

Psalms 72:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

Analysis

Mountains and hills bringing peace and righteousness depicts comprehensive prosperity—even topography participates in the blessing of righteous rule. 'Peace' (shalom) encompasses wholeness, flourishing, and right relationships. Righteousness produces peace (Isaiah 32:17); unjust rule creates chaos. This vision anticipates the Messianic kingdom where nature itself participates in redemption's blessings (Isaiah 11:6-9, Romans 8:21). Christ's reign brings cosmic renewal, not just individual salvation.

Historical Context

Mountains and hills were strategic military positions. Their bringing peace rather than war symbolized security under just governance. Agricultural abundance also depended on rain on hills, making this image include both security and provision.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does righteous leadership create conditions for broad societal flourishing (peace)?
2. What does it mean that even creation (mountains, hills) participates in the blessings of Christ's reign?
3. How can you work for 'peace' (shalom) in your community through promoting righteousness and justice?

Interlinear Text

וְשָׂא	הַר יָם	שָׁלֹוֹם	לְעַם	וְגִבְעֹת
shall bring	The mountains	peace	to the people	and the little hills
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 52:7 (Peace): How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!