Psalms 95-100 Concerning Rest for the Earth Anticipated

The 'Fourth Book' (Numbers) of the Psalms (chapters 90-106) concerns the "***The Earth and the Nations***". However, like the other 'books' of the Psalms – which you can view on the Prelude to the Psalms [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/5] it's broken into segments. And chapters 95-100 were related to ***Rest for the Earth Anticipated***. Therefore, **Psalm 95**, had the subject/title of "***Worship in View of the Rest, Anticipated***" *because* it specifically spoke of *true* worship of the Lord (Yehovah). We therefore learned that, while our Heavenly Father does enjoy our praise, songs and thankfulness to Him, all outward worship truly means *nothing* if it's *not* accompanied by ***true inward*** worship. And the essence of *truly* worshiping our Heavenly Father (YHVH) is *not* hardening our heart to His 'Voice'. Thus, *true* worship is also softening (opening) our heart *to the truth*, which means to *hear and obey* the Word of God (and the Holy Spirit), *from the heart*. And then, **Psalm 96** had the subject/title of a "***Summons to Sing the New Song***". So, it was a *call* to sing a 'new song' *in anticipation for* the coming 'rest for the earth' (when Jesus Christ returns to rule the earth in righteousness), to which even the creation looks forward to (Rom 8:18-23). And then **Psalm 97** was the *'answer' to* 'the call' to sing the 'New Song', because it was the *actual* 'New Song'. So, it spoke a bit more about the *how* the 'Lord reigneth' when Jesus Christ returns. And then we came to **Psalm 98**, which was actually another "***Summons to Sing the New Song***". So, it was similar to Psalm 96, and even included some very comparable verses within it (verse 1, 8-9). However, instead of *anticipating* the coming 'rest for the earth' (as Ps 96 spoke of), Psalm 98 looked forward to what the Lord (YHVH) will do, *for Israel* when He returns to redeem all His faithful followers (of every race, gender and nation) from the wicked ones on earth.

And then we came to **Psalm 99**, which was actually *another* '**New Song**' which also spoke of how the Lord (YHVH) will reign (via Jesus Christ) when He finally returns. And, the Psalmist did so by describing some of God's holy character traits that make Him able to reign (forever) while calling all people to praise and worship Him for that (His holiness). It also gave us examples of some of the Lord's *past* faithful servants (Moses, Aaron and Samuel) to teach us what those, who serve in His eternal government (Body of Christ), will be like (i.e. faithfully serve Him). But, the Psalm also reminded us how the Lord (YHVH) is faithful to forgive those who sincerely repent, but just as faithful to punish those who do not. And that too is an example of what it'll be like when Jesus Christ returns. And the Psalm also ended by reminding us of God's holiness, which is the vital reason that Jesus Christ will rule *forevermore*. His kingdom **will** endure **forever** *because* Jesus Christ is holy, *and* will have a holy government when He returns. Thus, the historical examples God gave us, in Psalm 99, teaches us how the Lord (YHVH) will reclaim the earth as His Kingdom (when Jesus Christ returns) and use Israel (which now *includes* the gentiles who accept Jesus Christ, Gal 3:26-29) to rule over the earth *forever*. And that certainly gives us a reason to sing 'a new song'!

And then we came to **Psalm 100**, which (like Psalm 95) has the subject/title of "***Worship, In View of Rest Anticipated***". Therefore, this Psalm spoke of *the worship* that will be done when *the* 'Rest' finally comes. So, it too was speaking (prophesying of) the return of Jesus Christ and the 'rest' that the world will have *because of* His return. For truly, the earth cannot have true 'rest' (peace) until our Lord and Savior (Jesus Christ) returns to the earth. And that's because Jesus' return is the *only* time all evil will be deposed, and punished, while a righteous worldwide government (that Jesus heads) will *finally* be installed to govern the world *forever*.

AMEN.