

Isaiah 9:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Analysis

This verse describes the unending kingdom of the Messiah, emphasizing both its perpetual duration and its character of justice and righteousness. The promise that it will be established 'upon the throne of David' connects it to God's covenant with David (2 Samuel 7), ensuring a descendant would reign forever. The phrase 'the zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this' affirms that this is God's work, not human achievement, guaranteeing its fulfillment through divine passion and power.

Historical Context

Written during Assyria's threat to Israel (8th century BC), this prophecy offered hope for a future righteous king when earthly monarchs repeatedly failed. The angel Gabriel specifically referenced this prophecy when announcing Jesus's birth to Mary (Luke 1:32-33). Jesus's resurrection and ascension initiated this eternal kingdom, which continues to expand through the preaching of the gospel and will culminate in His return and eternal reign.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does the eternal nature of Christ's kingdom differ from earthly kingdoms that rise and fall?
2. What does it mean that God's 'zeal' will accomplish this, and how should this affect our confidence in His promises?

Interlinear Text

עַל	קֵץ	אֵין	וְלִשְׁלֹמֹה	הַמִּשְׁכָּה	הַלְּמִרְבֵּה
H5921	there shall be no end	H369	and peace	of his government	Of the increase
	H7093		H7965	H4951	H4766
אֵתָהּ	לְהַכִּיּוֹן	מַמְלַכְתּוֹ	וְעַל	דָּוִד	כִּסֵּא
H853	to order	and upon his kingdom	H5921	of David	upon the throne
	H3559	H4467		H1732	H3678
מִעֲתָהּ	וּבְצִדִּיקָהּ	הַ	בְּמִשְׁפָּט	וְלִסְמֹךָ	הָ
H6258	and with justice		it with judgment	it and to establish	
	H6666		H4941	H5582	
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will perform	of hosts	of the LORD	The zeal	ever	from henceforth even for
H6213	H6635	H3068	H7068	H5769	H5704
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H2063					

Additional Cross-References

Daniel 2:44 (Kingdom): And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Daniel 7:14 (Kingdom): And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

2 Samuel 7:16 (Kingdom): And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

Daniel 2:35 (Parallel theme): Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 7:27 (Kingdom): And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Hebrews 1:8 (Righteousness): But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

Isaiah 37:32 (References Lord): For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

Jeremiah 23:5 (Righteousness): Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

Isaiah 16:5 (Righteousness): And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.

Psalms 2:8 (Parallel theme): Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

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