

Psalm 68:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Because of thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee.

Analysis

The temple in Jerusalem becomes the focus of worship for all nations—'kings shall bring presents unto thee.' This missionary vision sees Gentile rulers honoring Israel's God, partially fulfilled when Queen of Sheba visited Solomon (1 Kings 10), ultimately fulfilled in Christ's kingdom where every knee bows (Philippians 2:10-11). God's purpose has always been global worship, using Israel as the means to bless all nations.

Historical Context

Jerusalem's temple was designed to be 'a house of prayer for all nations' (Isaiah 56:7). Though Israel often failed in this mission, God's purpose remained: all peoples worshiping the one true God.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does the global scope of God's purposes shape your prayers and priorities?

2. What 'presents' or offerings can you bring to God in worship and service?
3. In what ways is the church called to be a light to nations, fulfilling Israel's missionary calling?

Interlinear Text

מִן הַיּוֹכֵל עַל יְרוּשָׁלָם לְבִזְבֵּחַ יְמִינָה מֶלֶךְ יְמִינָה שְׁנִית
 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem bring shall kings presents
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 76:11 (Parallel theme): Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

1 Kings 10:10 (Kingdom): And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

Psalms 45:12 (Parallel theme): And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.

1 Chronicles 29:3 (Parallel theme): Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

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