

Psalms 45:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

Analysis

The queen stands 'at thy right hand in gold of Ophir.' The position at the right hand indicates honor and shared authority. Ophir gold was the finest known, suggesting the queen's preciousness. Allegorically, the church as Christ's bride stands honored at His side, adorned with His righteousness.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern queens often wielded significant influence. The queen mother (gebirah) held special status in Judah's court. This verse may describe either the bride or the queen mother at the royal wedding.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. What does the bride's position 'at the right hand' suggest about her relationship to the king?
2. How does the church as Christ's bride share in His honor?

Interlinear Text

בָּנוֹת	לְכִים	בִּיקָרוֹת יָךְ	נִצָּבָה	לְשֵׁן הַמֶּלֶךְ
daughters	Kings	were among thy honourable women	did stand	the queen
H1323	H4428	H3368	H5324	H7694
לְיָמִינוֹ	בְּכֶסֶף	אֹפִיר:		
upon thy right hand	in gold	of Ophir		
H3225	H3800	H211		

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 21:9 (Parallel theme): And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

1 Kings 2:19 (Kingdom): Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand.

Revelation 21:2 (Parallel theme): And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 19:7 (Parallel theme): Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Song of Solomon 7:1: How beautiful are thy feet with shoes, O prince's daughter! the joints of thy thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman.

Revelation 21:24 (Kingdom): And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

Psalms 45:13 (Kingdom): The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

Job 22:24 (Parallel theme): Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks.

John 3:29 (Parallel theme): He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

Isaiah 49:23 (Kingdom): And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

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