

Psalm 75:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

Analysis

God declares: "All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted" (Hebrew v-khol-qar-ney r-shaim agaddea qar-not tzaddiq t-romannah). Violent imagery: God will "cut off" (destroy) the wicked's power ("horns") while "exalting" the righteous. The verse promises complete reversal—prideful power humbled, humble righteousness elevated. This is eschatological justice: final vindication of the righteous, final judgment of the wicked. God's justice is both retributive and restorative.

Historical Context

The horn symbolizes power throughout Scripture (1 Samuel 2:1,10, Zechariah 1:18-21, Luke 1:69). Hannah's prayer celebrates: "The LORD...will exalt the horn of his anointed" (1 Samuel 2:10)—fulfilled in David and ultimately Christ. Mary's Magnificat echoes this: God "has scattered the proud...exalted the lowly" (Luke 1:51-52). Philippians 2:9-11 describes Christ's exaltation after humiliation.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does the promise that God will "cut off" wicked power provide comfort when evil seems triumphant?
2. What does it mean that the "horns of the righteous shall be exalted"—how does humility lead to exaltation?
3. How did Christ's path from cross to crown (Philippians 2:8-11) exemplify this principle of humiliation before exaltation?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 92:10 (Parallel theme): But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

Psalms 89:17 (Parallel theme): For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

Psalms 148:14 (Parallel theme): He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalms 101:8 (Evil): I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

Jeremiah 48:25 (Parallel theme): The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the LORD.

Luke 1:69 (Parallel theme): And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

1 Samuel 2:1 (Parallel theme): And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.

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