

Psalm 67:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Analysis

The refrain 'Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee' emphasizes universal worship as God's ultimate purpose for creation. The repetition underscores urgency and comprehensiveness—not some peoples, but ALL peoples. This anticipates the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19) and Revelation's vision of every tribe, tongue, and nation worshiping the Lamb. God's glory among all nations is not an optional addendum but central to His redemptive plan.

Historical Context

Psalm 67 expands on the Aaronic blessing (Numbers 6:24-26), praying that God's blessing on Israel would result in all nations knowing and praising Him. This missionary vision was present even in the Old Testament, though fully revealed in the New.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does your personal worship connect to God's global purposes for all peoples?
2. In what ways are you participating in God's mission to see all nations praise Him?
3. What barriers—cultural, linguistic, or personal—might hinder your enthusiasm for seeing all peoples worship God?

Interlinear Text

בָּרוּךְ יְהֹוָה יְהֹוָה
praise Let the people thee O God praise Let the people כָּלִים:
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 74:21 (Resurrection): O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

Psalms 119:175 (Resurrection): Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.

Psalms 67:5 (Resurrection): Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Psalms 142:7 (Resurrection): Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.