

1 Samuel 2:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

Analysis

The climax of Hannah's song introduces stunning prophetic revelation. God's adversaries will be shattered and judged with cosmic thunder. But the astonishing elements are the final lines: God will give strength to 'his king' and exalt the 'horn of his anointed' (meshiach, messiah). Israel has no king when Hannah sings; the monarchy will begin through her own son Samuel! Hannah prophesies the Davidic kingdom before its existence and, beyond David, the Messiah whose horn (power, authority) God will exalt eternally. Personal testimony has become messianic prophecy.

Historical Context

This is the first biblical use of 'messiah' (anointed one) for a future king. Hannah's song becomes foundational for messianic expectation, developed through the Davidic covenant (2 Samuel 7) and prophetic oracles. Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) consciously echoes Hannah's themes.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does Hannah's personal prayer lead to prophetic revelation about Christ?
2. What connections do you see between individual faithfulness and participation in God's cosmic purposes?

Interlinear Text

יְהוָה ה	יִם יִתּוּ	מְרִיבֵי ו	עָלוּ	בְּשֵׁם יִם	
of the LORD	shall be broken to pieces	The adversaries	H5921	out of heaven	
H3068	H2865	H7378		H8064	
יִרְעֵם	יְהוָה ה	יָד יִן	אֲפֹסִי	אֶרֶץ	וַיִּתֵּן
shall he thunder	of the LORD	shall judge	the ends	of the earth	and he shall give
H7481	H3068	H1777	H657	H776	H5414
עֹז	לְמֶלֶךְ ו	וַיִּבָּרֵךְ	קֶרֶן	מְשִׁיחוֹ:	
strength	unto his king	and exalt	the horn	of his anointed	
H5797	H4428	H7311	H7161	H4899	

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 2:9 (Parallel theme): Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Psalms 89:24 (Parallel theme): But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

Psalms 96:13 (Judgment): Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Psalms 20:6 (References Lord): Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

Exodus 15:6 (References Lord): Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

Psalms 98:9 (Judgment): Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

1 Samuel 7:10 (References Lord): And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

Psalms 21:1 (Kingdom): The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

Psalms 2:6 (Kingdom): Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

Psalms 2:2 (Kingdom): The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,