

Exodus 15:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

Analysis

The phrase 'in the greatness of thine excellency' celebrates God's surpassing majesty. The action 'thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee' shows God actively defeating rebellion. The imagery 'thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble' compares divine anger to fire burning chaff—quick, total, irreversible. God's wrath isn't petulant but righteous response to opposition. Those who 'rise up against' God face consuming judgment.

Historical Context

Stubble (leftover straw after harvest) was proverbially flammable and worthless. This image appears throughout Scripture for God's judgment (Isaiah 5:24, Malachi 4:1) on the wicked.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing God's wrath as consuming fire affect your understanding of sin's seriousness?
2. What 'stubble' (worthless opposition to God) in your life needs the fire of His refining judgment?

Interlinear Text

וְבַר ב	גְּאֻלָּתְךָ	תִּהְרָס	
And in the greatness	of thine excellency	thou hast overthrown	
H7230	H1347	H2040	
זָמְּךָ יְ	תִשְׁלַח	חַרְךָ נָ	יֹאכֵל מוֹ
them that rose up against	thee thou sentest forth	thy wrath	which consumed
H6965	H7971	H2740	H398
כִּקְשׁ:			
them as stubble			
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 5:24 (Parallel theme): Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 47:14 (Parallel theme): Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.

Malachi 4:1 (Parallel theme): For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

