

Luke 13:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Analysis

Jesus declares: 'Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord' (ἰδοὺ ἀφίεται ὑμῖν ὁ οἶκος ὑμῶν ἔρημος· λέγω δὲ ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐ μή με ἴδητε ἕως ἡξει ὅτε εἴπητε, Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι κυρίου). 'Your house' (ὁ οἶκος ὑμῶν) likely refers to the temple, once called 'my Father's house' (John 2:16) but now abandoned by God. The passive 'aphietai' (ἀφίεται, is left) indicates divine judgment—God withdraws His presence. The future clause anticipates Israel's recognition of Messiah at His second coming (Romans 11:25-26, Zechariah 12:10).

Historical Context

Within one generation of Jesus' prophecy, the temple was destroyed (AD 70), never rebuilt. The phrase 'Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord' quotes Psalm 118:26, which crowds had shouted during Jesus' triumphal entry (Luke 19:38). Their rejection turned blessing to judgment, but Jesus promises future restoration when Israel will genuinely acknowledge Him as Messiah. This fits the prophetic pattern of judgment followed by restoration (Deuteronomy 30:1-6, Hosea 5:15-6:3).

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does the shift from calling the temple God's house to your house mark the tragic consequence of rejecting Christ?
2. What does the promise of future recognition teach about God's faithfulness to His covenant promises despite human unfaithfulness?

Interlinear Text

ἰδού, ἀφίεται ὑμῖν ὁ οἶκος ὑμῶν ἔρημος· ἀμὴν δὲ
Behold is left unto you house your desolate verily and
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λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐ μὴ με ἴδητε ἔως ἂν ἥξῃ,
I say unto you G3754 G3756 G3361 me Ye shall until G302 the time come
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ὅτε εἴπητε Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἔρχόμενος ἐν ὄνόματι
when ye shall say Blessed G3588 is he that cometh in the name
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 118:26 (Blessing): Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

Matthew 21:9 (Blessing): And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

John 12:13 (Blessing): Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Zechariah 12:10 (Parallel theme): And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

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