

Proverbs 7:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her.

Analysis

For she has cast down many wounded; numerous are her slain. The Hebrew 'naphal' (fall/cast down) and 'chalal' (slain/pierced) describe casualties of sexual sin. This isn't isolated incident but pattern - many wounded, strong men slain. Sexual temptation destroys broadly and consistently. No one is immune; the strong fall as easily as the weak. This warns: don't presume on your strength; many stronger have fallen.

Historical Context

Biblical history confirms this warning: Samson, David, Solomon - all powerful men destroyed or damaged by sexual sin. First Corinthians 10:12 warns: 'Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.' Overconfidence precedes downfall. Sexual temptation humbles the proudest, strongest, wisest. Only humble vigilance provides safety.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What examples from Scripture and history warn you against presuming on your own strength?
2. How does recognizing that 'strong men' fall to sexual sin affect your own vigilance?
3. What humility and accountability would protect you from overconfident vulnerability?

Interlinear Text

רַבִּים
H3588 many רֹאשִׁים
H7227 wounded בַּבְּ יִמְלָא
H2491 For she hath cast down הַפְּרִצְתָּה
H5307 yea many strong
H6099 כַּלְלִים
H3605

רַבִּים:
men have been slain
H2026

Additional Cross-References

Nehemiah 13:26 (Parallel theme): Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.

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