

Psalms 102:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

Analysis

The dramatic shift from lament to confidence begins here with 'But thou, O LORD.' God's eternal throne contrasts with human transience. 'The set time' (moed) indicates God's appointed moment for deliverance, affirming His sovereignty over history. This confident assertion anticipates the prophetic restoration of Zion. The Reformed doctrine of God's eternal decrees assures believers that all history unfolds according to His perfect timing. Christ's first and second advents demonstrate God's precision in fulfilling His purposes at the appointed times (Gal 4:4).

Historical Context

This verse likely refers to the prophesied 70-year Babylonian exile (Jer 25:11-12, 29:10). God's 'set time' for Zion's restoration would have given hope to exiled Israelites that their suffering had a divinely appointed end.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does trusting God's perfect timing help you endure when deliverance seems delayed?
2. What biblical examples of God's 'set times' strengthen your faith in His promises?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 60:1 (Resurrection): Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

Galatians 4:4 (Parallel theme): But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Isaiah 40:2 (Parallel theme): Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.

Psalms 44:26 (Resurrection): Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

2 Peter 3:8 (Parallel theme): But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Psalms 7:6 (Resurrection): Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded.

2 Peter 3:12 (Parallel theme): Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Acts 1:7 (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Jeremiah 31:23 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, and mountain of holiness.

Daniel 12:9 (Parallel theme): And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.