

Psalm 110 - Review

In part 1 we learned some very important truths. For, while we only covered the first verse (in this great Psalm 110), we learned that David heard the Lord (YHVH) *speaking to Himself* (Jesus Christ) *about His plan of salvation*. And, specifically, the part of His plan (of salvation) where Jesus Christ would (after dying for our sins, raising from the dead and ascending into heaven) sit at God's 'right hand' (position of power and authority). Importantly, that's where Jesus Christ remains *to this very day* for the purpose of being our intercessor, who helps those (who faithfully serve Him) whenever we need it (Rom 8:26-34). But (and also *very* importantly) we also learned that Jesus Christ will *remain* at God's 'right hand' UNTIL His enemies are made His 'footstool'. And this is a critical point to understand. For, as we learned, God's 'footstool' is actually *the earth* (Isa 66:1). So, this means that Jesus Christ *cannot* return to earth (i.e. His Second Advent) UNTIL His enemies are *subjugated* to Him (Gen 3:15; 1 Cor 15:25). Thus, Jesus *cannot* return to this earth *until* His 'arch enemy' (Satan, who is also called the Devil, the Serpent and the Old Dragon) is (literally) cast down *to earth* (with his fallen angels), as Rev 12 (and 2 Thess 2) clearly tells us.

And this is *really* important to understand *because* most people are not expecting this – *not even* Christians. For most Christians are taught they are not going to be on earth during the 'great tribulation' yet, Jesus warned us that *we would be* on earth during that time, which is *why* He warned us what would happen *shortly* before He returns (Rev 6, Mth 24, Mk 13 and Lk 21). That's also why Jesus prayed that God would not take us (Christians) out of the world but, that He would keep (protect and guard us) from evil - especially *the evil one*, i.e. Satan himself (John 17:15). For as Jesus Christ testified, *the Gospel must first be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come* (Matt 24:14; Mark 13:10). So, while our Heavenly Father allows Satan a 'short time' (Rev 12:12; Mth 24:22) on earth - to try and deceive as many people into worshipping him (and his wicked 'beast' governing system) - the purpose is to get the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached (published) throughout all the world (through Jesus' faithful servants *on earth*, i.e. Christians who are *not* deceived by Satan) so that *hopefully* many people will *repent* before Jesus Christ returns.

So, this precious verse (Ps 110:1) not only helps us to understand what the 'Godhead' really is, but it also tells us Jesus is (right now) at God's right hand to be our intercessor and it also *warns us* that the *true* Jesus Christ is not going to return until the *false* Christ (i.e. the antichrist, who is Satan) comes to earth and tries to fool all the world into worshipping him *and* his wicked 'beast' governing system (Rev 12-13, 2 Thess 2, etc.). And this is why God's Word *so strongly* urges us to *continue* to study His Word (sincerely, consistently and diligently) *and* strive to obey it (from the heart). For if we don't have the *truth in our mind* **and** our *heart right with God* then we will be deceived into participating in the 'great' Apostasy.

In part 2 we learned about what happens *after* Jesus' enemies are 'made his footstool' (i.e. when Satan, and his fallen angels, are kicked out of heaven, *to earth*). In other words, we began to learn of what will happen at Jesus' *Second* Advent. Therefore, we learned that God will send Jesus Christ (who IS God's 'rod of strength') to the earth to Zion (Jerusalem) to subjugate [even to 'tread down', Rev 19:11-16) His enemies, which tells us *exactly* where His enemies *will be* when He returns! And this is why Jesus warned us to *flee* Jerusalem when we see the 'abomination of desolation' (i.e. Satan) stand where 'it' [*should* be rendered as 'he'] ought nought (which is in *the* holy place, in Zion) (Matt 24:15-16; Mark 13:14). For that 'great city' *will be destroyed* when Jesus returns (Rev 11:13, 16:19-21, Zech 14, etc.) because *that's where His enemies are* defiling His 'holy place' (as Paul wrote about in 2 Thess 2:4).

And then we learned that, after the Lord (YHVH) sends Jesus Christ (who IS God's 'rod of strength') to 'tread down' (subjugate) His enemies (who hate and deny Him) - who are dwelling in (and defiling) His 'holy city' (in Zion) - His 'people' would be 'willing' in 'the day' of His power. And we did a lot of 'dissecting' God's Word (looking up the words in the original language) to figure out what was truly being said. And thus we learned that, when Jesus Christ returns to earth - with His holy angels (in power and great glory) - He will gather His elect (faithful servants, who have the 'beauties of holiness' from their *righteous* works, Rev 19:8), give them *eternal* life, (like He has, Phil 3:21) and allow them to serve in His righteous government (and Temple) forevermore. And this is *why* they come to Him 'willingly' - for those who don't worship the antichrist (Satan) will be *exceeding* happy (rejoicing) when the *true* Jesus Christ returns (while those who did will be trying to find a place to hide, Isa 2, Rev 6).

In part 3 we learned that David heard the Lord (YHVH, #3068) *literally* swear (#7650) - and promise *not* to 'repent' (i.e. never to change his mind, #5162) - that Jesus Christ *would* be a priest *forever* (eternally and always, #5769) ... but *not* after the Aaronic priesthood. Instead, Jesus' priesthood would be after the 'order of Melchizedek - which is *quite different* than the Aaronic priesthood, which was established upon a *conditional* covenant He made with the nation of Israel (Deut 28, Lev 26). And so, when Jesus Christ came, and died for our sins (fulfilling all the blood sacrifices, which the Aaronic priesthood performed), the Aaronic priesthood ceased to exist because the blood sacrifices were no longer needed - for Jesus Christ **fulfilled them once and for all times** (Heb 10:10). In other words, the Aaronic priesthood was not ordained by an *oath* (God swearing) *that it would last forever*, as our Heavenly Father did for Jesus Christ's priesthood (Ps 110:4; Heb 7:12, 20-21). After all, the earthly (Aaronic) priesthood was only established as a 'shadow' (pattern, i.e. resemblance) of 'heavenly things' (Heb 8:5) to come (Ex 25:9, 40; Num 8:4), which means it was patterned after the priesthood *in heaven* (Heb 8:5-13).

And then we learned Melchizedek was the 'king of righteousness' *and* the 'king of peace' - and even the 'priest of the Most High God' - who appeared to Abraham after God gave him the victory in war. And Paul explained further that, this Melchizedek was 'without father', 'without

mother’, even ‘without descent’, and He also does not have ‘beginning of days, nor end of life’, and that He also was ‘made like unto the Son of God’ and thus, ‘abided a priest continually’. So, this means Melchizedek (Melchisedec in the Greek, NT) was Jesus Christ *before* Jesus came to the earth incarnated into a flesh body. That’s He gave Abraham Communion (bread and wine) which Jesus commissioned us to ‘keep’ *until* He returns. And that’s also why our Heavenly Father was *not* offended when Abraham offered tithes to Melchizedek, for Abraham truly was offering tithes to Yehovah Himself via His ‘priest’ Melchizedek (i.e. Jesus Christ). So, what this amounts to is that: our Heavenly Father has known for a *long* time that: after Jesus Christ died for our sins, rose from the dead and ascended to heaven (to be at God’s right hand, as Psalm 110:1 spoke of) He would be our High Priest, *forevermore* interceding for us when we need His help (as Rom 8:26-34 outlines very well). And that’s why Jesus being our High Priest is so much better than the Aaronic priesthood (Heb 10:1-4).

Thus, we learned that our Heavenly Father spoke of (*long* before it happened) how Jesus Christ would return to earth as the King of kings (‘rod of His Strength’, Ps 110:2) *and* the ‘High Priest’ (Melchizedek, Ps 110:4). So, during the Millennium (the thousand years Jesus will rule on earth *before* the ‘Great White Throne Judgment, Rev 20), there will be no ‘separation of powers’ in Jesus’ government, because – through Jesus Christ – our Heavenly Father *has* merged the ‘offices’ of the King and the Priesthood. This means that the enforcement of the Law (what kings are to do), the teaching of the Law (what priests are to do) as well as forgiveness via intercession (what the priesthood was for) are all combined into one ‘office’ via Jesus Christ. And we also learned that, even Jesus’ lineage (through his mother Mary) was of the king line (the tribe of Judah, via Mary’s father) *and* the priesthood (tribe of Levi, via her mother). So, it’s quite amazing that, even in Jesus’ *earthly* ancestry (His mother, Mary) *God merged* the king line and priesthood! And so, because our Heavenly Father has merged the ‘offices’ of the king line, and the priesthood, through Jesus Christ, He has delegated all power to Jesus Christ (again, no separation of powers, Matt 28:18). So, while the *earthly* government, and priesthood (of Israel) was corrupted (because of the weakness of flesh) - the *eternal* government, and priesthood, is *un-corruptible* because it’s headed by Jesus Christ *and* filled with people who have been *spiritually* ‘begotten’ of Jesus Christ via the Holy Spirit within them (John 1:12-13, 1 Peter 1:3-5, 1 John 5:17-20, James 1:18, Rom 8:8-17, 24-29). And that’s why God can promise us an eternity where He will *wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away* (Rev 21:4).

In part 4 we learned that David heard the Lord (YHVH) promise to give Jesus Christ *the power* to ‘strike through’ (crush, destroy) kings when He returns ‘in the day of His wrath’ (i.e. Jesus’ Second Advent), which He did do (Mth 28:18). And we *know* this ‘day of wrath’ is synonymous with Jesus Christ’s Second Advent, for Paul tells us that when Jesus Christ returns (at His Second Advent), He’ll return with His *mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that*

know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thess 1:7-8). Jesus referred to this as the ‘*the days of vengeance*’ when ‘*all things which are written may be fulfilled*’ (Luke 21:22). And even though this is said to be a ‘day’, it’s really *the beginning* of the thousand years Jesus will rule when He returns (i.e. the Millennium, Rev 20). After all, *one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day* (Ps 90:4; 2 Pt 3:8). And we also learned there is **a lot** written about the ‘day of vengeance’ (i.e. the day of His wrath); and we covered many Scriptures (but certainly not all of them) which speak of this too. And we also learned that, *because* Jesus comes back to earth *with great wrath*, all those who have been rebellious to God (and Jesus) *will* be hiding themselves in caves, and rocks, of the earth hoping they’ll find an escape from God’s wrath (Isa 2, Rev 6), *which will not work* (Zeph 1:12)! But we also learned that God’s ‘cup of wrath’ Is NOT for those who love, fear and serve Him (Rom 5:8-10; 1 Thess 1:10; 1 Thess 5:6-9). For His ‘cup of wrath’ is only for those who have been rebellious (*especially* the leaders, i.e. ‘kings’) *despite* God’s faithful servants witnessing to them shortly before Jesus returns (Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-13, Lk 21:12-19, Rev 11).

And then we also learned that, when Jesus returns to the earth (His Second Advent), He will (*after* pouring out God’s ‘cup of wrath’) judge (and rule) over all people, even the rebellious ones (the heathen). And, while no one will be cast into the ‘lake of fire’ *until* AFTER the Millennium (Rev 20), those who are found ‘wicked’ at the ‘judgment seat of Christ’ will indeed feel the *spiritual* heat of God’s wrath *because* He will fight against them ***with the spiritual sword of His mouth*** (Rev 2:16, 19:21) ***which is the truth*** (God’s Word, Eph 6:17). Thus, we also learned that, when Jesus Christ returns, no one will be able to war with each other anymore *because* Jesus Christ will control *everything* (on earth, *and* in heaven, Mth 28:18). And then we also learned *another aspect* of Jesus’ return, which is how the end of this earth age *will be over* after Jesus returns. That’s why this verse speaks of Jesus filling the earth with ‘dead bodies’ and ‘wounding’ the heads of the earth (i.e. the leaders of the rebellion against God). It simply means Jesus Christ is going to totally (and completely) crush (destroy) Satan’s rebellion by *taking over entirely*. And there *will* be many dead bodies because, as Paul wrote in 1 Cor 15, we will all be ‘changed’ into our ‘spiritual’ (i.e. *non-flesh*) bodies at that time. And, while some people will receive eternal life (the first resurrection, Rev 20:3-6) but most all others will not. Therefore, while those who have remained faithful to Jesus Christ (or repented sincerely, Rev 7:9-17) are gathered *and given eternal life* (Matt 24:29-31; Mark 13:24-27), the others must put off their flesh bodies the ‘hard way’ (via a violent death). And they also will have a soul and spirit that’s still liable to die until the end of the Millennium, at the Great White Throne Judgment – which is when those who didn’t make the ‘first resurrection’ (Rev 20:4-6) will be judged, either to be totally ‘blotted out’ of existence *forever*, **or** to receive the ‘second resurrection’ to *eternal life* (Rev 20:10-15).

And then we learned that, despite the *massive* success of crushing His enemies, Jesus Christ, will remain invigorated and refreshed. And this is because He *already has* an eternal body (1 John

5:11; Phil 3:21). So, the reference to drinking from a stream, and keeping the head *up*, refers to His great power, confidence, and even *vindication*. Therefore, Jesus' return will not be the meek, and humble, way in which He first arrived on earth (Luke 2:16). Jesus will, rather, be *greatly exalted* when He returns (in power and great glory, Phil 2:9, Mth 24:30) which is what the subject/title of this great Psalm is! And we also learned (from the Scriptures) that the 'brook' (stream, valley) Jesus will drink out of (and give drink from) is the very '*living waters*' that will '*come forth of the house of the Lord (YHVH) after Jesus destroys (and cleanses) all the evil in that city upon His arrival*. And, while Jesus Christ will take a 'victory drink' from this 'brook' it truly will be given to His (non-rebellious) children for an *everlasting* inheritance. And, on a deeper level, these 'Living Waters' symbolize God's Word (the truth, John 17:17).

So, this short, yet beautiful, Psalm has truly taught us much about the 'day of the Lord'. Not only did we learn what the 'Godhead' really is, but we also learned what *has* to happen before Jesus Christ returns (Satan and his fallen angels *will be cast to earth*). And we also learned that Jesus Christ will return to earth (as God's 'rod of strength') to pour out God's 'cup of wrath' upon all those who remain rebellious (refused to repent) and then rule (for a thousand years) with those who remained faithful to Him, even during the 'great tribulation' (Mth 24:21). And Jesus Christ will have power over all things (on earth and in heaven - *and* all of His eternal government) because God has *highly exalted him*, and given him a name which is above every name (Phil 2:9) so that *at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father* (Phil 2:10-11). And for this reason, we should always remember...

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:6-11

AMEN.