

# Psalms 44:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

## Analysis

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The paradox intensifies: 'Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.' God Himself has broken them--suffering comes from divine hand, not despite divine sovereignty. 'Place of dragons' suggests wilderness desolation; 'shadow of death' (Hebrew tsalmaveth) indicates mortal danger and deep darkness.

## Historical Context

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The 'place of dragons' (jackals) represents uninhabitable wasteland, the opposite of the fertile promised land. Being driven to such places suggested loss of covenant blessing and divine presence.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

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

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does recognizing God's hand in suffering differ from blaming Him?
2. What hope exists when we find ourselves in 'the shadow of death'?

## Interlinear Text

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H3588	Though thou hast sore broken	us in the place	of dragons	and covered
	H1794	H4725	H8577	H3680
טֶל יָמוֹ	בְּצֵלְמוֹת:			
H5921	us with the shadow of death			
	H6757			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 3:5** (Parallel theme): Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.

**Psalms 23:4** (Parallel theme): Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**Psalms 51:8** (Parallel theme): Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.