

Psalm 60:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe:
Philistia, triumph thou because of me.

Analysis

The treatment of Moab, Edom, and Philistia as subjugated servants demonstrates God's sovereignty over enemy nations. Moab as 'washpot' (basin for washing feet) and Edom as recipient of a cast shoe both indicate servile degradation. 'Over Philistia will I triumph' proclaims certain victory. This fulfilled historical prophecy but also anticipates ultimate subjugation of all Christ's enemies (1 Corinthians 15:25).

Historical Context

David's campaigns subjugated these traditional enemies (2 Samuel 8:1-14). Moab, Edom, and Philistia had long opposed Israel, making their reduction to servile status a reversal demonstrating God's faithfulness to covenant promises.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does God's certain victory over all enemies comfort believers facing current opposition?
2. What does the degradation of Israel's enemies teach about the ultimate fate of those who oppose God's purposes?

Interlinear Text

גַּעַל יְהֹוָה אֲשֶׁל יְגַדֵּל בַּיּוֹם
Moab is my washpot H7366 H5921 over Edom H123 will I cast out H7993 my shoe H5275

הַתְּרוּעָה פָּלֶשֶׁת שָׁלֵל
H5921 Philistia H6429 triumph H7321

Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 8:14 (Parallel theme): And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all they of Edom became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

1 Chronicles 18:13 (Parallel theme): And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

Genesis 25:23 (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

Numbers 24:18 (Parallel theme): And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.