

Isaiah 59:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.' Divine retribution is proportional - 'according to deeds.' The scope is universal: even distant islands (coastlands representing remote nations) will receive appropriate judgment.

Historical Context

This universal judgment extends God's sovereignty beyond Israel to all nations. No adversary escapes appropriate recompense for opposition to God and His people.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does proportional judgment ('according to deeds') reflect God's justice?
2. What comfort or warning does universal judgment provide?

Interlinear Text

בְּעֵד	לְגַמְלֹות	בְּעֵד	לְגַמְלֹות	בְּעֵד	לְשִׁלְמָה	חַמְתָּה
According to	their deeds	According to	accordingly he will repay			fury
H5921	H1578	H5921	H7999			H2534
לְאַבָּאֵיכֶם	לְאַיִלָּם	לְאַיִבָּה	לְאַיִבָּה	לְאַיִלָּם	לְאַיִלָּם	recompence
to his adversaries	recompence	to his enemies	to the islands	to the islands	to his enemies	
H6862	H1576	H341	H339	H1576		
וְשִׁלְמָה						
accordingly he will repay						
	H7999					

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 17:10 (Parallel theme): I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Isaiah 63:6 (Parallel theme): And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

Romans 2:6 (Parallel theme): Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

Matthew 16:27 (Parallel theme): For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Nahum 1:2 (Parallel theme): 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.

Isaiah 66:15 (Parallel theme): For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

Isaiah 1:24 (Parallel theme): Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:

Isaiah 63:3 (Parallel theme): I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

Psalms 62:12 (Parallel theme): Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

Job 34:11 (Parallel theme): For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.

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