

Psalms 7:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

Analysis

The judgment preparation continues with 'instruments of death' and arrows 'ordained' (Hebrew 'pa'al' - made ready, prepared) for persecutors. This emphasizes God's sovereign control over judgment - nothing catches Him unprepared. The arrows represent precision judgment, not random destruction. God's judgment is both comprehensive (instruments of death) and specific (arrows against persecutors). This should comfort the persecuted and warn the persecutors.

Historical Context

Ancient archers prepared arrows specifically for their targets. The language emphasizes deliberate, purposeful judgment. God's ordaining of judgment weapons parallels His sovereign control over all events (Isaiah 54:16-17). This doesn't make God the author of evil but affirms His ultimate control over how He will judge evildoers.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does God's prepared judgment comfort you when facing persecution?
2. What does it mean that God has specific, ordained judgment for those who harm His people?

Interlinear Text

לֹא	יְהוָה	כִּלִּי	מָוֶת	וְ	יָצָא
H0	He hath also prepared	for him the instruments	of death		his arrows
	H3559	H3627	H4194		H2671
יְהוָה	לְ	יְהוָה	יָצָא		
against the persecutors		he ordaineth			
H1814		H6466			

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 45:5 (Parallel theme): Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee.

Psalms 64:7 (Parallel theme): But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded.

Psalms 18:14 (Parallel theme): Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

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.

2 Thessalonians 1:6 (Parallel theme): Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;