

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

בָּהּ וְאַעֲדֵךְ יִשְׁמַע הָעָם יְיָ אֶלְעָלָה אֶלְעָלָה יְיָ אֶלְעָלָה אֶלְעָלָה
Hear O my people and I will speak O Israel and I will testify H0
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אֶלְעָלָה יְבָנָה אֶלְעָלָה יְבָנָה אֶלְעָלָה יְבָנָה
against thee I am God against thee I am God against thee I am God
H430 H430 H595

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.

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