

Psalms 118:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

Analysis

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD (בָּרוּךְ הַבָּא בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה, barukh ha-ba be-shem YHWH)—Barukh means blessed; ha-ba means the one coming; be-shem means in the name of. **We have blessed you out of the house of the LORD** (בֵּרַכְנוּכֶם מִבֵּית יְהוָה, berakhnu-khem mi-beit YHWH)—This is priestly blessing pronounced from the temple.

The crowds quoted this exact verse when Jesus entered Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9). "He that cometh" became a messianic title—"the Coming One" (Matthew 11:3). To come "in the name of the LORD" means to come as God's authorized representative. Jesus later lamented Jerusalem: "Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Matthew 23:39), predicting his second coming.

Historical Context

This was part of the Hallel (Psalms 113-118) sung at major festivals. Pilgrims approaching Jerusalem would sing it; priests would respond with blessing from the temple. Jesus deliberately staged his entry to fulfill this psalm, making unmistakable messianic claims. The religious leaders understood and were furious (Matthew 21:15-16).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing Jesus as "he that cometh in the name of the LORD" establish his divine identity?
2. What does it mean for Christians to come "in the name of the LORD" as Jesus's ambassadors?
3. How does Matthew 23:39 use this verse to predict Christ's second coming and Israel's future recognition?

Interlinear Text

בֵּרַךְנוּךְ מֶלֶךְ	הַ מֶלֶךְ	בְּשֵׁם מֶלֶךְ	יְהוָה:	בֵּרַךְנוּךְ מֶלֶךְ
Blessed	be he that cometh	in the name	of the LORD	Blessed
H1288	H935	H8034	H3068	H1288
מִבֵּית יְהוָה:	יְהוָה:			
you out of the house	of the LORD			
H1004	H3068			

Additional Cross-References

Luke 19:38 (Blessing): Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

Matthew 21:9 (Blessing): And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

John 12:13 (Blessing): Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 23:39 (Blessing): For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Luke 13:35 (Blessing): Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Psalms 129:8 (Blessing): Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the LORD be upon you: we bless you in the name of the LORD.

Psalms 134:3 (Blessing): The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

Zechariah 4:7 (Parallel theme): Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.