

Psalms 50:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God.

Analysis

God speaks directly: 'Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God.' The covenant formula 'I am thy God' creates basis for both relationship and responsibility. The shift to first person heightens solemnity--God Himself delivers the accusation.

Historical Context

The covenant formula ('I am thy God') recalls Sinai and emphasizes that judgment comes within relationship, not from a stranger. God's people are accountable precisely because He is their God.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What is significant about God's 'I am God, even thy God' in context of judgment?
2. How does covenant relationship create accountability?

Interlinear Text

שְׁמַע ה	עַם יִ	וְאָדַבְכָּה	! שְׂרָאֵל	וְאֵעַ יְדָה	כִּי
Hear	O my people	and I will speak	O Israel	and I will testify	H0
H8085	H5971	H1696	H3478	H5749	
אֶלֶּה יְיָ	אֶלֶּה יְיָ	אֶנְכִּי:			
against thee I am God	against thee I am God	H595			
H430	H430				

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 81:8 (Witness): Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;

Exodus 20:2 (References God): I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.