Isaiah 7:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

> And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes.

Analysis

The invading forces settling in 'desolate valleys' and 'holes of the rocks' and 'upon all thorns, and upon all bushes' depicts comprehensive occupation—no refuge remains. The imagery shows that when God commissions judgment, escape is impossible; invaders penetrate every hiding place. This fulfills covenant curse threats (Leviticus 26:36-37) and demonstrates that rebellion leaves no sanctuary except returning to God in repentance.

Historical Context

Assyrian and later Babylonian invasions devastated Judah's countryside, with refugees filling caves and remote areas. Archaeology reveals 7th-6th century destruction layers throughout Judah.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the comprehensiveness of divine judgment underscore the urgency of repentance?
2. What 'refuges' do we trust in that offer no protection when God determines discipline?

Interlinear Text

וּבָ או	וְנָח וּ	כֵלָם י בְּנַחֲלֵ	הַבַּת וֹת
And they shall come	**and shall rest**	H3605 **valleys**	**all of them in the desolate**
H935	H5117	H5158	H1327

וּבִנְקִיקֵ י	הַסְּלָעִ ים	וּבְכֹל	וּבְכֹ ל הַנַ עֲצוּצִ ים
and in the holes	**of the rocks**	H3605	**and upon all bushes** H3605
H5357	H5553		H5097

הַנַּהֲלֹלִים:

and upon all thorns
H5285

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 2:19 (Parallel theme): And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

Jeremiah 16:16 (Parallel theme): Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.