

# Psalms 149:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

## Analysis

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**To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people.** Celebrates God empowering people to execute judgment. This isn't personal revenge but covenantal warfare where Israel acts as God's instrument (Deuteronomy 7). Christians apply spiritually—warfare against spiritual forces (Ephesians 6:12), with final judgment at Christ's return.

## Historical Context

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Israel was God's judgment instrument on Canaanite nations (Genesis 15:16). God later used Assyria/Babylon to judge Israel. Ultimate judgment belongs to God.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How do Christians apply imprecatory psalms given NT teaching on enemies?
2. What's the relationship between spiritual warfare and prayers for judgment?
3. How does Christ's return ultimately fulfill vengeance psalms?

## Interlinear Text

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To execute	vengeance	upon the heathen	and punishments	upon the people
H6213	H5360	H1471	H8433	H3816

## Additional Cross-References

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**Judges 5:23** (Parallel theme): Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

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