

Psalm 072 - The Righteous Reign of Christ in the Kingdom

This psalm concludes Book II, the "Exodus section" of the Psalms. The Book of Exodus concludes with the glory of the Lord filling the tabernacle; this is a prophetic psalm in which the Messiah Himself comes and establishes His glorious kingdom on earth.

The psalm rests on God's unbreakable covenant with Abraham and His unshakable promise for the future. The psalmist describes a perfectly righteous reign: people prosper, the needy find salvation, and justice triumphs.

Psalm 72

[A Psalm for Solomon.]

The Righteous Reign of Christ in the Kingdom

- 1 Give the king Your judgments, God, And Your righteousness to the king's son.
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- 1 God, endow the king with ability to render your justice, and the king's son to render your right decisions.
- 1 Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.
- This is a psalm of David written for his son, Solomon

- 2 May he judge Your people with righteousness And Your afflicted with justice.
- 2 May he judge Your people with righteousness And Your afflicted with justice.
- 2 May he rule your people with right decisions and your oppressed ones with justice.
- 2 He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

- 3 May the mountains bring peace to the people, And the hills, in righteousness.
- 3 Let the mountains bring peace to the people, And the hills, in righteousness.
- 3 May the mountains bring prosperity to the people and the hills bring righteousness.
- 3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

- 4 May he vindicate the afflicted of the people, Save the children of the needy, And crush the oppressor.
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4 May he defend the afflicted of the people and deliver the children of the poor, but crush the oppressor.

4 He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

- The Lord Jesus will reign in righteousness some day. This psalm describes His glorious kingdom.

5 May they fear You while the sun *shines*, And as long as the moon *shines*, throughout all generations.

5 Let them fear You while the sun *endures*, And as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

5 May they fear you as long as the sun and moon shine— from generation to generation.

5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, Like showers that water the earth.

6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, Like showers that water the earth.

6 May he be like the rain that descends on mown grass, like showers sprinkling on the ground.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.

7 May the righteous flourish in his days, As well as an abundance of peace, until the moon is no more.

7 In his days may the righteous flourish, And abundance of peace till the moon is no more.

7 The righteous will flourish at the proper time and peace will prevail until the moon is no more.

7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

The Universal Rule of Christ in the Kingdom

8 May he also rule from **sea to sea**, And from the *Euphrates* River **to the ends of the earth**.

8 May he also rule from sea to sea And from the River to the ends of the earth.

8 May he rule from sea to sea, from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth.

8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

- "...sea to sea" - the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea

- "...the ends of the earth" - after giving boundaries from the north, east and west, there is no southern boundary to the Messiah's rule given; one would expect the southern

boundary to be the "brook of Egypt"; rather, it will be to "the ends of the earth."

— The point is that the rule of the Messiah in the Kingdom will not be confined to Israel alone; it will overflow the boundaries of Israel to the ends of the earth.

Land Grant

God promised Abraham that his descendants would inherit all the land from the River of Egypt to the River Euphrates (Gen 15:18). He reaffirmed this promise through Moses (Ex 23:31).

- Both David and Solomon ruled over great areas (1 Kings 4:21,24; 1 Chr 9:26) but not to the "ends of the earth" (Ps 72:8)
 - This final privilege is Jesus' (Ps 2:8; Zech 9:9-10; Micah 4:1-5; Luke 1:33).
 - The Millennial Reign will fulfill the grant cited in v8

9 May the nomads of the desert bow before him, And his enemies lick the dust.

9 Let the nomads of the desert bow before him, And his enemies lick the dust.

9 May the nomads bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.

All Rulers Subject to His Authority

10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the islands bring gifts; May the kings of Sheba and Seba offer tributes.

10 Let the kings of Tarshish and of the islands bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.

10 May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring gifts, and may the kings of Sheba and Seba offer tribute.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

11 And may all kings bow down before him, All nations serve him.

11 And let all kings bow down before him, All nations serve him.

11 May all kings bow down to him, and all nations serve him.

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

Injustices Rectified & Righteous Exalted

12 For he will save the needy when he cries for help, The afflicted also, and him who has no helper.

12 For he will deliver the needy when he cries for help, The afflicted also, and him who has no helper.

12 For he will deliver the needy when they cry out for help, and the poor when there is no deliverer.

12 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

13 He will have compassion on the poor and needy, And he will save the lives of the needy.

13 He will have compassion on the poor and needy, And the lives of the needy he will save.

13 He will have compassion on the poor and the needy, and he will save the lives of the needy.

13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

14 He will rescue their life from oppression and violence, And their blood will be precious in his sight;

14 He will rescue their life from oppression and violence, And their blood will be precious in his sight;

14 He will redeem them from oppression and violence, since their lives are precious in his sight.

14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

15 So may he live, and may the gold of Sheba be given to him; And they are to pray for him continually; They are to bless him all day long.

15 So may he live, and may the gold of Sheba be given to him; And let them pray for him continually; Let them bless him all day long.

15 May he live long and be given gold from Sheba, and may prayer be offered for him continuously, and may he be blessed every day.

15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the earth on top of the mountains; Its fruit will wave like *the cedars of Lebanon*; And may those from the city flourish like the vegetation of the earth.

16 May there be abundance of grain in the earth on top of the mountains; Its fruit will wave like *the cedars of Lebanon*; And may those from the city flourish like vegetation of the earth.

16 May grain be abundant in the land all the way to the mountain tops; may its fruits flourish like the forests of Lebanon, and may the cities sprout like the grass of the earth.

16 There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

- Abundance of prosperity from the earth; productivity of the Land

17 May his name endure forever; May his name produce descendants as long as the sun *shines*; And may *people* wish blessings on themselves by him; May all nations call him blessed.

17 May his name endure forever; May his name increase as long as the sun *shines*; And let *men* bless themselves by him; Let all nations call him blessed.

17 May his fame be eternal— as long as the sun— may his name endure, and may they be blessed through him, and may all nations call him blessed.

17 His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

- All peoples will be blessed in the King, and they will bless Him, for He is the eternal God-Man

The following verses are not part of Psalm 72: it is the closing benediction to Book II of the Psalms:

18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who alone works wonders.

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18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does awesome deeds.

18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

19 And blessed be His glorious name forever; And may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.

19 And blessed be His glorious name forever; And may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen.

19 And blessed be his glorious name forever, and may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and amen!

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

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20 This ends the prayers of Jesse's son David.

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