

Psalm 103:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Analysis

God has 'prepared' (kun, meaning established firmly) His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom 'rules over all' (mashal ba-kol). This cosmic sovereignty means no realm escapes God's authority. The Reformed doctrine of God's absolute sovereignty recognizes that He governs all events, from cosmic to personal, for His glory and His people's good. Christ is seated on this throne (Rev 3:21), exercising universal authority (Matt 28:18) until all enemies submit (1 Cor 15:25).

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern kings established thrones as symbols of their authority. God's throne being in heaven signified His authority transcended earthly kingdoms. This cosmic kingship would comfort Israel when earthly kingdoms oppressed them.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God's universal sovereignty provide comfort when earthly powers seem out of control?
2. What areas of your life do you struggle to submit to God's kingly rule?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 47:2 (Kingdom): For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.

1 Peter 3:22 (Parallel theme): Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

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

Psalms 11:4 (References Lord): The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

Psalms 115:3 (Parallel theme): But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Hebrews 8:1 (Parallel theme): Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

Isaiah 66:1 (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

Psalms 2:4 (References Lord): He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Daniel 4:25 (Kingdom): That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

Daniel 4:17 (Kingdom): This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

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