

Isaiah 56:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Analysis

God promises to bring foreigners to His holy mountain and make them joyful in His 'house of prayer.' Their offerings and sacrifices are accepted on God's altar. The stunning declaration: 'for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.' Jesus quotes this when cleansing the temple (Mark 11:17).

Historical Context

The temple, often viewed as exclusively Jewish, is declared a house for all nations. This universal vision exceeded most Jewish expectations and was partially fulfilled in the court of the Gentiles.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus's use of this verse inform your understanding of the church's mission?
2. What barriers to 'all people' accessing God's house still exist today?

Interlinear Text

וְהֵבִיאֹתִי יָם אֶל הַר קָדְשִׁי וְשִׂמְחֵתִים בֵּית
Even them will I bring H413 mountain to my holy H6944 and make them joyful H8055 an house H1004
H935 H2022 H6944 H8055 H1004

וְתִפְלָה עֹלֹתֵיהֶם וְזִבְחֵיהֶם לֶכֶז וְנִשְׁלָם
of prayer H8605 their burnt offerings H5930 and their sacrifices H2077 shall be accepted H7522 H5921
H8605 H5930 H2077 H7522 H5921

לְכָל יִקְרָא בֵּית הַתִּפְלָה בֵּית כִּי מִזְבְּחִי
upon mine altar H4196 H3588 an house H1004 an house H1004 of prayer H8605 shall be called H7121 H3605
H4196 H3588 H1004 H1004 H8605 H7121 H3605

הָעַמִּים:
for all people H5971
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Additional Cross-References

Mark 11:17 (Prayer): And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Malachi 1:11 (Sacrifice): 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.

Matthew 21:13 (Prayer): And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Luke 19:46 (Prayer): Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Romans 12:1 (Holy): I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

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

Hebrews 12:22 (Parallel theme): But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Zechariah 8:3 (Holy): Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

Hebrews 13:15 (Sacrifice): By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

1 Timothy 2:8 (Holy): I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.