

Psalms 68:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

Analysis

God 'shall wound the head of his enemies' echoes Genesis 3:15's proto-gospel: the Seed would crush the serpent's head. The 'hairy scalp' of the impenitent suggests pride and unrepentant wickedness. God's judgment is certain for those who persist in rebellion. This ultimate head-wound finds fulfillment in Christ's decisive victory over Satan at Calvary—though Satan bruised Christ's heel, Christ crushed Satan's head fatally (Colossians 2:15).

Historical Context

Ancient warriors often wore long hair as a sign of strength and pride (like Absalom). God's striking the hairy scalp symbolizes humbling the proud and judging those who continue in sin without repentance.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's crushing of Satan's head provide assurance in spiritual battles?

2. What areas of pride or 'hairy scalp' in your life need God's humbling judgment?
3. How should the certainty of God's final judgment motivate evangelism and holy living?

Interlinear Text

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H389	But God	shall wound	the head	of his enemies	scalp	and the hairy
	H430	H4272	H7218	H341	H6936	H8181
מִתְהַלֵּךְ			בְּאַשְׁמָיו:			
of such an one as goeth on still			in his trespasses			
H1980			H817			

Additional Cross-References

Habakkuk 3:13 (Parallel theme): Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah.

Psalms 110:6 (Parallel theme): He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

Psalms 7:12 (Parallel theme): If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

Luke 13:5 (Parallel theme): I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Hebrews 12:25 (Parallel theme): See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

Psalms 55:23 (References God): But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

