

Isaiah 42:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come?

Analysis

The prophet calls for attentive response: 'Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come?' The Hebrew 'azan' (give ear) and 'qashab' (attend) emphasize careful, ongoing attention. Past failure demands present learning for future wisdom.

Historical Context

This challenges both contemporary exiles and future generations to learn from Israel's history. God's judgments teach lessons that must be heeded to avoid repeating tragic patterns.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What lessons from biblical history are you failing to apply to present circumstances?
2. How can you give attentive ear to Scripture's warnings for your spiritual future?

Interlinear Text

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Who among you will give ear

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לִפְנֵי בָּזֶה

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to this who will hearken

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and hear

for the time to come

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 48:18 (Parallel theme): O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

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