

Psalms 72:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

Analysis

Agricultural abundance—'handful of corn on mountain tops' producing fruit like Lebanon, and cities flourishing like grass—depicts unprecedented prosperity. Mountains' stony soil makes grain cultivation difficult, yet in this reign, even challenging terrain produces bountifully. Urban populations ('cities') flourish alongside rural productivity. This comprehensive blessing anticipates the earth's fruitfulness when creation is renewed under Christ's reign (Isaiah 35:1-7, Romans 8:21).

Historical Context

Lebanon was famous for cedar forests and fertile valleys. Comparing city growth to grass suggests rapid, abundant increase. This hyperbolic language points to messianic age's supernatural blessing beyond natural possibility.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's reign promise eventual restoration of creation's productivity and beauty?
2. What spiritual 'fruitfulness' should characterize life under King Jesus's authority?
3. How can you cultivate 'fruit' even in challenging circumstances through Christ's power?

Interlinear Text

יְהִי	כֶּסֶת	בְּרָא	הָאָרֶץ:	בְּרָא אֵשׁ
H1961	There shall be an handful	of corn	in the earth	upon the top
	H6451	H1250	H776	H7218
הַרִים	יָרַע שׁ	כְּלֶבֶן וְ	פְּרִי וְ	יִצֹּץ יִצֹּץ
of the mountains	thereof shall shake	like Lebanon	the fruit	shall flourish
H2022	H7493	H3844	H6529	H6692
וְהָעִיר	כְּעֵשְׂב	הָאָרֶץ:		
and they of the city	like grass	in the earth		
H5892	H6212	H776		

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 7:9 (Parallel theme): After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;