

Acts 4:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

Analysis

The application of Psalm 2 continues - 'against the Lord, and against his Christ' - identifying current persecution as fulfillment of prophetic pattern. The Greek 'christos' (Anointed One) translates Hebrew 'Messiah,' connecting Jesus explicitly with psalm's king. Opposition to Christ is opposition to God - rejecting the Son rejects the Father (John 5:23). This theology sustained martyrs: their persecutors opposed God Himself, guaranteeing ultimate defeat.

Historical Context

Psalm 2's original context was David's enemies opposing his God-ordained kingship. Early church recognized this pattern repeated in Christ's ministry - religious and political powers conspiring against God's chosen King. This typological interpretation became fundamental to Christian hermeneutics.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing opposition to you as opposition to Christ sustain you through persecution?
2. What does the phrase 'against the Lord, and against his Christ' teach about Christ's deity?

Interlinear Text

παρέστησαν	oi	βασιλεῖς	τῆς	γῆς	καὶ	oi	ἄρχοντες	
stood up	G3588	The kings	G3588	of the earth	and	G3588	the rulers	
	G3936		G935		G1093	G2532	G758	
συνήχθησαν	έπι	τὸ	αὐτοῦ	κατὰ	τοῦ	κυρίου	καὶ	κατὰ
were gathered	G1909	G3588	his	against	G3588	the Lord	and	against
	G4863		G846	G2596		G2962	G2532	G2596
τοῦ	Χριστοῦ	αὐτοῦ						
G3588	Christ	his						
	G5547	G846						

Additional Cross-References

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,

Daniel 9:24 (Parallel theme): Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Acts 10:38 (Parallel theme): How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Hebrews 1:9 (Parallel theme): Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Luke 4:18 (References Lord): The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Revelation 17:17 (Kingdom): For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

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