

Isaiah 4:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

Analysis

The tabernacle/booth provides fourfold protection: shade from heat, refuge from storm, hiding from rain, covering from flood. This comprehensive security imagery depicts God as ultimate shelter for His remnant people (Psalm 91:1-4). The language anticipates eschatological security where God wipes away every tear and removes all danger (Revelation 7:16-17; 21:4). This concludes chapter 4's movement from judgment (4:1) through purification (4:3-4) to restoration and protection (4:5-6)—the pattern of God's redemptive work.

Historical Context

Wilderness tabernacle protected Israel from harsh environment. Isaiah promises similar divine protection for the purified remnant, fulfilled partially in restoration from exile and ultimately in Christ's kingdom.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How do we experience God as 'covering' and 'refuge' amid present trials?
2. What does comprehensive divine protection teach about the security of those in Christ?

Interlinear Text

וְסֶכֶה	תְּהִי הַ	לְצֵל	יוֹמָם	מִחַרְבַּת
And there shall be a tabernacle	H1961	for a shadow	in the daytime	from the heat
H5521		H6738	H3119	H2721
וּלְמַחְסֵה	וּלְמִסְתֹּר	מִזֶּרֶם	וּמִמָּטָר:	
and for a place of refuge	and for a covert	from storm	and from rain	
H4268	H4563	H2230	H4306	

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 25:4 (Parallel theme): For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

Psalms 27:5 (Temple): For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Isaiah 32:2 (Parallel theme): And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

Isaiah 8:14 (Temple): And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Proverbs 18:10 (Parallel theme): The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Revelation 7:16 (Parallel theme): They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

Hebrews 6:18 (Parallel theme): That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

Hebrews 11:7 (Parallel theme): By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Psalms 91:1 (Parallel theme): He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

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