

Isaiah 7:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

Analysis

The report that 'Syria is confederate with Ephraim' caused Ahaz's and the people's hearts to move 'as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind' depicts paralyzing fear despite God's promises. This terror reveals lack of faith—trusting circumstances over covenant. The imagery anticipates Jesus' contrast between those founded on rock versus sand (Matthew 7:24-27), showing that faith provides stability while unbelief brings instability.

Historical Context

Two-front threat (Syria from north, Israel from central highlands) appeared militarily overwhelming. Ahaz faced pressure to seek Assyrian alliance rather than trust God.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What circumstances cause our hearts to 'move like trees' rather than rest in God's promises?
2. How does fear reveal functional unbelief despite professed faith?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּד	לְבַיִת	דָּוִד	יֹאמַר	נִקְהָה	אֲכָזְרָא	עַל
And it was told	the house	of David	saying	is confederate	Syria	H5921
H5046	H1004	H1732	H559	H5117	H758	
אֶפְרַיִם	כָּנֻעִים	וְלִבּוֹ	וְלִבּוֹ	עַמּוֹ	כָּנֻעִים	
with Ephraim	are moved	And his heart	And his heart	of his people	are moved	
H669	H5128	H3824	H3824	H5971	H5128	
עֲצֵי	יַעַר	מִפְּנֵי	רוּחַ:			
as the trees	of the wood	with	the wind			
H6086	H3293	H6440	H7307			

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 7:13 (References David): And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?

Isaiah 8:12 (Parallel theme): Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

Isaiah 9:9 (Parallel theme): And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart,

Proverbs 28:1 (Parallel theme): The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.