

Psalms 47:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.

Analysis

The universal gathering: 'The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham.' Foreign princes join Abraham's people in worship--the fulfillment of the Abrahamic promise that 'all families of the earth shall be blessed.' 'The shields of the earth belong unto God' indicates all protectors/rulers acknowledge Him.

Historical Context

This verse anticipates Gentile inclusion in God's people, a theme developed in Isaiah and fulfilled in the church. The 'shields' representing rulers acknowledges that all authority ultimately derives from God.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How is this vision of universal worship being fulfilled in the church?
2. What does it mean that 'the shields of the earth belong unto God'?

Interlinear Text

נְדִיבֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	עַם	וַיִּקְרָא פֹה	עַם		
The princes	even the people	are gathered together	even the people		
H5081	H5971	H622	H5971		
לֵאלֹהִים	אֲבִרָתָהּ	כִּי	לֵאלֹהִים	מִגְנֵי	אֶרֶץ
belong unto God	of Abraham	H3588	belong unto God	for the shields	of the earth
H430	H85		H430	H4043	H776
מְאֹד	נִשְׁעָלָהּ				
he is greatly	exalted				
H3966	H5927				

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 89:18 (Parallel theme): For the LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.

Genesis 49:10 (Parallel theme): The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

Exodus 3:6 (References God): Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.