

Psalm 48:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

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

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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

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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Additional Cross-References

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

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