

Psalm 105:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people;

Analysis

When Israel wandered 'from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people,' God preserved them. The patriarchs lived as nomads, moving between territories without permanent settlement. This precarious existence made them vulnerable to hostile powers. Yet God protected them throughout. Their wandering prefigures believers as sojourners (1 Pet 2:11) in this world, awaiting their permanent home. Christ had nowhere to lay His head (Matt 8:20), identifying with this pilgrim status. The Reformed tradition emphasizes believers' heavenly citizenship (Phil 3:20).

Historical Context

Abraham migrated from Ur to Canaan, Isaac and Jacob moved within Canaan, and Jacob's family eventually went to Egypt. This peripatetic existence characterized the patriarchal period.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does viewing yourself as a sojourner affect your attachment to earthly security and possessions?
2. What does God's protection of wandering Israel teach about His care during your life transitions?

Interlinear Text

וְיָתַפְלָכוּ	וְיָתַפְלָכוּ	וְיָתַפְלָכוּ	וְיָתַפְלָכוּ	וְיָתַפְלָכוּ
When they went	from one nation	H413	from one nation	to another from one kingdom
H1980	H1471		H1471	H4467
אֶל	אֶל	אֶל	אֶל	אֶל
אֶל	אֶל	אֶל	אֶל	אֶל
people	to another			
H413	H5971		H312	
אֶל	אֶל	אֶל	אֶל	אֶל

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