

Psalms 102:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

Analysis

God's building of Zion and appearing in glory represent His powerful intervention on behalf of His people. 'Build up' (banah) suggests complete reconstruction, not mere repair. God's glory (kabod) manifesting there signifies His presence returning. This prophecy found partial fulfillment in the return from exile but awaits ultimate consummation in the New Jerusalem (Rev 21:10-11) where God's glory illuminates the city. Christ is both the builder and the glory of God's dwelling place.

Historical Context

The rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls under Nehemiah (Neh 2-6) and the temple under Zerubbabel (Ezra 3-6) partially fulfilled this prophecy. However, the prophets anticipated a more glorious restoration in the messianic age.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do you see God building His spiritual temple, the church, in your generation?
2. What does your life as a 'living stone' (1 Pet 2:5) contribute to God's building project?

Interlinear Text

כִּי	בָּנָה	יְהוָה	צִיּוֹן	נִרְאֶה	בְּכְבוֹדוֹ:
H3588	shall build up H1129	When the LORD H3068	Zion H6726	he shall appear H7200	in his glory H3519

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 147:2 (References Lord): The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

Jeremiah 33:7 (Parallel theme): And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.