

Psalm 63:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.

Analysis

The violent fate predicted—'fall by the sword... portion for foxes'—uses warfare imagery to depict complete defeat. Bodies left for scavengers indicated shameful death (1 Kings 14:11), the opposite of honorable burial. This anticipates the fate of God's enemies who oppose His anointed, ultimately fulfilled in Christ's enemies (Psalm 110:1).

Historical Context

Absalom's death and hasty burial in a pit (2 Samuel 18:17) fulfilled this prophecy. Denial of proper burial was considered extreme disgrace in ancient Israel, reserved for the most wicked.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What does the ultimate shameful defeat of God's enemies teach about the certainty of His justice?
2. How should certainty of enemies' defeat affect present conduct toward them?

