

Job 39:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword." The war-horse "mocks" (sachaq, שָׁחַק) fear itself and doesn't turn back (shuv, שׁוּב) from weapons. God designed courage into this creature's nature. This demonstrates that fearlessness serving righteous purposes is divine gift, not mere recklessness. The horse doesn't need to manufacture courage—it's part of its created nature. Similarly, God gives His people courage needed for their callings.

Historical Context

Ancient battles were terrifying—noise, blood, death. Horses that panicked became liabilities. War-horses' divinely designed courage made them invaluable. This taught that God equips creatures (and people) with temperaments suited to their purposes, including courage for facing legitimate dangers.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. What fears is God calling you to "mock" because He's equipped you for a specific battle?
2. How does recognizing courage as divine gift rather than personal achievement affect your approach to challenges?

Interlinear Text

וְשָׁׁבֶת	וְלֹא	וְלֹא	לְפָנָי	וְשָׁׁמֶן	וְלֹא	וְלֹא	וְלֹא
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