

Psalms 22:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

Analysis

This prophecy was literally fulfilled when Roman soldiers divided Jesus' garments and cast lots for His robe (John 19:23-24). Written 1000 years before crucifixion and Rome's dominance, this verse demonstrates Scripture's divine inspiration. From a Reformed perspective, every detail of Christ's suffering was foreordained and prophesied, showing God's sovereign plan of redemption was determined before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4). Nothing about the cross was accidental.

Historical Context

Roman soldiers had the right to divide executed criminals' possessions. John notes they fulfilled this psalm 'that the Scripture might be fulfilled' (John 19:24), recognizing divine orchestration in seemingly mundane details.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does the fulfillment of specific prophecy strengthen your faith in Scripture's reliability?
2. What does God's attention to details in redemptive history teach about His care for details in your life?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּדְּלְקוּ	בְּגָדָי	לָהֶם	וְעַל	לְבוּשִׁי	וַיַּזְלֻ
They part	my garments			upon my vesture	among them and cast
H2505	H899	H1992	H5921	H3830	H5307

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lots
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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 27:35 (Parallel theme): And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

Luke 23:34 (Parallel theme): Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Mark 15:24 (Parallel theme): And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.