

Psalm 093 - Enthronement Psalm: Millennial Psalm of Praise

Enthronement Psalms: Psalms 93-100

The Enthronement Psalms depict a time when the Lord alone is King reigning over all peoples and lands (93:1; 96:10; 97:1; 99:1). Indeed the Lord comes to rule the earth, the world and the people in it with righteousness and his truth (Ps 96:13; 97:9).

Each of these Psalms tells the story of a divine kingdom which is yet to be set up on the earth. It anticipates the universal outburst of joy which shall greet this future event. In order to accomplish this event, the psalms seem to group themselves in pairs (93-94, 95-96, 97-98, 99-100). The pattern seems to be first the announcement of the Lord's reign in the first of the pairs (especially 93, 97, 99) followed by an outburst of praise to the Lord (especially 96, 98, and climactically 100).

Theme: Millennial psalm of sheer praise. This brief psalm of only five verses, tucked between Psalm 92 and 94, is a song of sheer praise because the King is reigning. It is a millennial kingdom psalm and speaks of the Lord who has come to reign gloriously over the earth.

Psalm 93

God Reigns

1 The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD has clothed and encircled Himself with strength. Indeed, the world is firmly established; it will not be moved.

1 The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD has clothed and girded Himself with strength; Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved.

1 The LORD reigns! He is clothed in majesty; the LORD is clothed, and he is girded with strength. Indeed, the world is well established, and cannot be shaken.

1 The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

2 Your throne is established from of old; You are from eternity.

2 Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

2 Your throne has been established since time immemorial; you are king from eternity.

2 Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

Universal vs. Theocratic Kingdom

	Universal Kingdom	Theocratic Kingdom
Time	Eternal (Ps 93:1-2)	Future (Dan 2:44)
Scope	Universal (Ps 103:19)	Earthly (Dan 2:35, 44-45)
Rule	God rules directly (Dan 4:17)	God rules indirectly through a human (Ps 2:6-9)
Existence	Always (Ps. 93:1-2)	Contingent upon a human response (Exod. 19:5-6; Matt. 3:2; 11:2-6, 14; 23:37-39)

3 The floods have lifted up, LORD, The floods have lifted up their voice, The floods lift up their pounding waves.

3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, The floods have lifted up their voice, The floods lift up their pounding waves.

3 The rivers have flooded, LORD; the rivers have spoken aloud, the rivers have lifted up their crushing waves.

3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

4 More than the sounds of many waters, Than the mighty breakers of the sea, The LORD on high is mighty.

4 More than the sounds of many waters, *Than* the mighty breakers of the sea, The LORD on high is mighty.

4 More than the sound of surging waters— the majestic waves of the sea— the LORD on high is majestic.

4 The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Your testimonies are fully confirmed; Holiness is pleasing to Your house, LORD,
forevermore.

5 Your testimonies are fully confirmed; Holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.

5 Your decrees are very trustworthy, and holiness always befits your house, LORD.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.