

The Swahili word “*kuseta*,” as used in the Bible, means to completely destroy something—whether by crushing, trampling, or breaking it into pieces. It conveys the idea of total defeat and removal, not just a minor setback.

Biblical Usage and Theological Meaning

For example, consider these passages from the **New International Version (NIV)** of the Bible:

Romans 16:19-20

[19] Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.

*[20] The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.
Grace be with you all.*

Here, the Apostle Paul encourages believers to live wisely and avoid evil. The phrase “*crush Satan under your feet*” is a vivid metaphor that

reflects the ultimate victory believers have in Christ over the powers of evil. It echoes **Genesis 3:15**, where God foretells that the seed of the woman (interpreted as Christ) will crush the serpent’s head, symbolizing Satan’s defeat. This crushing is not only an act of God’s power but also a result of believers’ faithful lives, empowered by the Holy Spirit to resist temptation and sin.

This passage highlights a key theological truth: **spiritual victory comes through separation from evil and obedience to God, not by human strength alone**. When we turn away from sin and follow Christ, God empowers us to overcome Satan’s influence.

Psalm 110:5

The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.

This Psalm is a Messianic prophecy pointing to the coming Messiah (Jesus Christ), who will exercise divine judgment on the wicked. The crushing of kings symbolizes God’s sovereign authority and His righteous judgment against evil rulers and powers. It reminds us that

God’s justice will ultimately prevail over all forms of wickedness.

Summary

To “*kuseta*” means to utterly destroy, leaving nothing intact. God’s promise is to do this to Satan and the forces of evil, not to His people. As believers, our calling is to live lives that reflect God’s holiness—aligned with His will, empowered by faith in Jesus Christ.

If we fail to do so, we risk falling under the same destructive power that Satan experiences. But through faith in Christ, we receive forgiveness, protection, and victory.

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