

Psalms 92:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever:

Analysis

The imagery of wicked prosperity as grass that springs up contains both botanical observation and prophetic judgment. Though grass appears quickly and abundantly, it has no permanence. The phrase 'destroyed forever' (shamad ad) emphasizes complete, eternal ruin—not temporary setback. This verse addresses the perennial problem of theodicy: why do the wicked prosper? The answer: their flourishing is brief and deceptive, while their destruction is permanent.

Historical Context

Written in an agricultural society where the contrast between grass and perennial plants was vivid, this metaphor would have immediate resonance with the original audience.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Isaiah 37:27 (Parallel theme): Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded: they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up.

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