

Psalms 46:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Selah.

Analysis

The refrain: 'The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.' 'LORD of hosts' (Yahweh Tzevaot) emphasizes God's command of heavenly armies--infinite power. 'God of Jacob' emphasizes covenant relationship with the patriarchs--intimate faithfulness. Power and love combine in our refuge.

Historical Context

This title 'LORD of hosts' became prominent during the monarchy, emphasizing Yahweh's supremacy over all spiritual and earthly powers. It connected Israel's God to the heavenly court and angelic armies.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How do the titles 'LORD of hosts' and 'God of Jacob' complement each other?
2. What does it mean that the commander of heaven's armies is also the personal God of our ancestor Jacob?

Interlinear Text

יְהוָה	צְבָא וְ	עִמָּנוּ	מִשְׁגָּב	לָנוּ	אֱלֹהֵינוּ	יֵשׁקֵן בְּ
The LORD	of hosts	H5973	is our refuge	H0	is with us the God	of Jacob
H3068	H6635		H4869		H430	H3290

סֵלָה:

Selah

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 9:9 (References Lord): The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

Romans 8:31 (References God): What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

2 Chronicles 13:12 (References God): And, behold, God himself is with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

Numbers 14:9 (References Lord): Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.

Isaiah 8:10 (References God): Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us.

Matthew 28:20 (Parallel theme): Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Psalms 46:11 (References God): The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

2 Timothy 4:22 (References Lord): The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

