

Psalms 72:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

Analysis

The statement 'all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him' universalizes submission. Not some but ALL kings and nations acknowledge his supremacy. This points beyond any historical king to Christ's ultimate authority (Revelation 19:16—King of Kings). Service rendered to Him isn't oppressive slavery but the freedom and joy of serving the rightful Lord. His reign alone deserves universal allegiance.

Historical Context

No Israelite king ever achieved literal worldwide rule. This prophetic language deliberately exceeds historical possibility, pointing to the Messiah's eschatological reign over all earthly powers.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's title 'King of Kings' give perspective on earthly authorities and powers?

2. What does it mean to 'serve' King Jesus—how is this different from serving earthly masters?
3. How should the certainty that all kings will bow to Christ shape your prayers for political leaders?

Interlinear Text

וְשָׁתָּחוּ	ל	כָּל	מֶלֶךְ יִם	כָּל	גּוֹיִם	יַעֲבֹדוּהוּ
shall fall down	H0	H3605	Yea all kings	H3605	before him all nations	shall serve
H7812			H4428		H1471	H5647

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 11:15 (Kingdom): And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Psalms 86:9 (Parallel theme): All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

Revelation 17:14 (Kingdom): These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Revelation 21:26 (Parallel theme): And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

Revelation 21:24 (Kingdom): And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

Isaiah 54:5 (Parallel theme): For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.