

Psalm 106:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

Analysis

This verse describes the drowning of Pharaoh's army. 'The waters covered their enemies' refers to the sea returning after Israel crossed (Exodus 14:26-28). 'There was not one of them left' emphasizes total destruction—Egypt's military power was completely annihilated. This demonstrates divine justice: those who pursued God's people to destroy them were themselves destroyed. The totality of judgment ('not one') shows God's thorough protection of His redeemed. This prefigures the final judgment, when all enemies of God's people will be definitively defeated (Revelation 19:11-21). It also illustrates substitutionary atonement: the judgment that could have fallen on rebellious Israel fell instead on their pursuers, just as Christ bore the judgment believers deserved.

Historical Context

Pharaoh's army represented the world's most powerful military force in that era. Their complete destruction demonstrated that no earthly power can withstand God's judgment or prevent His redemptive purposes. Israel witnessed their former oppressors' bodies washed ashore (Exodus 14:30), providing visible confirmation of total victory. This became a recurring theme in Israel's worship: the God who drowned Pharaoh's army can defeat any enemy.

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Study Questions

1. What does the total destruction of Israel's pursuers teach about God's commitment to His people?
2. How does this verse prefigure the final defeat of all God's enemies?
3. In what ways does God's past deliverance give confidence for present and future spiritual battles?

Interlinear Text

לֹא	מִ	בָּ	לֹ
אָמַת	בָּ	אָמַת	אָמַת
covered	And the waters	their enemies	there was not one
H3680	H4325	H6862	H259
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of them left			
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 15:5 (Parallel theme): The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.

Psalms 78:53 (Parallel theme): And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.