

Isaiah 42:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.

Analysis

God goes forth as a warrior ('gibbor'—mighty man) and stirs up His zeal like a man of war. The Hebrew 'qin'ah' (zeal/jealousy) indicates passionate commitment to His purposes. His war cry ('tsa'aq') and roar ('tsavach') demonstrate terrifying power against enemies. God's patience has limits; judgment comes.

Historical Context

This military imagery anticipates God's judgment on Babylon and all who oppose His purposes. The warrior God fights for His people, avenging their oppression and vindicating His name.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does God's warrior nature inform your understanding of His justice?
2. What does God's zeal for His people teach about His commitment to your protection?

Interlinear Text

יְהוָה	וְרֹא	כִּבְכָּר	אֵצֶן	כִּאֵשׁ	מַלְּכָמָת	וְתִּכְּבַּשׁ	יְעַר
The LORD	as a mighty man	shall go forth	like a man	of war		he shall stir up	
H3068	H1368	H3318	H376	H4421		H5782	
לְתִּתְגַּבֵּר	אֵיבָרִים	עַל	יִצְרָא	אֵפֶר	אֵיבָרִים	לְתִּתְגַּבֵּר	
jealousy	he shall cry	H637	yea roar	H5921	against his enemies	he shall prevail	
H7068	H7321		H6873		H341		H1396

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 78:65 (References Lord): Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

Amos 1:2 (References Lord): And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

Zephaniah 3:8 (References Lord): Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

Isaiah 26:11 (References Lord): LORD, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them.

Isaiah 31:4 (References Lord): For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.

Jeremiah 25:30 (References Lord): Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his

voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.

Nahum 1:2 (References Lord): God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.

Hosea 11:10 (References Lord): They shall walk after the LORD: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west.

Zephaniah 1:18 (References Lord): Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

Isaiah 9:7 (References Lord): Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

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