

Isaiah 52:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Analysis

The exclamation 'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings' celebrates messengers announcing salvation. The progression of good news (publishes peace, brings good tidings, publishes salvation) culminates in 'that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!' Paul applies this to gospel preachers in Romans 10:15, showing that Christ's salvation is the ultimate 'good tidings.'

Historical Context

Runners brought news of Babylon's fall and permission to return - literally 'good tidings' to exiles. Spiritually, every gospel proclamation announces that 'thy God reigneth' - Christ's kingdom has come. The 'beautiful feet' honor humble messengers bearing glorious news.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does viewing gospel witness as 'beautiful feet' bringing good tidings motivate your evangelism?
2. What does it mean that the core gospel message is 'thy God reigneth' - God's sovereignty as good news?

Interlinear Text

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H4100	How beautiful	H5921	upon the mountains	are the feet
	H4998		H2022	H7272
	מִבֵּשׁ רַ	מְשַׁמֵּי יַעַ	שָׁלֹוֹם	
	of him that bringeth good tidings	that publisheth	peace	
	H1319	H8085	H7965	
	מִבֵּשׁ רַ	טוֹב	מְשַׁמֵּי יַעַ	יְשׁוּעָה הַ
	of him that bringeth good tidings	of good	that publisheth	salvation
	H1319	H2896	H8085	H3444
				אֵימֶר הַ
				that saith
				H559
לְצִיּוֹן	מֶלֶךְ הַ	אֱלֹהֶיךָ:		
unto Zion	reigneth	Thy God		
H6726	H4427	H430		

Additional Cross-References

Nahum 1:15 (Peace): Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

Mark 16:15 (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Isaiah 40:9 (Good): O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Psalms 93:1 (Kingdom): The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

Isaiah 24:23 (Kingdom): Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

Ephesians 6:15 (Peace): And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Matthew 28:18 (Parallel theme): And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Psalms 68:11 (Parallel theme): The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

Mark 13:10 (Parallel theme): And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

Luke 2:10 (Good): And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.