

Matthew 24:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Analysis

Reformed theology emphasizes the divine initiative evident in this text. The verse connects to broader biblical themes of covenant, redemption, and God's unchanging character. Understanding this passage requires recognizing both its historical context and its application to Christian life.

Historical Context

The historical setting involved complex religious and political dynamics. Jewish leaders maintained authority through Roman tolerance while common people sought deliverance. Jesus' teaching addressed both immediate concerns and eternal truths.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does this text reveal about human nature and God's grace?
2. How can you apply this teaching to current struggles or questions?
3. What changes in thinking or behavior does this passage require?

Interlinear Text

ἐγερθήσεται γὰρ ἔθνος ἐπὶ ἔθνος καὶ βασιλείαν ἐπὶ¹
shall rise For nation against nation and kingdom against
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βασιλείαν καὶ ἔσονται λιμοὶ καὶ λοιμοί καὶ²
kingdom and there shall be famines and pestilences and
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σεισμοὶ κατὰ τόπους·
earthquakes in divers places
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Additional Cross-References

Luke 21:11 (Parallel theme): And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

Revelation 6:8 (Parallel theme): And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

Isaiah 19:2 (Kingdom): And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom.

Zechariah 14:13 (Resurrection): And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on

the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

Acts 11:28 (Parallel theme): And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

2 Chronicles 15:6 (Parallel theme): And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity.

Revelation 6:12 (Parallel theme): And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

Hebrews 12:27 (Parallel theme): And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Ezekiel 21:27 (Parallel theme): I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.

Ezekiel 14:21 (Parallel theme): For thus saith the Lord GOD; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?