

Psalm 45:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

Analysis

The promise of dynasty: 'Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.' The king's lineage will extend and exceed what came before. His descendants will rule not just locally but globally. This transcends any historical Davidic king, finding fulfillment in Christ's eternal kingdom.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern kings were judged by the dynasties they established. The promise of children becoming princes 'in all the earth' exceeds normal dynastic hopes, pointing to the universal reign of Messiah.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse point beyond any historical king to Christ?
2. What does it mean for believers to be made 'princes' in Christ's kingdom?

Interlinear Text

תְּמִתָּה	אַבְתִּיבָּה	יְהִי	אַבְתִּיבָּה	בְּנֵי יִצְחָק	תְּשִׁיבָתְךָ
H8478	Instead of thy fathers	H1961	shall be thy children	H1121	whom thou mayest make
H1					H7896

בְּאָרֶץ	לְשָׁרֶם	בְּכָל	לְשָׁרֶם	בְּאָרֶץ
princes		H3605	in all the earth	H776

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 5:10 (Parallel theme): And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 1:6 (Parallel theme): And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 2:9 (Parallel theme): But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Revelation 20:6 (Parallel theme): Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Psalms 22:30 (Parallel theme): A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.