

Psalms 72:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

Analysis

In righteous reign, 'the righteous shall flourish' and 'abundance of peace' prevails 'so long as the moon endureth.' Justice enables the godly to thrive; peace becomes permanent, not occasional. The astronomical timeframe emphasizes that this blessing is essentially eternal. While Solomon's reign briefly approximated this vision, only Christ's millennial and eternal kingdom fully realizes it. Righteousness and peace kiss in Christ's reign (Psalm 85:10).

Historical Context

Solomon's early reign approached this ideal—prosperity, peace, flourishing arts and wisdom (1 Kings 4:20-34). Yet human sin eventually corrupted even this best-case scenario, pointing beyond to the need for a perfect king.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's reign create conditions where righteousness flourishes rather than being suppressed?

2. What does 'abundance of peace' look like personally, corporately in the church, and ultimately in Christ's kingdom?
3. How can you promote environments where righteousness and peace flourish in your sphere of influence?

Interlinear Text

יִפְרֹחַ	בְּיָמָיו	צִדִּיק	וְרַב	שָׁלוֹם	עַד	בְּלִי יָ
flourish	In his days	shall the righteous	and abundance	of peace	H5704	H1097
H6524	H3117	H6662	H7230	H7965		
יָרֵם:						
so long as the moon						
H3394						

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 2:4 (Parallel theme): And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Psalms 92:12 (Righteousness): The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Malachi 4:2 (Righteousness): But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Isaiah 60:22 (Parallel theme): A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.

Luke 2:14 (Peace): Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.