

Psalm 24:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Analysis

The question 'Who is this King of glory?' receives the answer: 'The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.' This depicts Yahweh as divine warrior who defeats enemies and enters His city triumphant. Reformed theology sees Christological significance: Jesus' ascension after defeating sin, death, and Satan fulfills this imagery. Christ is the King of glory entering heaven's gates, having won the decisive battle at Calvary (Col. 2:15).

Historical Context

This may have been sung antiphonally as the Ark of the Covenant entered Jerusalem (2 Sam. 6) or during festival processions. The gates of Jerusalem represented entry into God's presence, while the question-answer format created dramatic liturgical effect.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does viewing Jesus as the 'LORD mighty in battle' shape your understanding of His work?
2. What battles has Christ won on your behalf that you could not win yourself?

Interlinear Text

גַּבּוֹר צָבָא ! הַנּוּה מֶלֶךְ מְלֹא כָּבוֹד
H4310 H2088 Who is this King of glory The LORD strong and mighty
H4428 H3519 H3068 H5808 H1368

מְלֹא כָּבוֹד ! הַנּוּה גַּבּוֹר
The LORD and mighty in battle
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Additional Cross-References

Revelation 6:2 (Parallel theme): And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

Exodus 15:3 (References Lord): The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

Colossians 2:15 (Parallel theme): And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Psalms 93:1 (Kingdom): The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.