

Psalm 65:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

Analysis

God visiting the earth depicts divine attention and care. The 'river of God' provides abundant water, ensuring grain. This combines providence (natural rainfall) with imagery of Eden's river (Genesis 2:10), anticipating the river of life (Revelation 22:1). God's preparation of grain shows comprehensive care from soil to harvest.

Historical Context

Agriculture dominated ancient Israel's economy, making harvest success critical for survival. The 'river of God' may reference seasonal rains or metaphorically depict God's abundant provision surpassing natural sources.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing God's providence in ordinary processes (rainfall, harvest) shape daily gratitude?

2. What does the 'river of God' imagery teach about the source and abundance of divine provision?

Interlinear Text

תַּעֲשֵׂר	בָּה	תַּעֲשֵׂר	בָּה	תַּעֲשֵׂר	בָּה
Thou visitest	the earth	and waterest	it thou greatly	enrichest	
H6485	H776	H7783	H7227	H6238	
בְּרֵבֶת	בְּבֵבֶת	בְּבֵבֶת	בְּבֵבֶת	בְּבֵבֶת	
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H6388	H430	H4390	H4325	H3559	H3588
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H3651	thou preparest				
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 46:4 (References God): There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

Revelation 22:1 (References God): And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Jeremiah 5:24 (References God): Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.