

Psalm 87 - Review

In part 1 we learned that the subject/title of this great Psalm (or Song) is “*The Blessedness of the Dwellers in Zion*”. And the reason for this title is because it was written (by a descendant of Korah) for the *great* event when the Ark of the Covenant was taken up to Zion (in Jerusalem) when David was king (2 Sam 6:12-19; 1 Chron 15). And while Psalm 68 spoke about the setting out of the *procession* of the Ark of the Covenant, and Psalm 24 spoke of the *entrance* up to Zion, and then Psalm 25 spoke of *the worship itself*, this Psalm 87 speaks of the joy *of the entrance* of the Ark, with dancing’s and shouting’s. And when we get to Psalm 105, we’ll learn about the subsequent celebrations of the event. And there was *much* to be joyous about; for, the Ark of the Covenant coming to dwell at Zion (Jerusalem) symbolized *God’s presence (and His glory)* coming to dwell at Jerusalem. Therefore, Jerusalem had not only become the capital of Israel in regards to *civil* laws, but it was also now the focal point of *worship* for Israel. Thus, Jerusalem truly was the *most important* city in Israel; not only because king David dwelt there (where the people went to for judgment) but also (and more so) because the Lord (YHWH) Himself dwelt there too, via the Ark of the Covenant (where the people went to for worship). And that’s why the Psalmist declared that the Lord (YHWH) loves the ‘gates’ of Zion (which are symbolic for judgment). Justice and righteous judgment were first *fully* established, for all of Israel, during David’s reign (1 Chron 18:14). And one of the first thing he did when he was anointed king over *all* of Israel was to conquer Jerusalem and make it the capital of *all* of Israel. And not long after that, he moved the Ark of the Covenant to Zion too; again, making it *the* place of worship for Israel. And that’s *why* the Psalmist also said that ‘glorious’ (honorable) things were spoken of Zion. Indeed, Zion had the *great* honor of housing the Ark of the Covenant, which was symbolic of God’s presence and glory. And there truly was no greater ‘honor’ (glory) for *any* city than *that*!

In part 2 we learned how the Psalmist called all nations (north, south, east and west) to recognize that Jerusalem was now the center of worship, for those who worship the *true* God (YHWH). And thus, *the deeper significance* is that our Heavenly Father is truly (through this Psalmist) calling all nations to come to worship HIM at Zion, *because that’s where* He now dwelt (at the time this Psalm was written; not today of course, John 4:23-24). And, wherever the Lord dwells, *that’s where all spiritual ‘birth’ comes from*. Thus, we also learned that Zion **will** be where many people (even ‘gentiles’) are *spiritually* ‘reborn’, or said another way, ‘saved’ *spiritually*. Thus, salvation will flow like a fountain when the *true* King (Jesus Christ) rules from there. And we also learned that our Heavenly Father keeps very *good* records about *all* of His children, good and bad alike. And He therefore *well* knows *who* fears Him, thinks upon His name and strives sincerely to obey Him. And it’s only those people who are in His ‘book of Life’ that will be spared from *spiritual* death, which is our very existence (soul and spirit) being blotted out forever (Ps 37:20, Rev 20:10-15). And, as this Psalm 87 points out, there will be *many* people from all nations, tribes and tongues (i.e. races) who are ‘saved’ (from spiritual death) *because*

they worship Him (YHVH) in ‘sincerity and in truth’ (Josh 24:14; Eph 6:24; 1 Cor 5:8). So, the Psalmist (of this 87th Palm) likely saw many people *aside from Israelites* at this great event, when the Ark of the Covenant was being brought to Zion. And truly this *looks forward to* (prophetically) the *many* people (of other races than Israel) who will be *spiritually* saved, through faith in Jesus Christ. And that is why this event (when the Ark came to Zion) was such a joyous time, as even the subscription taught us. And truly, it will be an *even more* joyous event - for those who remain faithful to the *true* God (YHVH), *and* the *true* Messiah (Jesus Christ) – to see when our Lord and Savior (Jesus Christ) *finally* returns to Zion (at His Second Advent) to right every wrong *and* bless those who remain faithful to Him.

So indeed, Zion will ‘bring forth’ *many* children (spiritually). And not only during the Millennium (after Jesus Christ returns) but also before then, *because* the *true* Gospel of Jesus Christ will be taught when the *false* Christ (Satan, the antichrist) is on earth pretending to be ‘Christ’ (as Rev 7 declares). As Isa 59:19 also *says*, *So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun*. And therefore, *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). ***For, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD*** (Num 14:21) ...

1 And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

*3 Therefore **with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation**.*

*4 And in that day shall ye say, **Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.***

*5 **Sing unto the LORD**; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.*

*6 **Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion**: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.*

Isa 12

AMEN.