

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

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

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

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

אֵלֶּה יְמֵי	יְהִי הָרָךְ	דָּבָר	וַיְקֹרֵא	אֶרְאֶה
The mighty	even the LORD	hath spoken	and called	the earth
H410	H3068	H1696	H7121	H776
מִמְּזֶרֶת	שֶׁמֶשׁ	עַד	מִבָּאֹן:	
from the rising	of the sun	unto the going down		
H4217	H8121	H3996		

Additional Cross-References

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.