

Psalm 115

The Call to Israel to Trust in Yahweh, Her ¹ Supreme God of Glory

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A1 THE SUPREME GLORY OF YAHWEH 115:1-8

B1 The Ascription of Glory to Yahweh 115:1

C1 The Ascription of Glory

D1 {1} Not to us, O LORD, not to us,

D2 But to Your name give glory

C2 The Reasons for Glory

D1 Because of Your lovingkindness,

D2 because of Your truth.

B2 The Superiority of Yahweh to the Idols of the Nations 115:2-8

C1 The Contrast of Essence 115:2-4

D1 The charge of the nations: Israel's God, invisible, is therefore non-existent! {2} Why should the nations say, "Where, now, is their God?" 115:2

D2 The truth of the matter: Israel's God is the Transcendent Sovereign, while the nations' gods are mere metal manufactured by men! 115:3-4

E1 The transcendent sovereignty of Israel's God 115:3

F1 {3} But our God is in the heavens;

F2 He does whatever He pleases.

E2 The manufactured matter of the nations' gods 115:4

F1 Their essence – metallic idols: {4} Their idols are silver and gold,

F2 Their origin – manufactured by man: The work of man's hands.

¹ Title - Her: In Hebrew the nation of Israel is designated by a masculine pronoun, but in English, any nation is designated by a feminine pronoun.

- C2 The Charge of Impotence against the Nations' gods 115:5-7
 - D1 Mute: {5} They have mouths, but they cannot speak; 115:5
 - D2 Blind: They have eyes, but they cannot see;
 - D3 Deaf: {6} They have ears, but they cannot hear; 115:6
 - D4 Unable to smell: They have noses, but they cannot smell;
 - D5 Unfeeling: {7} They have hands, but they cannot feel; 115:7
 - D6 Immobile: They have feet, but they cannot walk;
 - D7 Soundless: They cannot make a sound with their throat.
- C3 The Projected Impotence of Those Who Trust in Their Impotent gods 115:8
 - D1 The doomed destiny: {8} Those who make them will become like them,
 - D2 The doomed trust: Everyone who trusts in them.

A2 FAITH IN YAHWEH 115:9-18

B1 The Call to Israel to Trust in Yahweh 115:9-13

- C1 The Call to Trust 115:9-11
 - D1 {9} O Israel, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. 115:9
 - D2 {10} O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. 115:10
 - D3 {11} You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. 115:11
- C2 The Assurance of Trust 115:12-13
 - D1 Blessing because of Yahweh's awareness: {12} The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless *us*; 115:12
 - D2 Blessing in respect to the entire ethnic entity of Israel
 - E1 He will bless the house of Israel;
 - E2 He will bless the house of Aaron.

- D3 Blessing encompassing all those who fear Yahweh 115:13
 - E1 The condition of blessing: {13} He will bless those who fear the LORD,
 - E2 The complete scope of blessing
 - F1 The small
 - F2 together with the great.

B2 The Pledge of Israel to Trust in Yahweh 115:14-18

- C1 The Prayer, in Faith, for Blessing 115:14-16
 - D1 The request for inter-generational material blessing: {14} May the LORD give you increase, You and your children. 115:14
 - D2 The request for blessing commensurate with the universal Sovereignty of Yahweh: {15} May you be blessed of the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth. (115:15) 115:15-16
 - E1 The jurisdiction of Yahweh over the heavens: {16} The heavens are the heavens of the LORD, 115:16
 - E2 Yahweh's delegation of jurisdiction over the earth to men: But the earth He has given to the sons of men.
- C2 The Promise, in Faith, of Praise 115:17-18
 - D1 The stifling of praise 115:17
 - E1 {17} The dead do not praise the LORD,
 - E2 Nor *do* any who go down into silence;
 - D2 The vow, in faith, of eternal praise: {18} But as for us, we will bless the LORD From this time forth and forever. 115:18
 - D3 The concluding call to praise: Praise the LORD!

EXPANDED ANALYSIS OF PSALM 115

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