

Psalms 99:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people.

Analysis

Zion as the location where 'the LORD is great' establishes Jerusalem as the center of God's self-revelation in the Old Covenant. God being 'high above all the people' (ram—exalted) emphasizes His supremacy over all nations, not just Israel. This verse presents both the localized presence of God in the temple and His universal sovereignty over all peoples. The greatness of God in Zion would ultimately be fulfilled in Christ, who tabernacled among us (John 1:14).

Historical Context

Zion/Jerusalem was where the temple stood, making it the focal point of God's presence and the destination for pilgrimage worship during Israel's annual feasts.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's presence among His people (now the church, His temple) make the body of Christ 'great' in the world?
2. What responsibility comes with being part of the community where God has chosen to manifest His presence?

Interlinear Text

יְהוָה	בְּצִיּוֹן	גָּדוֹל	וְיָרֵם	וְאֵל	עַל	כָּל
The LORD	in Zion	is great	and he is high			
H3068	H6726	H1419	H7311	H1931	H5921	H3605

הָעַמִּים:
above all the people
H5971

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 97:9 (References Lord): For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

Isaiah 14:32 (References Lord): What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

Isaiah 12:6 (Parallel theme): Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.