

Isaiah 38:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city.

Analysis

God's additional promise "I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria" connects Hezekiah's healing to national deliverance. The declaration "I will defend this city" shows that the king's personal healing serves larger purposes—he must live to see Jerusalem's deliverance. This demonstrates that individual lives have significance in God's comprehensive plan. Personal answered prayer sometimes serves broader kingdom purposes. God's concern extends beyond one person to encompass His people and purposes.

Historical Context

This promise came before Sennacherib's invasion (chapters 36-37), showing chronological displacement in Isaiah's arrangement. The thematic connection emphasizes God's comprehensive deliverance.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does God sometimes extend individual lives for larger kingdom purposes?
2. What does the connection between personal and corporate deliverance teach about our significance in God's plan?
3. How should awareness of serving God's broader purposes affect our prayers and life priorities?

Interlinear Text

מֵ יָד	מִלְּנָגָד	אֶשְׁוֹר	אֵצֶל	אֵת	בְּעֵיר
out of the hand	of the king	of Assyria	And I will deliver		thee and this city
H3709	H4428	H804	H5337	H853	H5892
בְּזַאת	עַל	בְּעֵיר	בְּזַאת		
בְּזַאת	וְגַדּוֹת	בְּעֵיר	בְּזַאת		
H2063	and I will defend	H1598	thee and this city	H2063	

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 37:35 (Parallel theme): For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

Isaiah 12:6 (Parallel theme): Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

2 Chronicles 32:22 (Kingdom): Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every side.

2 Timothy 4:17 (Parallel theme): Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.