

Numbers 10:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

Analysis

The command to blow an alarm when going to war 'against the enemy that oppresseth you' with the promise 'ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies' reveals God's covenantal commitment to defend His people. The trumpet call represented an appeal to God's promise of protection, not merely a military signal. This teaches that spiritual warfare requires prayer and divine aid, not merely human strategy. The phrase 'remembered before the LORD' shows that God responds to His people's cries for help.

Historical Context

The trumpet alarm distinguished between peaceful assembly and military mobilization. Ancient Near Eastern warfare typically began with signals, but Israel's trumpets uniquely appealed to divine intervention rather than merely organizing troops. This practice continued through Israel's history, with numerous instances of God fighting for His people when they called upon Him (2 Chronicles 13:14-15, 20:28). The New Testament presents spiritual warfare where believers' 'trumpets' are prayer and the word of God.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does the trumpet alarm teach that God's people should appeal to Him in times of oppression rather than relying solely on human strength?
2. What spiritual 'trumpet calls' should you sound when facing spiritual enemies?

Interlinear Text

וְכִי	תֵּבֹאוּ	מִלְחָמָה	בְּאַרְצְכֶם	עַל	הַצָּר
H3588	And if ye go	to war	in your land	H5921	against
	H935	H4421	H776		H6862
	הַצָּר	אֶתְכֶם	וְהִרְעֵתֶם		
	the enemy that oppresseth	H853	you then ye shall blow an alarm		
	H6887		H7321		
בְּסַצְרֹתַי	וְנִזְכַּרְתֶּם	לִפְנֵי	יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֵיכֶם	
with the trumpets	and ye shall be remembered	before	the LORD	your God	
H2689	H2142	H6440	H3068	H430	
וְנִשְׁעַתֶּם	מֵאֲיִבֵיכֶם:				
and ye shall be saved	from your enemies				
H3467	H341				

Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 10:18 (References God): And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of

the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you:

Genesis 8:1 (References God): And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

Judges 2:18 (References Lord): And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

Psalms 106:42 (Parallel theme): Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

Psalms 106:4 (Salvation): Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;

Joshua 6:5 (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

2 Chronicles 13:14 (References Lord): And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

Numbers 31:6 (Parallel theme): And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of every tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to blow in his hand.

Judges 10:12 (Parallel theme): The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand.

Judges 6:9 (Parallel theme): And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land;