

Exodus 15:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.

Analysis

This verse quotes the enemy's boast: 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil.' Six boastful 'I wills' reveal human pride opposing God's purposes. The enemy's plan included recapturing Israel and 'my lust shall be satisfied upon them.' The statement 'I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them' shows confidence in military might. Pharaoh's arrogance blinds him to divine opposition. Pride precedes destruction.

Historical Context

This recounting of enemy boasting highlights the dramatic reversal—Egypt's confident plans met God's superior purposes. Quoting enemy intentions shows God's awareness and ultimate control.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What 'I will' declarations are you making in opposition to or independent of God's revealed will?
2. How does pride in your abilities or plans blind you to the possibility that God might oppose them?

Interlinear Text

אָמַר	אֹיֵב	אֶרְדֹּף	אֶשׁ יִג	אֶחָלֵק	שָׁלַל
said	The enemy	I will pursue	I will overtake	I will divide	the spoil
H559	H341	H7291	H5381	H2505	H7998
תִּמְלֵא מִן	נִפְשִׁי	אֶרְדֹּף	חֶרְבִּי	תִּהְיוּ מִן	יָדִי:
shall be satisfied	my lust	upon them I will draw	my sword	shall destroy	my hand
H4390	H5315	H7324	H2719	H3423	H3027

Additional Cross-References

Judges 5:30 (Parallel theme): Have they not sped? have they not divided the prey; to every man a damsel or two; to Sisera a prey of divers colours, a prey of divers colours of needlework, of divers colours of needlework on both sides, meet for the necks of them that take the spoil?

Exodus 14:5 (Parallel theme): And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?

Isaiah 53:12 (Parallel theme): Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Luke 11:22 (Parallel theme): But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

Genesis 49:27 (Parallel theme): Benjamin shall ravine as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

Habakkuk 3:14 (Parallel theme): Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.

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