

## Psalm 47

# Praise to Yahweh, Enthroned Messiah, Who Rules All Nations

For the choir director. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

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An Enthronement <sup>1</sup> Psalm

Enthronement Psalms: 47, 93, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99

### **A1 THE FIRST CALL TO PRAISE GOD 47:1-4**

#### **B1 The Call to Praise with Clapping Hands and Joyful Shout 47:1**

- C1 The method of praise: {1} O clap your hands,
- C2 The recipients of the call: all peoples; <sup>2</sup>
- C3 The method of praise: Shout to God
- C4 The emotion of praise: with the voice of joy.

#### **B2 The Reasons for Praise 47:2-4**

- C1 Yahweh is Most High: {2} For the LORD Most High 47:2
- C2 Yahweh is worthy of fear: is to be feared,
- C3 Yahweh is a great King: A great King
- C4 Yahweh rules the entire earth: over all the earth.
- C5 Yahweh subdues peoples and nations under Israel's feet 47:3
  - D1 {3} He subdues peoples under us
  - D2 And nations under our feet.

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<sup>1</sup> Enthronement: Enthronement psalms celebrate God reigning as the greatest King. Some enthronement psalms (like Psalm 99) explicitly state that He reigns on earth, even from Mt. Zion. This Psalm states that Yahweh is a great King over all the earth (47:2)! Psalm 2 sees the earth in rebellion against God and His Anointed, with God and the King ultimately smashing the earth into submission. This psalm (47) sees the nations in submission to God and His King. This will be fulfilled first, when Jesus reigns over the entire earth in a beneficent, global reign (see Isa. 2:1-4; Zech. 14:9). It will be fulfilled second, when Jesus and God the Father sit as co-regents on their throne in New Jerusalem in the Eternal State (Rev. 21-22).

<sup>2</sup> 47:1 - all peoples: It is fascinating to note that all peoples are to clap their hands and to shout to God with a voice of joy because Jesus as the great King will fulfill the prophetic overtones of this great psalm. Jesus will rule over Israel and will subdue all nations under Israel's jurisdiction!

C6 Yahweh chooses that which Israel shall inherit and control in all the earth  
47:4

D1 The fact of His choice: {4} He chooses our inheritance for us,

D2 The reason for His choice: The glory of Jacob whom He loves.

## A2 THE SECOND CALL TO PRAISE GOD 47:5-9

### B1 The Occasion for Praise: God's Ascension to His Throne with Trumpet Fanfare! 47:5

C1 {5} God has ascended with a shout,<sup>3</sup>

C2 The LORD, with the sound of a trumpet.

### B2 The Call to Praise with Singing 47:6

C1 The person of praise: {6} Sing praises to God,

C2 The method of praise: sing praises;

C3 The person of praise: Sing praises to our King,

C4 The method of praise: sing praises.

### B3 The Reasons to Praise 47:7-9

C1 God is King of the entire earth 47:7

D1 The fact of His royal rule: {7} For God is the King of all the earth;

D2 The renewed call to praise His royal rule: Sing praises with a skillful psalm.

C2 God rules the earth from His holy throne 47:8

D1 {8} God reigns over the nations,

D2 God sits on His holy throne.

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<sup>3</sup> 47:5 - shout (teruw'ah, 8643): This noun can indicate an acclamation of joy or a battle-cry, especially the blasting of trumpets as an alarm or else of joy or jubilation (Strong's Concordance). From the parallel poetry of the second half of verse 5, the connotation in the first half is the joyful blast of the trumpet fanfare accompanying the Divine King's ascension to His throne! The time will come, first, in the Millennium, when Christ the King ascends His universal throne from the world's capital city, Jerusalem! Its ultimate fulfillment likely awaits the King's co-reign with the Father in the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21-22).

- C3 The earths rulers have submitted to the rule of God 47:9
  - D1 The fact of their submission: *{9}* The princes of the people have assembled themselves *as* the people of the God of Abraham,
  - D2 The reason for their submission -- God totally controls all the defense forces of the entire earth: For the shields of the earth belong to God;
  - D3 The result of their submission: He is highly exalted.

Expanded Analysis of Psalm 47

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