

# Psalm 68:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

## Analysis

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Princes from Egypt and Ethiopia (Cush) 'stretching out hands unto God' depicts willing submission to Israel's God by historically proud nations. Egypt enslaved Israel; Ethiopia represented distant, foreign peoples. Their voluntary worship fulfills prophecies that all nations will honor Yahweh (Isaiah 19:19-25). This anticipates the gospel's spread to Africa and worldwide, as seen in Philip's Ethiopian eunuch convert (Acts 8:26-39).

## Historical Context

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Egypt and Cush were ancient superpowers with their own religions and gods. Their eventual worship of Yahweh demonstrated His supremacy over all false deities and His power to save peoples of every race and nation.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does the inclusion of formerly hostile nations encourage evangelism to seemingly unreachable peoples?

2. What does 'stretching out hands to God' signify—desperation, worship, submission, or all three?
3. In what ways has God already fulfilled this vision through the gospel's global spread?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>שׁׁאַת יְהִי</b>	<b>מִן שְׁמָנִים</b>	<b>מִצְרַיִם</b>	<b>כִּי שׁׁ</b>
<b>shall come out</b>	<b>Princes</b>	<b>of Egypt</b>	<b>Ethiopia</b>
H857	H2831	H4480 H4714	H3568
			<b>shall soon stretch out</b>
			H7323
<b>לְאֱלֹהִים: יְהִי</b>			
<b>her hands</b>	<b>unto God</b>		
H3027	H430		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 45:14** (References God): Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God.

**Zephaniah 3:10** (Parallel theme): From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.

**Psalms 44:20** (References God): If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

**Psalms 143:6** (Parallel theme): I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.