

Psalm 18:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

Analysis

David pursued enemies and overtook them, not turning back until consumed. The Hebrew 'radaph' (pursue) indicates relentless pursuit. The military victory described demonstrates thorough defeat of enemies. This illustrates the principle that God gives His people victory, not merely survival. It anticipates Christ's complete triumph over sin, death, and Satan, and believers' sharing in that victory (Romans 8:37, 1 Corinthians 15:57).

Historical Context

Describes David's military campaigns against surrounding nations that threatened Israel—Philistines, Moabites, Ammonites—securing borders through decisive victories.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. What spiritual enemies require relentless pursuit rather than mere management?

2. How does knowing Christ's complete victory affect your spiritual warfare?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 44:5 (Parallel theme): Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

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