

# 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

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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

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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

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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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

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H0	He hath also prepared	for him the instruments	of death	his arrows	
	H3559	H3627	H4194	H2671	
לְדַבָּרִים	מִפְעָלָה				
against the persecutors	he ordaineth				
H1814	H6466				

## Additional Cross-References

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**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;