

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

Psalm 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

וְיֹהֵה לֹבֶן בְּאֹתָם מֵאַת יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר יַעֲשֶׂה הַזְרִים
H2088 H0 And this shall be a sign H226 H853 that the LORD H3068 H834 will do H6213

יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר בְּזֶה פְּזֶבֶל אָתָה דְּבָרָם
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.

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