

Psalm 22:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations.

Analysis

The theological foundation for universal worship is stated: 'the kingdom is the LORD's: and he is the governor among the nations.' God's sovereignty over all nations justifies His claim to universal worship. Reformed theology emphasizes that God's kingship is not potential but actual—He reigns now over all peoples, whether they acknowledge it or not. Christ's death and resurrection established this kingdom publicly (Col. 2:15), and history unfolds according to God's sovereign decree.

Historical Context

In ancient Near East, gods were viewed as territorial—limited to specific nations or regions. This verse asserts Yahweh's unique, universal sovereignty. Israel's monotheism and missionary consciousness stemmed from this conviction that their God ruled all nations.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does God's present sovereignty over all nations comfort you regarding world events?
2. What responsibility does God's universal kingship place on His people regarding proclamation?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Zechariah 14:9 (Kingdom): And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

Obadiah 1:21 (Kingdom): And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

Revelation 11:15 (Kingdom): And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Daniel 7:14 (Kingdom): And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Matthew 6:13 (Kingdom): And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.