

Psalms 76:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.

Analysis

The psalm describes God's victory: "The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands" (Hebrew *eshtalelu abbirey-lev namu sh-natam v-lo-matzu khol-anshe-chayil y-deyhem*). "Stouthearted" (bold warriors) are "spoiled" (plundered). "Slept their sleep" is euphemism for death. "Men of might" (warriors) cannot "find their hands"—paralyzed, helpless. God renders powerful enemies powerless. Military might means nothing when God opposes.

Historical Context

This likely describes Sennacherib's army destroyed by God's angel (2 Kings 19:35-37, Isaiah 37:36-38). 185,000 Assyrian soldiers died overnight without Judah fighting. Pharaoh's army similarly perished at the Red Sea (Exodus 14-15). These demonstrate that God "makes wars to cease" (Psalm 46:9). Revelation 19:11-21 depicts Christ's return conquering enemies effortlessly.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does God's ability to render mighty warriors helpless challenge trust in human strength or military power?
2. What "stouthearted" opposition (personal or cultural) needs God's intervention in your life?
3. How does Christ's victory over sin, death, and Satan demonstrate ultimate divine power over all enemies?

Interlinear Text

אֶשְׁתוּלִל וְ	אֲבֵי יְרִי	לִי ב	נָמְו	שְׁנַתָּם	וְלֹא
are spoiled	The stouthearted	H3820	they have slept	their sleep	H3808
H7997	H47		H5123	H8142	
נִמְצָא וְ	כֹל	אֲנָשִׁי	חַיִּים	יְדֵיהֶם:	
have found	H3605	and none of the men	of might	their hands	
H4672		H582	H2428	H3027	

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 13:3 (Parallel theme): Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

Nahum 3:18 (Parallel theme): Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria: thy nobles shall dwell in the dust: thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth them.

Isaiah 46:12 (Parallel theme): Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness:

Jeremiah 51:39 (Parallel theme): In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 31:8 (Parallel theme): Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited.

Isaiah 37:36 (Parallel theme): Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

Daniel 4:37 (Parallel theme): Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.