

Psalms 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?

Interlinear Text

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They shall fall	H5921	by the sword	H2719	they shall be a portion	for foxes
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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 18:21 (Word): Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their blood by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows; and let their men be put to death; let their young men be slain by the sword in battle.

Ezekiel 35:5 (Word): Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity had an end: