

Job 41:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon.

Analysis

"The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon." All weapons—sword (cherev, חֶרֶב), spear (chanit, חֲנִית), dart (masah, מַסָּה), and armor (shiryon, שָׁרְיוֹן)—prove ineffective. Complete invulnerability demonstrates that human military might cannot overcome what God protects. This teaches that ultimate security and victory depend entirely on divine will, not human weaponry or strategy. No human power can overcome divine protection.

Historical Context

Ancient warfare relied on these weapons—cutting, piercing, and protective technologies. Leviathan's immunity to all taught that human military power has absolute limits. This would comfort those facing overwhelming enemies, reminding them that God's protection exceeds any human attack.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What "weapons" against you cannot prevail because of God's protective purpose?
2. How does trusting divine protection free you from anxiety about human opposition?

Interlinear Text

מְשִׁיגֵהוּ	חֶרֶב	בְּלִי	תִּקַּח וּמִ	חֶנֶּי ית	מִטְעַ
of him that layeth	The sword	H1097	at him cannot hold	the spear	the dart
H5381	H2719		H6965	H2595	H4551
וְשֹׁרֵטִיהֶ: nor the habergeon					
H8302					