

# Psalms 48:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They saw it, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away.

## Analysis

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When the kings saw Zion, 'they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away.' Instead of conquering, they flee in panic. The sight of God's city--or more precisely, awareness of its divine defender--produces not triumph but terror. Their haste reveals the reversal of their confident advance.

## Historical Context

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Sennacherib's sudden retreat (2 Kings 19:35-36) after the angel's destruction of his army exemplifies this pattern. Human armies encounter divine resistance and flee.

## 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. What causes confident opposition to suddenly crumble before God?
2. How does the enemies' reaction validate faith in divine protection?

## Interlinear Text

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הָמָּה	כִּי אָוּ	יָן	תָּמָּה הוּ	וַיִּבְהֻלּוּ
H1992	<b>They saw</b>	H3651	<b>it and so they marvelled</b>	<b>they were troubled</b>
	H7200		H8539	H926
וַיִּחָפְזוּ:				
<b>and hasted away</b>				
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 14:25** (Parallel theme): And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.