

Isaiah 63:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

'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.' God acts alone - 'none with me.' The Hebrew 'busth' (tread/trample) intensifies the imagery. Divine fury produces complete victory.

Historical Context

The solo nature of this victory emphasizes divine sufficiency. No human assistance contributes to this triumph. Christ on the cross similarly 'trode the winepress alone' for salvation.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What does God's acting 'alone' teach about His sufficiency?
2. How does this imagery connect to Christ's solitary suffering on the cross?

Interlinear Text

פֹּחַ הַ	וְאָדָרְכֶּם	לְבַדִּי	וּמַעֲמִים	אֵין	אֵישׁ
the winepress	I have trodden	H905	alone and of the people	H369	there was none
H6333	H1869		H5971		H376
אֶת־	וְאָדָרְכֶּם	בְּאַפִּי	וְאֶרְמָסֶם	בְּחֵמָתִי	
H854	I have trodden	them in mine anger	and trample	them in my fury	
	H1869	H639	H7429	H2534	
וְיִזְרֹק	וְנֶחְמָם	עָלַי	בְּגִדִי	וְכָל	מַלְבוּשִׁי
shall be sprinkled	and their blood	H5921	upon my garments	H3605	all my raiment
H5137	H5332		H899		H4403
אֶגְאָלָתִּי:					
and I will stain					
H1351					

Additional Cross-References

Malachi 4:3 (Parallel theme): And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

Micah 7:10 (Parallel theme): Then she that is mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is the LORD thy God? mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets.

Zechariah 10:5 (Parallel theme): And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

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.

Lamentations 1:15 (Parallel theme): The Lord hath trodden under foot all my mighty men in the midst of me: he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men: the Lord hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, as in a winepress.

Isaiah 22:5 (Parallel theme): For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains.