

Psalms 47:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

Analysis

God 'shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.' The Hebrew *dabar* (subdue) indicates bringing into subjection. This verse celebrates God's victory over hostile powers, anticipating the universal submission to Christ prophesied in Philippians 2:10-11.

Historical Context

Israel's conquest and kingdom established prefigured the greater reign of Messiah. Historical victories over Canaanites and later enemies anticipated the ultimate subduing of all opposition to God's rule.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How should Christians understand language of subduing nations in light of Christ's kingdom?
2. What is the relationship between God's subduing power and our responsibility?

Interlinear Text

יִדְבֹּר	עַמֵּי יִם	תַּחְתֵּי יָנוּ	וּ לְאַמְּ יִם	תַּחַת
He shall subdue	the people	H8478	under us and the nations	H8478
H1696	H5971		H3816	
כַּגְּלִינוּ:				
under our feet				
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 18:47 (Parallel theme): It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.

Psalms 110:1 (Parallel theme): The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

1 Corinthians 15:25 (Parallel theme): For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.