

Proverbs 11:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, there is shouting.

Analysis

When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; and when the wicked perish, there is shouting. Righteous prosperity benefits the whole community, producing celebration. Wicked destruction also brings joy because their oppression ends. This verse establishes that individual righteousness or wickedness affects corporate welfare. The righteous person's success blesses society; the wicked person's downfall relieves it.

Historical Context

Reflects covenant community where individual and corporate welfare were interconnected. Righteous leaders brought national blessing; wicked rulers brought national suffering.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does your flourishing or failure affect your community for good or ill?

2. Do you rejoice in the righteous's success and the wicked's downfall appropriately?

Interlinear Text

וְבָאֶבֶד	זָרַתִּי	הַ	תַּעֲלֵז	צָדִיקִים	בָּטָבֵב
When it goeth well	with the righteous		rejoiceth	the city	perish
H2898	H6662		H5970	H7151	H6
רְשָׁעַ יָמִים	רְגָה:				
and when the wicked	there is shouting				
H7563	H7440				

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 28:12 (Righteousness): When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.

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