

Psalms 76:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou art more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey.

Analysis

The psalm praises God: "Thou art more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey" (Hebrew na-or atah adir me-harere teref). "Glorious" (Hebrew na-or) means luminous, radiant with light. "Excellent" (Hebrew adir) indicates majestic power. "Mountains of prey" likely refers to enemy strongholds where predatory nations dwelt. God surpasses all earthly power centers in glory and might. Where human kingdoms are predatory, God's rule is righteous.

Historical Context

Mountain strongholds were formidable military positions in ancient warfare—Assyria, Babylon, and other empires ruled from mountainous regions. Yet God transcends all earthly powers. Isaiah 2:2-3 prophesies God's mountain (Zion) will be exalted above all others. Revelation 21:10 depicts the New Jerusalem descending from God's mountain—ultimate fulfillment.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What earthly powers or institutions intimidate you, and how does God's surpassing glory put them in perspective?
2. How does recognizing God as "more glorious" than all competitors guard against idolatry of nation, success, or human authority?
3. In what ways does Christ's exaltation "far above all rule and authority" (Ephesians 1:21) fulfill this supremacy?

Interlinear Text

נָּ אֹר	אֶתְּ ה	אֲדָ יר	מְהִרָּי	טָרֶף:
Thou art more glorious	H859	and excellent	than the mountains	of prey
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