

# Psalm 118:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.** The confession YHWH li b'ozrai (the LORD is for me among my helpers) expresses covenant confidence—God sides with the psalmist against enemies. Ozrai (my helpers) are human allies, but the LORD stands chief among them. God doesn't merely observe conflict from distance; He actively takes sides, fighting for His people. This echoes Moses: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

The consequence: **therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me** (va'ani er'eh b'son'ai). Ra'ah (see) indicates witnessing, experiencing. The phrase literally means "I will look upon my enemies"—seeing their defeat, witnessing vindication. Son'ai (those who hate me) aren't casual opponents but active haters, malicious enemies. This isn't petty vengeance but confidence in divine justice—those who oppose God's anointed will face judgment. David repeatedly expressed similar confidence (Psalms 54:7, 59:10, 92:11). The New Testament transforms this: believers love enemies personally (Matthew 5:44) while trusting God's justice ultimately (Romans 12:19, Revelation 6:10).

## Historical Context

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David faced relentless enemies: Saul's pursuit through wilderness, Absalom's rebellion, surrounding nations' attacks. Yet divine protection repeatedly vindicated him—Saul died on Mount Gilboa, Absalom hung in an oak tree, enemy armies fled.

Israel's history shows the same pattern: Egypt's army drowned in the Red Sea, Jericho's walls fell, Assyria's host died overnight (2 Kings 19:35). The principle extends to Messiah: religious and political authorities conspired against Jesus (Psalm 2:1-2, quoted in Acts 4:25-28), yet God raised Him, vindicating Him as Lord and Christ. The psalm's confidence in seeing victory over enemies finds ultimate fulfillment in Christ's resurrection triumph over sin, death, and Satan (Colossians 2:15, 1 Corinthians 15:54-57).

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does knowing God 'takes your part' affect your response to opposition, criticism, or persecution?
2. What is the biblical balance between trusting God to vindicate and actively loving enemies?
3. In what ways should believers see 'desire upon enemies'—spiritual victory over evil rather than personal revenge?

## Interlinear Text

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The LORD	H3068	taketh my part with them that help	H5826	H589	H7200
בְּשִׁנְאָנִי.		my desire upon them that hate			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 59:10** (Parallel theme): The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

**Psalms 54:4** (References Lord): Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

**Psalms 54:7** (Parallel theme): For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

**Psalms 55:18** (Parallel theme): He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

**Psalms 92:11** (Parallel theme): Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

**Psalms 112:8** (Parallel theme): His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

**1 Chronicles 12:18** (Parallel theme): Then the spirit came upon Amasai, who was chief of the captains, and he said, Thine are we, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

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