

Psalm 92

In Praise of Yahweh for His Triumph over His Enemies and His Care for the Righteous

A Psalm, a Song for the Sabbath day.

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A1 THE EXPRESSION OF PRAISE 92:1-4

B1 The Propriety of Praise, Singing 92:1

C1 Thanks to Yahweh: {1} It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

C2 Praise to the Most High: And to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High;

B2 The Time of Praise, All Day Long 92:2

C1 His Loyal Love Early: {2} To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning

C2 His Faithfulness Late: And Your faithfulness by night,

B3 The Accompaniment of Praise, with Musical Instruments 92:3

C1 With Lute and Harp: {3} With the ten-stringed lute and with the harp,

C2 With Lyre: With resounding music upon the lyre.

B4 The Attitude of Praise, with Joyful Response 92:4

C1 Gladness at What Yahweh Has Done: {4} For You, O LORD, have made me glad by what You have done,

C2 Singing for Joy at Yahweh's Works: I will sing for joy¹ at the works of Your hands.

¹ 92:4 - sing for joy: "Sing for joy" is the translation of *ranan* (7442) by *NASB* and *NIV*. The Hebrew lexical help says nothing about singing anywhere. *KJV* incorporates the idea of singing a third of the time. *NASB* does so over half the time, and *NIV* often, but not always, follows along. Some times *NASB* translates it "shout for joy" when *NIV* and even *KJV* use sing. For these reasons it is difficult to determine whether v. 4 should remain with vv. 1-3 (along with *NASB*) or should be grouped with the next paragraph (along with Keil and Delitzsch and Allen P. Ross, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*). As it stands, the present writer follows the lead of *NASB*, giving *ranan* a musical connotation because of the preceding context, and grouping v. 4 with vv. 1-3. (See the paragraph grouping table at the end of the analysis.)

A2 THE CONTENT OF PRAISE (PART 1) – YAHWEH'S TRIUMPH OVER HIS ENEMIES 92:5-9

B1 The Immensity of Yahweh's Plans 92:5

C1 His Great Works: {5} How great are Your works, O LORD!

C2 His Deep Thoughts: Your thoughts are very deep.

B2 The Incomprehensibility of Yahweh's Plans 92:6

C1 The Ignorance of the Senseless: {6} A senseless man has no knowledge,

C2 The Misunderstanding of the Stupid: Nor does a stupid man understand this:

B3 The Triumph of Yahweh over His Enemies 92:7-9

C1 The Short-Lived Success of Evildoers 92:7

D1 {7} That when the wicked sprouted up like grass And all who did iniquity flourished, It *was only* that they might be destroyed forevermore.

C2 The Eternal Triumph of Yahweh! 92:8-9

D1 The eternal supremacy of Yahweh: {8} But You, O LORD, are on high forever. 92:8

D2 The demise of Yahweh's enemies 92:9

E1 His enemies will perish: {9} For, behold, Your enemies, O LORD, For, behold, Your enemies will perish;

E2 The iniquitous will be scattered: All who do iniquity will be scattered.

A3 THE CONTENT OF PRAISE (PART 2) -- YAHWEH'S FELICITOUS CARE FOR THE RIGHTEOUS 92:10-15

B1 The Well-Being of the Psalmist, Personally, at the Hand of Yahweh 92:10-11

C1 His God-Given Power: {10} But You have exalted my horn like *that of* the wild ox;

C2 His Sense of Well-Being: I have been anointed with fresh oil.

C3 His Triumph ² over His Wicked Enemies 92:11

D1 Witnessing their demise: {11} And my eye has looked *exultantly* upon my foes,

D2 Hearing of their demise: My ears hear of the evildoers who rise up against me.

B2 The Well-Being of the Righteous, Generally, at the Hand of Yahweh 92:12-15

C1 The Well-Being of the Righteous Compared to a Tree

D1 The varieties of tree 92:12

E1 Flourishing like a palm tree: {12} The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree,

E2 Growing like a Lebanese cedar: He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

D2 The situation of the tree – in the temple 92:13

E1 Planted in Yahweh's house: {13} Planted in the house of the LORD,

E2 Flourishing in Elohim's courts: They will flourish in the courts of our God.

D3 The virility of the tree

E1 {14} They will still yield fruit in old age;

E2 They shall be full of sap and very green,

C2 The Purpose of the Psalmist, Representing the Righteous, Who Reflect Yahweh's Character 92:15

D1 Declaring Yahweh upright: {15} To declare that the LORD is upright;

D2 Portraying Yahweh as a safe refuge: *He is* my rock,

D3 Declaring Yahweh as devoid of unrighteousness: and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

² 92:11 Subtitle - Triumph: While the psalmist's triumph is not stated explicitly, the context implies it.

EXPANDED ANALYSIS OF PSALM 92

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ADDENDUM

A Comparison of Psalm 92 Paragraph Groupings
 (JTB correspondence with others indicated in red)

| K & D | NASB | Allen P. Ross, TBKC | JTB |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|
| | | 92:1-7. It is Good to Praise the Most High | |
| 2-4 (1-3 English) (6 lines) | 1-4 | 1-3 (Good to praise with music) | 1-4 |
| 5-7 (4-6) (6 lines) | 5-9 | 4-7 (God's praise-worthy actions) | 5-9 |
| | | 92:8-15. The LORD is Exalted Forever | |
| 8-10 (7- 9) (7 lines) | | 8-9. v 8 = link between 1-7 & 8-15. YHWH reigns forever; so His enemies will perish! | |
| 11-13 (10 -12) 6 lines) | 10-15 | 10-11 | 10-11 |
| 14-16 (13-15) 6 lines) | | 12-15 | 12-15 |