

Psalm 61:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou wilt prolong the king's life: and his years as many generations.

Analysis

The prayer for the king's prolonged life ('years as many generations') anticipates the eternal dynasty promised to David (2 Samuel 7:16). While David's physical reign was temporal, this prophetically points to the Messiah's eternal reign. Each earthly king's reign is shadow, with Christ the substance—His years truly are 'as many generations' (Hebrews 7:24).

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern royal ideology included prayers for the king's long life and dynasty. In David's case, these prayers connect to specific covenant promises about his seed reigning forever, fulfilled in Christ.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How do temporal fulfillments of God's promises point toward eternal realities in Christ?
2. What does Christ's eternal kingship mean for your current relationship to earthly authority?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 21:4 (Parallel theme): He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days for ever and ever.

Psalms 21:6 (Parallel theme): For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

Isaiah 53:10 (Parallel theme): Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.