

Psalm 68:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people that delight in war.

Analysis

The 'company of spearmen' and 'multitude of bulls with calves' represent aggressive military powers and wealthy nations—both are rebuked. God scatters 'people that delight in war,' showing His opposition to those who love violence and conquest. Submission with 'pieces of silver' indicates tribute from conquered nations. God humbles proud powers, establishing His peaceful kingdom—ultimately through Christ, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

Historical Context

Israel frequently faced invasion from militaristic empires (Assyria, Babylon, Rome). This psalm affirms God's ultimate judgment on warlike nations and vindication of His peaceful purposes.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does God's rebuke of those who 'delight in war' speak to contemporary military aggression and violence?
2. What 'bulls' (powerful forces) in your life need God's subduing hand?
3. How can you be a peacemaker in a world that delights in conflict and division?

Interlinear Text

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Rebuke the company of spearmen the multitude of the bulls with the calves

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בְּבָתְרִים כְּסִפְרִים עַמְּךָ יְמִינְךָ

of the people till every one submit himself with pieces of silver scatter

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בְּחִפְצָנָה קָרְבָּת עַמְּךָ יְמִינְךָ

of the people in war that delight

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