prophecy teach about trusting God's promises regarding future events?
3. How should God's sovereignty over enemy plans affect our prayer life?

Interlinear Text

הִנֵּנִי י' H2005	בֹּיֵא נִי Behold I will send H5414	בּוֹ H0	רֹחַ a blast H7307	וְשָׁמַע upon him and he shall hear H8085	שְׁמוֹעַ ה' a rumour H8052
וְשָׁב and return H7725	אֶל H413	בְּאֶרְצוֹ in his own land H776	וְהִפַּלְתִּי יוֹ and I will cause him to fall H5307	בְּחֶרֶב by the sword H2719	
	בְּאֶרְצוֹ in his own land H776				

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 37:9 (Parallel theme): And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

2 Chronicles 32:21 (Word): And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword.