

Acts 2:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

Analysis

The promise that Christ reigns 'until I make thy foes thy footstool' establishes inaugurated eschatology - Christ rules now though enemies remain active. The Greek 'heōs an' (until) doesn't terminate His reign but marks the period of patience before final judgment. The 'footstool' image (ancient kings placing feet on conquered enemies' necks) guarantees certain victory. This sustains believers: Christ's kingship is present reality, not future hope.

Historical Context

Ancient victory celebrations included the ritual humiliation of defeated kings - victors literally stepped on them. Joshua had Israel's leaders place feet on Canaanite kings' necks (Joshua 10:24). Psalm 110's imagery asserts Messiah's absolute triumph over all opposition, spiritual and political.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's present reign 'until' final victory comfort you when evil seems triumphant?

2. What does the 'footstool' promise teach about the certain destiny of Christ's enemies?

Interlinear Text

ἔως	ἀν	θῶ	τοὺς	ἐχθρούς	σου	ὑποπόδιον	τῶν	ποδῶν
Until	I make	G5087	G3588	foes	thy	G5286	G3588	footstool
G2193	G302			G2190	G4675			G4228

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 60:14 (Parallel theme): The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Romans 16:20 (Parallel theme): And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Isaiah 59:18 (Parallel theme): According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.

Psalms 72:9 (Parallel theme): They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.