

Isaiah 59:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.

Analysis

The rush to evil is described: 'Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood.' Paul quotes this in Romans 3:15-17 to prove universal sinfulness. The Hebrew 'mahar' (make haste) shows eagerness, not reluctant falling into sin. Desolation and destruction characterize their paths.

Historical Context

This verse appears in Paul's catena of Old Testament texts proving all are under sin. The combination of Isaiah with Psalms and Proverbs creates a comprehensive indictment.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What does the eagerness to do evil ('make haste') reveal about the human heart?

2. How does Paul's use of this verse in Romans 3 shape your understanding of human sinfulness?

Interlinear Text

בְּגֵלֵיהֶם	לָרַע	יָרֻצוּ	וַיַּמְהֲרוּ	לְשַׁפֹּךְ	דָּם	נֶקִי
Their feet	to evil	run	and they make haste	to shed	blood	innocent
H7272	H7451	H7323	H4116	H8210	H1818	H5355
מַחְשְׁבֹת	מַחְשְׁבֹת	אֵין	שׁוֹד	וְשִׁמְרָה	בְּמַסְלֹתֵיהֶם:	
are thoughts	are thoughts	of iniquity	wasting	and destruction	are in their paths	
H4284	H4284	H205	H7701	H7667	H4546	

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 6:17 (Blood): A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

Proverbs 1:16 (Blood): For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.