

Isaiah 45:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

Analysis

God's purpose extends beyond Israel to universal knowledge: 'That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me.' The east-to-west language encompasses all humanity. The repeated assertion 'I am the LORD, and there is none else' establishes the foundational truth that all creation will eventually acknowledge.

Historical Context

The Persian Empire stretched from Egypt to India, giving unprecedented scope for God's name to be known. Cyrus's decree mentioning Israel's God spread divine fame across the known world.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How is God using global events to make His name known from east to west?
2. What role do you play in declaring that there is no God beside the LORD?

Interlinear Text

לֹמַע	יְדֻעַ	מִמְזָרֶחָ	שָׁמֶשׁ	וּמִמֶּעָרֶב הַ	כִּי
H4616	H3045	H4217	H8121	H4628	H3588
That they may know	from the rising	of the sun	and from the west		

תְּהִלָּתָה	בְּלֹעֵד	יְהִי הָ	אָנָּה	אָנָּה	יְהִי
that there is none	beside	me I am the LORD			

H657	H1107	H589	H3068	H369	H5750
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Additional Cross-References

Malachi 1:11 (Sin): For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah 45:5 (References Lord): I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

Isaiah 37:20 (References Lord): Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only.

Psalms 83:18 (Parallel theme): That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.

Psalms 46:10 (Parallel theme): Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

Ezekiel 38:23 (References Lord): Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.