

# Psalm 18:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.

## Analysis

God made enemies turn their backs to David so he destroyed those who hated him. Enemies fleeing indicates rout and total victory. The Hebrew 'oreph' (back/neck) suggests retreat. Destroying haters ('sane') demonstrates thorough judgment. This is holy war language where God fights for His people. It anticipates the final judgment where Christ defeats all who oppose Him (Revelation 19:15, 21). God vindicates His own.

## Historical Context

Describes the aftermath of battles where God caused enemy forces to flee in panic, allowing David's smaller forces to achieve decisive victories.

## Related Passages

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

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

1. How does God fight your battles in ways that produce undeniable victory?
2. What does complete triumph over enemies teach about God's commitment to His people?

## Interlinear Text

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וְמִשְׁנָא יְלִי נָתָתְּתָה אַיִבְּ  
of mine enemies Thou hast also given      <sup>וְ</sup>   
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עֲרָף לְמִשְׁנָא יְלִי  
me the necks them that hate      <sup>וְ</sup>   
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אֲצִמְתָּם:  
that I might destroy  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 21:12** (Parallel theme): Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, when thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings against the face of them.

**Psalms 94:23** (Parallel theme): And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off.

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