

Psalm 102:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

Analysis

Recording this for future generations (dor acharon) demonstrates Scripture's concern for posterity. 'The people which shall be created' anticipates the new birth of Israel and, ultimately, the new creation in Christ. Each generation must learn afresh about God's faithfulness through the testimony of previous generations. The Reformed emphasis on covenant succession recognizes the continuity of God's people across time. Christ's work creates a new people (2 Cor 5:17, Gal 6:15) who will praise the LORD throughout eternity.

Historical Context

Ancient Israel maintained strong oral and written traditions to transmit God's works to subsequent generations (Deut 6:7, Ps 78:4). This verse reflects that commitment to preserving testimony for those not yet born.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What testimony of God's faithfulness are you preserving for the next generation?
2. How does your understanding of being part of God's eternal purposes shape your daily decisions?

Interlinear Text

תְּקֻפָּה תְּבֻ	זֶה אַתָּה	לְדֹרְתָּה	אַחֲרָיו	עַם
This shall be written	H2063	for the generation	to come	and the people
H3789		H1755	H314	H5971

אֲבָבָה אָ	יְהִי לְلִלְטָה	לְבָבָה
which shall be created	shall praise	the LORD

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Additional Cross-References

Romans 15:4 (Parallel theme): For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Isaiah 43:21 (Resurrection): This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

2 Peter 1:15 (Parallel theme): Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

1 Corinthians 10:11 (Parallel theme): Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.