

Isaiah 38:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And this shall be a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken;

Analysis

The shadow moving backward ten degrees is a supernatural sign validating God's promise, demonstrating His sovereign control over creation's natural laws. This miracle, like Joshua's long day, shows that the God who established physical laws can suspend them for redemptive purposes. The sign's visibility throughout the ancient Near East (2 Chronicles 32:31) served as international testimony to Yahweh's power.

Historical Context

The 'sundial of Ahaz' was likely a stairway or pillar where shadows marked time. Babylonian astronomical records may preserve evidence of this event. This miracle occurred in an era of developing astronomical science, making it particularly evidential.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What 'signs' has God given you to strengthen your faith in His promises?

2. How can God's past faithfulness sustain you through present uncertainties?

Interlinear Text

וְזֶה	לָךְ	הָא וְת	מֵאָת	יְהוָה	אֲשֶׁר	יַעֲשֶׂה
H2088	H0	And this shall be a sign	H853	that the LORD	H834	will do
		H226		H3068		H6213
יְהוָה	אֶת	הַדָּבָר	הַזֶּה	אֲשֶׁר	דִּבֶּר:	
that the LORD	H853	this thing	H2088	H834	that he hath spoken	
H3068		H1697			H1696	

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 37:30 (Parallel theme): 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.

Genesis 9:13 (Parallel theme): I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.