

Psalm 44:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price.

Analysis

The metaphor of selling shifts to contemptuous disposal: 'Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price.' God has given Israel away without even demanding payment, suggesting their worthlessness in His sight. The commercial imagery emphasizes the depth of perceived rejection.

Historical Context

Slavery and captivity were common results of ancient warfare. Being 'sold' to enemies meant losing freedom, identity, and connection to covenant promises tied to the land.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to feel 'sold for nothing' by God?

2. How does this commercial metaphor express the depth of spiritual abandonment?

Interlinear Text

תִּמְכַר תְּמִיכָה עַמּוּד בְּלֹא הַזְׁנוּ לֹא יְלַא יְלַבְּשָׁה יְלַבְּשָׁה
Thou sellest thy people for nought and dost not increase
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בְּמַחְיִבָּם:
thy wealth by their price
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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 15:13 (Parallel theme): Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders.

Deuteronomy 32:30 (Parallel theme): How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?

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