

# Jeremiah 10:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? for to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like unto thee.

## Analysis

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This verse declares universal divine sovereignty: 'Who would not fear thee, O King of nations?' The rhetorical question expects universal answer: everyone should fear this King. 'For to thee doth it appertain.' The Hebrew *ya'atha* (הָאָתָה) means 'it is fitting, appropriate, proper'—fear is YHWH's rightful due. 'Forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like unto thee.' Even pagan wisdom and royal power find nothing comparable to YHWH. The 'wise men of nations' (*chakhmei haggoym*) would include Babylonian sages famed for astronomical and magical knowledge; even they possess nothing equal to Israel's God.

## Historical Context

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Babylonian 'wise men' were renowned throughout the ancient world—Daniel was enrolled among them (Daniel 2:12-13). Their astronomical knowledge, mathematical skills, and divinatory practices impressed all cultures. Yet Jeremiah dismisses all this sophistication as nothing compared to knowing YHWH. The title 'King of nations' claims universal sovereignty—YHWH rules not just Israel but all peoples.

## Related Passages

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## **Genesis 1:1 – Creation of heavens and earth**

## Study Questions

1. What does calling YHWH 'King of nations' claim about His sovereignty over all peoples, not just Israel?
2. How should the acknowledgment that fear is 'fitting' for God shape our approach to worship?

## Interlinear Text

לְאַמִּים	לְגֹויִם	מֶלֶךְ	יְרָאֶה	מִלְּרָאָב	לְ
H4310	H3808	<b>Who would not fear</b>	<b>thee O King</b>	<b>men of the nations</b>	H3588
		H3372	H4428	H1471	H0
תָּהָה	מִתְּהָה	בְּכָל	כִּי	מִכְּמִים	
<b>for to thee doth it appertain</b>	<b>H3588</b>	<b>H3605</b>	<b>forasmuch as among all the wise</b>		
H2969				H2450	
מִיאָין	מֶלְכּוֹת	וּבְכָל	בְּכָל	מִתְּחֻזָּה	
<b>men of the nations</b>	<b>H3605</b>	<b>and in all their kingdoms</b>	<b>H369</b>		
H1471		H4438		H3644	

## Additional Cross-References

**Revelation 15:4** (Parallel theme): Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

**Psalms 22:28** (Kingdom): For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations.

**Psalms 89:6** (Parallel theme): For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

**Jeremiah 10:6** (Parallel theme): Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O LORD; thou art great, and thy name is great in might.

**Jeremiah 5:22** (Parallel theme): Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?

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