Psalm 150

"Concluding Commands to All Everywhere to Praise Yahweh!"

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A1 OPENING COMMAND TO PRAISE YAHWEH: {1} Praise the LORD! 1 150:1a

A2 PLACES TO PRAISE ELOHIM 150:1b

B1 In His Sanctuary on Earth: Praise God in His sanctuary;
B2 In His Sky in the Heavens: Praise Him in His mighty expanse.

A3 REASONS TO PRAISE YAHWEH 150:2

B1 His Mighty Deeds: {2} Praise Him for His mighty deeds; 150:2a
B2 His Excellent Greatness: Praise Him according to His excellent greatness. 150:2b

A4 WAYS TO PRAISE YAHWEH 150:3-5

B1 With Brass:2 {3} Praise Him with trumpet sound; 150:3a
B2 With Plucked Strings: Praise Him with harp and lyre. 150:3b
B3 With Tambourine and Dance: {4} Praise Him with timbrel and dancing; 150:4a
B4 With Strings and Woodwind: Praise Him with stringed instruments and pipe. 150:4b
B5 With Percussion 150:5

C1 Loud Cymbals: {5} Praise Him with loud cymbals;
C2 Resounding Cymbals: Praise Him with resounding cymbals.

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1 150:1 - Praise the LORD!: Heb. Hallelu Yahh! Hallelu, Praise!, is an emphatic (Piel) Imperative in twelve of the thirteen occurrences of the verb. The only exception is the first part of verse 6, where the verb is a Piel Imperfect, but the sense is virtually the same. The readers / hearers are commanded over and over to praise Yahweh!

2 150:3 subtitle - brass: The shophar (ram's horn) was not really brass-plated, but Yahweh did command Moses to make two trumpets of silver (Num. 10:1-2). I am using modern-day music terms for ancient instruments.
**A5  WHO IS TO PRAISE YAHWEH:**  \(6\) Let everything that has breath \(^3\) praise the LORD. \(150:6\)a 

**A6  CONCLUDING COMMAND TO PRAISE YAHWEH:**  Praise the LORD! \(^4\) \(150:6\)b

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\(^3\) 150:6 - everything that has breath:  If you are alive, you are responsible to praise Yahweh! One day that command will be obeyed completely!

\(^4\) 150:6 - Praise the LORD!:  Heb. *Hallelu Yahh! Hallelu*, Praise!, is an emphatic *(Piel) Imperative* in twelve of the thirteen occurrences of the verb in this psalm. The readers / hearers are *commanded* over and over to praise Yahweh, and this is the concluding command of this psalm and of the entire psalter. What a resounding and fitting climax!