

Psalms 7:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

Analysis

This verse uses birth imagery to describe sin's progression. 'Travaileth' (labor pains), 'conceived,' and 'brought forth' show sin's development from internal corruption to external expression. 'Iniquity' is conceived, 'mischief' is carried, and 'falsehood' is born. This progression teaches that sin begins in the heart before manifesting in action. James 1:14-15 uses similar birth metaphor. The imagery shows sin's productivity - it never remains static but always produces fruit, ultimately bringing forth death.

Historical Context

Birth imagery for sin appears throughout wisdom literature. The progression from conception to birth would resonate with David's audience. This reflects Hebrew psychology understanding that actions flow from heart conditions. Jesus taught the same principle - evil comes from within (Mark 7:21-23).

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What sinful 'conceptions' are you nurturing in your heart that will eventually give birth to sinful actions?
2. How can you abort sinful thoughts before they develop into full-blown transgressions?

Interlinear Text

וְיֵדֶת	וְיִמְכַלֵּל	וְאֵל	וְיִקְרַב	וְעַמְלָתָה
H2009	Behold he travaileth	with iniquity	and hath conceived	mischief
	H2254	H205	H2029	H5999
וְבָרָךְ	שְׁלֵרָה			
and brought forth	falsehood			
H3205	H8267			

Additional Cross-References

Job 15:35 (Parallel theme): They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

James 1:15 (Sin): Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Isaiah 33:11 (Parallel theme): Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath, as fire, shall devour you.

Job 15:20 (Parallel theme): The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.