

# Psalm 110 - Messianic Psalm:

This psalm speaks of the exaltation of Christ and begins with the ascension of Christ. This psalm is remarkable because it sets forth the deity of Christ. You could not in any way consider this psalm and still deny His deity. This psalm is referred to many times in the NT: Acts 2:34-35; Heb 1:13; Heb 5:6; 6:20; 7:21; 10:12-13

- Verse 1: quoted 25x in the NT (Acts 2:34-35; Heb 1:13; 5:6; 6:20; 7:21; 10:12-13)
- Verse 4: quoted 4x in the NT
- Hebrews: 10 quotes/allusions alone

The Psalm opens by the Father inviting the Son to sit at His right hand until His enemies shall be made His footstool. Then follows the affirmation that Jehovah will display His strength out of Jerusalem, and make His people Israel willing in the day of His power. Then, following Jehovah's oath that Christ is a Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek (which contemplates the exercise of His millennial and royal priesthood), we read, "The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of His wrath. He shall judge among the heathen, He shall fill the places with the dead bodies; He shall wound the Head over many countries" (v5-6). The "Day of His wrath" is the closing portion of the Tribulation period, and in the Day of His wrath He wounds this Head over many countries. The Head over many countries refers to the Man of Sin as the Caesar of the last world empire, prior to the establishment of the Messianic Kingdom.

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[A Psalm of David.]

### A Priestly Ruler

**1 The LORD says to my Lord:** "Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

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**1** A declaration from the LORD to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool."

**1** The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

- "The LORD says to my Lord" - literally "*YHWH said unto Adonai*" - the grammar of the possessive hangs on a single *yot*!

— Many “Jehovah passages” in the OT are applied to Jesus in the NT. These include: Ps 102:12,25-27 (Heb 1:10-12); Ex 3:14 (John 8:58; 18:5-6); Is 6:5 (John 12:41); Deut 10:17 (1 Tim 6:15); Is 6:1,8-10 (John 12:39-40); Is 53:1 (John 12:38); Ps 110:1 (Matt 22:41-45; Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44; Acts 2:34-36; Heb 1:13).



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*The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.*

לְדוֹד מְזֻמָּר נָאָם יְהֹוָה אֶל-עָדָי שָׁב לְמִימִינֵי  
עַד-אָשִׁית אַיִּשׁ הַרְמָם לְרִגְלֵיךְ:

Psalm 110:1

- 2 The LORD will stretch out Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, “Rule in the midst of Your enemies.”
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- 2 When the LORD extends your mighty scepter from Zion, rule in the midst of your enemies.
- 2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
  
- 3 Your people will volunteer freely on the day of Your power; In holy splendor, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to You as the dew.
- 3 Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to You as the dew.
- 3 Your soldiers are willing volunteers on your day of battle; in majestic holiness, from the womb, from the dawn, the dew of your youth belongs to you.
- 3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

- This verse speaks of the coming of Christ to the earth to rule in Zion
- Concerning this time Isaiah said, "And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." (Is 2:3).
- Jerusalem will be the center of the government on earth. God does have a purpose for Israel in the future.

- 4** The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."
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- 4 The LORD took an oath and will never recant: "You are a priest forever, after the manner of Melchizedek."
- 4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.
- God does not change His mind when He decrees or swears, as in this case
- See notes on Ex 32:14; Num 23:19; 1 Sam 15:29 (Cf. Heb 5:6-10)

In this passage Yahweh swore an oath that the Davidic king would occupy a special royal-priestly status, much like that of Melchizedek, the ancient king of Salem. The declaration that God will not change His mind, or retract His statement, clearly pertains to the specific pronouncement that follows and, together with the reference to an oath, marks the statement as a decree.

- 5 The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath.
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- 5 The Lord is at your right hand; he will utterly destroy kings in the time of his wrath.
- 5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.
- 6 He will judge among the nations, He will fill them with corpses, He will shatter the chief men over a broad country.
- 6 He will judge among the nations, He will fill *them* with corpses, He will shatter the chief men over a broad country.
- 6 He will execute judgment against the nations, filling graves with corpses. He will utterly destroy leaders far and wide.
- 6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

7 He will drink from the brook by the wayside; Therefore He will lift up His head.

7 He will drink from the brook by the wayside; Therefore He will lift up *His* head.

7 He will drink from a stream on the way, then hold his head high.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.