

# Isaiah 38:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I said, I shall not see the LORD, even the LORD, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

## Analysis

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The grief "I shall not see the LORD" expresses deepest loss—death means separation from conscious worship and God's presence. "Even the LORD, in the land of the living" emphasizes that relationship with God belongs to earthly life in Old Testament understanding. The parallel "I shall behold man no more" adds relational loss—community and fellowship end at death. This pre-resurrection perspective makes death genuinely tragic, unlike New Testament confidence of presence with Christ (Philippians 1:23).

## Historical Context

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Before Christ's resurrection, the afterlife remained shadowy. Old Testament saints trusted God but lacked clear revelation of resurrection hope and eternal life.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does Christ's resurrection transform our view of death from Hezekiah's perspective?
2. What does Hezekiah's grief teach about the value of worship and community?
3. How should we balance proper grief over death with resurrection hope?

## Interlinear Text

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בָּא	רָצִי	לֹא	אָמַת	רָתַי	אָרַא	הָ	אָרַא	הָ	לֹא	אָמַת	רָתַי
I said	H3808	I shall not see		even the LORD		even the LORD		even the LORD		in the land	
	H559		H7200		H3050		H3050		H776		
עִם	עִזִּים	לֹא	בְּמִינֵי	אָבִים	אָבִים	אָבִים	אָבִים	אָבִים	לֹא	בְּמִינֵי	עִם
of the living	H3808	I shall behold		man		H5750		H5973			
	H2416		H5027		H120						
וְשָׁבֵי	וְשָׁבֵי	בְּלָדָה									
no more with the inhabitants	H3427	of the world	H2309								

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 27:13** (References Lord): I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

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