

Isaiah 44:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

Analysis

The imagery of grass among waters and willows by watercourses pictures flourishing life sustained by abundant water. Spiritually, this describes the effect of the Spirit's outpouring on Israel's descendants. The natural growth of well-watered plants illustrates supernatural spiritual vitality that comes from God's Spirit rather than human effort.

Historical Context

In contrast to the barrenness of exile, God promises a future of spiritual abundance. This imagery resonates with Psalm 1:3 where the blessed person is like a tree planted by water streams.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What does flourishing spiritual life look like in your daily experience?
2. How does the Spirit's presence bring vitality that human effort cannot produce?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּצְמַח וְ	בֵּי יוֹ	חֹצֵ יֵר	כַּעֲרֵב יֵם	עַל	יְבֵלֵי
And they shall spring up	as among	the grass	as willows	H5921	courses
H6779	H996	H2682	H6155		H2988
מֵיִם:					
by the water					
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 58:11 (Parallel theme): And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Psalms 1:3 (Parallel theme): And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Ezekiel 17:5 (Parallel theme): He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed it by great waters, and set it as a willow tree.

Acts 4:4 (Parallel theme): Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.