

Proverbs 10:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.

Analysis

As the whirlwind passes, so is the wicked no more; but the righteous is an everlasting foundation. The wicked's existence is temporary, swept away like debris in a storm. The righteous endures permanently, providing stable foundation. The contrast between temporary and eternal existence reflects covenant theology - the wicked perish but the righteous inherit eternal life. This long-view perspective relativizes temporary suffering while affirming eternal significance.

Historical Context

Uses natural disaster imagery familiar in ancient Near East where whirlwinds could devastate crops and structures. Applied to human existence, the metaphor depicts the wicked's temporary nature versus the righteous's permanence.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does the temporary nature of wickedness affect your response to present injustice?

2. In what ways are you building your life on everlasting foundation versus temporary expedients?

Interlinear Text

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passeth	As the whirlwind	H369	so is the wicked	no more but the righteous
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foundation	is an everlasting			
H3247	H5769			

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 15:5 (Parallel theme): He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Psalms 58:9 (Parallel theme): Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in his wrath.

Proverbs 12:3 (Righteousness): A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

Isaiah 40:24 (Parallel theme): Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.

Job 21:18 (Parallel theme): They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away.

Proverbs 12:7 (Righteousness): The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

Proverbs 1:27 (Parallel theme): When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

Ephesians 2:20 (Parallel theme): And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

Matthew 16:18 (Parallel theme): And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

1 Timothy 6:19 (Eternal Life): Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

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