

Isaiah 41:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

Analysis

God promises that those incensed ('charah'—burning with anger) and contending ('rib'—legal strife) against His people will experience shame and defeat. The Hebrew intensive 'bosh' (ashamed) and 'ayin' (nothing/nonexistent) indicate complete reversal—oppressors will be humiliated and annihilated. God fights for His people.

Historical Context

This assured exiles that their Babylonian oppressors would fall, as indeed happened when Persia conquered Babylon in 539 BC. Those who seemed invincible became nothing.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does God's promise to deal with your opponents free you from personal vindictiveness?

2. What does it mean to trust God's justice when facing those who contend against you?

Interlinear Text

הָא	יִבְשׁוּ	וְיִכְלָמוּ	כָּל
H2005	against thee shall be ashamed	and confounded	H3605
	H954	H3637	
	הַנִּסְּחָרִים	כֹּה	וְיָאָבֵדוּ
	Behold all they that were incensed	H0	H369
	H2734	H1961	with thee shall perish
			H6
אֲנִישִׁי	רִיבָנִי:		
H376	that strive		
	H7379		

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 23:22 (Parallel theme): But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.

Isaiah 45:24 (Parallel theme): Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

Revelation 3:9 (Parallel theme): Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Isaiah 54:17 (Parallel theme): No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

Acts 16:39 (Parallel theme): And they came and besought them, and brought them out, and desired them to depart out of the city.

Exodus 11:8 (Parallel theme): And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger.

Daniel 4:35 (Parallel theme): And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

Isaiah 49:26 (Parallel theme): And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

Isaiah 29:8 (Parallel theme): It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

Isaiah 40:17 (Parallel theme): All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.