

Psalms 92:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

Analysis

The vivid imagery of enemies perishing and being scattered employs military language to depict spiritual realities. 'Scattered' (puz) suggests complete disintegration and defeat. The certainty ('lo... shall perish') reflects confidence in divine justice. This verse demonstrates the doctrine of God's active judgment against evil—He is not passive but intervenes to destroy wickedness. All workers of iniquity (pa'al aven) face certain defeat despite temporary success.

Historical Context

Israel's history included numerous instances of God scattering their enemies (Egyptians at the Red Sea, Canaanite armies, etc.), providing concrete examples of this principle.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does confidence in God's ultimate victory over evil affect how you confront wickedness today?

2. What 'enemies' (sin patterns, temptations, opposition) do you need to trust God to scatter in your life?

Interlinear Text

אָכְלָה	תִּשְׁאַל	אָכְלָה	תִּשְׁאַל	אָכְלָה	תִּשְׁאַל	אָכְלָה	תִּשְׁאַל
H3588	H2009	For lo thine enemies	O LORD	H3588	H2009	For lo thine enemies	
		H341		H3068		H341	
וְאֶבֶד	תִּפְרֹד	כָּל	פְּנֵי	אֵל	וְאֶבֶד	תִּפְרֹד	כָּל
shall perish	shall be scattered	H3605	all the workers	H6466	of iniquity	H205	
H6	H6504						

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 37:20 (References Lord): But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

Psalms 89:10 (Parallel theme): Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.