

Isaiah 57:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.

Analysis

The assurance 'He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness' describes death as entering rest for the faithful. The phrase 'walking in uprightness' emphasizes that peace comes through righteousness, not compromise. This demolishes fear of death for believers - it's entrance into peace, not punishment. The 'rest in their beds' imagery depicts peaceful, dignified transition from earthly labor to heavenly rest.

Historical Context

Contrasted with wicked dying violently (v. 20-21), the righteous experience peaceful death as entry into God's presence. This anticipates Hebrews 4:9-11's 'rest for the people of God' and Revelation 14:13 ('Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord...they rest from their labours').

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does viewing death as 'entering peace' rather than tragic end transform your attitude toward mortality?
2. What does it mean to 'walk in uprightness' such that death becomes restful transition rather than terrifying judgment?

Interlinear Text

יָבֹא	שָׁלֵם	יָנֻחוּ	עַל	מִשְׁכְּבוֹתָם	הֵלְךְ
He shall enter	into peace	they shall rest	H5921	in their beds	each one walking
H935	H7965	H5117		H4904	H1980
נֶכְחָיו:					
in his uprightness					
H5228					

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 14:13 (Parallel theme): And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

2 Corinthians 5:1 (Parallel theme): For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Luke 2:29 (Peace): Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

Job 3:17 (Parallel theme): There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest.

Matthew 25:21 (Parallel theme): His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

2 Corinthians 5:8 (Parallel theme): We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Luke 7:50 (Peace): And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

2 Chronicles 16:14 (Parallel theme): And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 (Parallel theme): Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Luke 16:22 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;