

Lamentations 3:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou hast covered with anger, and persecuted us: thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied.

Analysis

God covered Himself with anger, pursuing and slaying without pity. Divine wrath fully displayed. Yet verses 31-33 promise mercy.

Historical Context

God pursued Israel through multiple judgments before final exile. Warnings ignored led to pitiless execution.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How reconcile pursuing without pity with merciful character?
2. How does the imagery of God covering Himself with anger reveal divine wrath as a barrier?
3. What does it mean that God 'pursued' and 'slain' His people, and how does this inform our view of judgment?

Interlinear Text

סָכַךְ וְתָה	בְּאַף	וַתְּרַדְּפֵנוּ	הָרַב גִּתְּ	לֹא
Thou hast covered	with anger	and persecuted	us thou hast slain	
H5526	H639	H7291	H2026	H3808
חֲמַלְתָּ:				
thou hast not pitied				
H2550				

Additional Cross-References

Lamentations 2:17 (Parallel theme): The LORD hath done that which he had devised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old: he hath thrown down, and hath not pitied: and he hath caused thine enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries.

Lamentations 2:21 (Parallel theme): The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets: my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword; thou hast slain them in the day of thine anger; thou hast killed, and not pitied.

Psalms 83:15 (Parallel theme): So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.

Lamentations 3:66 (Parallel theme): Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the LORD.