

Deuteronomy 30:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.

Analysis

And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee. God promises to transfer the covenant curses from repentant Israel to their oppressors. Those who hate thee and persecuted thee will experience the judgment Israel endured during exile.

This demonstrates divine justice - God punishes those who afflict His people. Though He uses nations as instruments of judgment against Israel, He later judges those nations for excessive cruelty and treating His people as mere spoil.

The principle appears throughout Scripture - God promised Abraham that those who curse you I will curse (Genesis 12:3). Touching God's people invokes divine judgment on the persecutors.

This ultimate vindication encourages suffering believers - persecution is temporary, and God will repay afflictors while vindicating His people. Romans 12:19 applies this - Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Historical Context

Babylon destroyed Jerusalem and exiled Judah, yet Babylon itself fell to Persia shortly after. Rome destroyed the temple (AD 70) yet the Roman Empire eventually crumbled while Christianity spread globally.

Throughout history, persecutors of God's people eventually face judgment while His people ultimately prevail through suffering.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does transferring curses to enemies teach about divine justice?
2. How does God use nations as judgment instruments yet later judge them?
3. What does this teach about God's protection of His people despite temporary suffering?
4. How should this promise encourage believers experiencing persecution?
5. What is the proper response to persecution - vengeance or trusting God's judgment?

Interlinear Text

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will put	And the LORD	thy God	H853	H3605	all these curses	H428	H5921
H5414	H3068	H430			H423		
אֶיְבֹב יְיָ	וְעַל	שֹׂנְאֵי יְיָ	אֲשֶׁר	רָדְפוּבָּ:			
upon thine enemies	H5921	and on them that hate	H834	thee which persecuted			
H341		H8130		H7291			

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 7:15 (References Lord): And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

Isaiah 10:12 (References Lord): Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.

Numbers 24:14 (Parallel theme): And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.

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