

# Psalms 37:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.

## Analysis

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God's laughter isn't frivolous but judicial—He mocks those who mock Him (Psalm 2:4), showing divine sovereignty over human rebellion. The phrase 'his day is coming' refers to appointed judgment, individually and ultimately. This day is certain ('seeth') from God's eternal perspective; He knows what the wicked don't—their doom approaches. Divine laughter expresses contempt for pretensions challenging omnipotence, assuring believers that God isn't threatened by wickedness but amused by its futile opposition to His purposes.

## Historical Context

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Ancient kings sat in judgment on their thrones, passing sentence on rebels. God's laughter depicts Him as cosmic King who will execute judgment on His wicked subjects.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's laughter at the wicked comfort you when you feel threatened?
2. What 'day' is coming for those who oppose God's purposes in your life?

## Interlinear Text

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The Lord	shall laugh	H0	H3588	at him for he seeth	H3588			is coming
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 2:4** (References Lord): He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

**Proverbs 1:26** (Parallel theme): I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

**1 Samuel 26:10** (References Lord): David said furthermore, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.

**Daniel 5:26** (Parallel theme): This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

**Ezekiel 21:29** (Parallel theme): Whiles they see vanity unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of them that are slain, of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity shall have an end.

**Ezekiel 21:25** (Parallel theme): And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end,

**Job 18:20** (Parallel theme): They that come after him shall be astonished at his day, as they that went before were affrighted.

**Jeremiah 50:27** (Parallel theme): Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.

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