

Psalm 18:38

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

Analysis

David struck down enemies so they could not rise, falling under his feet. The Hebrew 'machats' (struck/shattered) indicates devastating defeat. Enemies under feet imagery appears throughout Scripture symbolizing complete subjugation (Joshua 10:24, Psalm 110:1). This anticipates Christ's enemies made His footstool (Hebrews 10:13) and believers reigning with Him (Revelation 5:10). God grants His people triumph over opposition.

Historical Context

Victory language common in ancient Near Eastern royal inscriptions, here applied to David's God-given military success establishing a secure kingdom.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How do you experience Christ's victory over enemies that once defeated you?
2. What does it mean to reign with Christ in your current circumstances?

Interlinear Text

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I have wounded	H3808	them that they were not able	to rise	they are fallen	H8478
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