

Exodus 15:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

Analysis

The contrast: 'Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them.' God's single breath overthrows human plans. The result: 'they sank as lead in the mighty waters.' Lead is denser than stone (v. 5), emphasizing even greater irreversibility. The boasting of verse 9 meets reality in verse 10—complete reversal. Human pride collapses before divine breath. This prefigures Christ's victory where His death (seeming defeat) becomes triumph.

Historical Context

The comparison to sinking lead emphasizes both weight and permanence. Unlike wood or bodies that float, lead sinks instantly and stays down—perfect metaphor for permanent defeat.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does God's single breath defeating elaborate enemy plans reveal the futility of opposing Him?

2. What carefully laid plans against God's purposes in your life need only His breath to collapse?

Interlinear Text

נָשַׁף כָּתָב	בְּרוּחְךָ	כָּסָה מִן	יָם	צָלְלוּ	כְּעוֹף יָת
Thou didst blow	with thy wind	covered	the sea	them they sank	as lead
H5398	H7307	H3680	H3220	H6749	H5777
בְּמַיִם	אֲדִירִים:				
waters	in the mighty				
H4325	H117				

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 11:15 (Parallel theme): And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod.

Exodus 14:21 (Parallel theme): And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

Exodus 15:5 (Parallel theme): The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.

Deuteronomy 11:4 (Parallel theme): And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and how the LORD hath destroyed them unto this day;