

# Psalms 50:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

## Analysis

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The majestic introduction: 'The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.' Three divine names (El, Elohim, Yahweh) emphasize God's comprehensive sovereignty. He summons the whole earth--universal jurisdiction for universal judgment.

## Historical Context

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The threefold divine naming intensifies solemnity. God speaks as cosmic Creator and covenant Lord, addressing not just Israel but all creation as audience and witness to divine lawsuit.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. Why does the psalm use three divine names in succession?
2. What does calling 'from the rising of the sun unto the going down' indicate about God's scope of authority?

## Interlinear Text

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אֵל לַ	אֱלֹהֵי יָם	יְהוָה	דִּבֶּר	וַיִּקְרָא	אֶת הָאָרֶץ
The mighty	God	even the LORD	hath spoken	and called	the earth
H410	H430	H3068	H1696	H7121	H776
מִמָּוֶזֶחַ	שֶׁל הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ	עַד	מִבֹּאֵי:		
from the rising	of the sun	H5704	unto the going down		
H4217	H8121		H3996		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 113:3** (Sin): From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised.

**Joshua 22:22** (Sin): The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day,)

**Matthew 25:32** (Parallel theme): And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

**Amos 3:8** (References God): The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

**Isaiah 1:2** (References Lord): Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

**Nehemiah 9:6** (References Lord): Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.