

Psalm 49:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

Analysis

The destination: 'He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.' Despite present glory, the wealthy joins ancestors in death's darkness. 'Never see light' indicates not just physical death but exclusion from God's presence, which is light. The eternal destiny contradicts temporal prosperity.

Historical Context

Sheol was conceived as a place of darkness, silence, and separation from God's active presence. 'Never see light' suggests permanent exclusion from life and blessing.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What does 'never see light' indicate about eternal destiny?
2. How does this verse serve as a warning against trusting in wealth?

Interlinear Text

לֹא נִצְחַת עַד אֲבוֹתֵינוּ
they shall never be overcome by the fathers of us

He shall go to the generation of his fathers

אָוֶר: !רְאֵוֹן
see light

אָוֶר: !רְאֵוֹן

see light

Additional Cross-References

Job 33:30 (Light): To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

Psalms 56:13 (Light): For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

Genesis 15:15 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

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