

Lamentations 5:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou, O LORD, remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation.

Analysis

Thou, O LORD, remainest for ever (אַתָּה יְהוָה לְעוֹלָם תֵּשֶׁב, atah YHWH le'olam teshev)—'Remainest' or 'sittest' (yashav) evokes God's enthronement—stable, unchanging, eternal. **Thy throne from generation to generation** (כָּסָאךְ לְדֹר וּלְדֹר) (kis'akha ledor vador)—while earthly kingdoms rise and fall (including David's throne in Jerusalem), God's reign is trans-generational, perpetual. This affirmation stands in stark contrast to chapter 5's litany of national collapse (verses 1-18). Though Israel's kingdom has fallen, the kingdom of God endures. This verse anchors the book's concluding prayer (verses 20-22) in God's unchanging nature.

Historical Context

The Davidic throne, occupied since 1000 BC, stood empty after 586 BC. No king sat in Jerusalem until Jesus, 'great David's greater Son.' Yet God's throne never vacated. This theological truth sustained Jewish hope through 70 years of exile and centuries without a king, anticipating Messiah's eternal kingdom.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. When the earthly structures you've relied on collapse (job, relationships, health, nation), do you panic or remember that God's throne remains unshaken?
2. How does God's eternal reign reframe temporal losses—are they ultimate tragedies or passing circumstances under an unchanging sovereign?

Interlinear Text

אַתָּה	יְהוָה	לֹא	עַז	תִּשְׁבֹּ	כִּסְאָךְ	זִדּוֹן:
H859	Thou O LORD	for ever	H5769	remainest	thy throne	from generation
	H3068			H3427	H3678	H1755
זִדּוֹן:						
from generation						
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 102:12 (References Lord): But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

Psalms 45:6 (Parallel theme): Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Psalms 145:13 (Parallel theme): Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

Psalms 9:7 (References Lord): But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

Revelation 1:8 (References Lord): I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

1 Timothy 1:17 (Parallel theme): Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:8 (Parallel theme): Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Psalms 90:2 (Parallel theme): Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Psalms 146:10 (References Lord): The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

Habakkuk 1:12 (References Lord): Art thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.