

Psalms 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

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H4310	H2088	Who is this King	of glory	The LORD	strong	and mighty
		H4428	H3519	H3068	H5808	H1368
! הַ	גִּבּוֹר	מִלְחָמָה:				
The LORD	and mighty	in battle				
H3068	H1368	H4421				

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.