

Proverbs 6:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.

Analysis

Calamity will come suddenly; in a moment he'll be destroyed without remedy. The Hebrew 'peta' (suddenly/instant) and 'sheber' (breaking/destruction) describe catastrophic judgment arriving without warning. 'No remedy' ('ein marpeh') indicates irreversible ruin. This verse warns that divine patience has limits. God endures long, but judgment eventually falls decisively. Presuming on patience leads to sudden destruction.

Historical Context

Biblical history demonstrates this pattern: Noah's flood, Sodom/Gomorrah's fire, Korah's earth-swallowing, Ananias/Sapphira's death - all came suddenly after persistent sin. Second Peter 3:9-10 teaches God's patience shouldn't be mistaken for inaction: 'The Lord...is longsuffering...not willing that any should perish...But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night.'

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What persistent sins might be bringing you toward sudden calamity without remedy?
2. How does God's current patience relate to potential future judgment?
3. What repentance might prevent sudden destruction that's otherwise inevitable?

Interlinear Text

עַל		כִּי	פֶּתַחַם	בְּאֵת	אֵת		פֶּתַע
H5921		H3651	suddenly	come	Therefore shall his calamity		suddenly
			H6597	H935		H343	H6621
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shall he be broken		H369	without remedy				
		H7665		H4832			

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 19:11 (Parallel theme): And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury.

2 Chronicles 36:16 (Parallel theme): But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

1 Thessalonians 5:3 (Parallel theme): For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

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.

