

Psalm 66:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations:
let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

Analysis

God's eternal reign ('ruleth by his power for ever') establishes the foundation for confidence in His providential oversight of all nations. His eyes 'behold the nations' speaks to His omniscience and active governance of world affairs. The warning against rebellion reflects the futility of resisting divine sovereignty—a theme echoed in Psalm 2:1-4. God's watchfulness ensures both justice for His people and judgment on the proud.

Historical Context

Written in a context where surrounding nations constantly threatened Israel, this verse reassured God's people that no earthly power escapes His notice or control. His eternal rule guarantees the ultimate vindication of His purposes.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does God's eternal, sovereign rule over all nations provide comfort amid political turmoil and uncertainty?

2. In what ways might you be tempted to 'exalt yourself' rather than submit to God's righteous authority?
3. How should the knowledge that God's eyes constantly behold all nations shape your prayers for world events?

Interlinear Text

ל	בְּגִבְעָרָתִ וְ	עוֹלָם	עַיִן	בְּגֹאֵלָם	תָּצַפְתִּי
He ruleth	by his power	for ever	his eyes	the nations	behold
H4910	H1369	H5769	H5869	H1471	H6822
לֹא			לֹא		
let not the rebellious	H408	exalt	H0	themselves	Selah
H5637		H7311		H5542	

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 11:4 (Parallel theme): The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

Psalms 140:8 (Parallel theme): Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves. Selah.