

Part 4 – Let the Heavens Rejoice and the Earth Be Glad

In part 3 we saw the Psalmist again call *all* people (of every race and in every nation) to give (ascribe) unto the Lord (YHVH) glory and strength, which means to praise Him for His righteous attributes, as well as His power, and authority, over all His creation. And, that's usually done by singing, but can also be done by 'showing forth His salvation' and 'declaring His wonders and glory' to others (as verses 2-3 spoke of). To put it in modern terms, you could even say this is a call to give 'credit' to He whom 'credit' is really due. For, our Heavenly Father does truly deserve the credit for His creation *and* the fact that He has *full* control (and power) over *all* of it, yet is still *merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth* (#Ex 34:6). And then the Psalmist called all people to 'give' (ascribe, #3051) unto the Lord (YHVH) 'glory' (honor, #3519) unto His 'name', which means His *honor, authority and character* (#8034). But he also called all people to *bring an offering, and come into his courts*, which means to bring a *present*, i.e. a *gift-offering* (i.e. meat offering, Lev 2) when we come to worship Him. And what this boils down to is that our Heavenly Father wants our sincere love *and* obedience! For, as this the Psalms have taught us (especially Ps 50 and 95), *true* worship comes from *the heart* when we accept, study and digest His Words (the truth, John 17:17) *and* obey Him from the heart.

And then the Psalmist also called all the peoples of the earth (all nations and races) to *worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness*, which simply means the Lord (YHVH) wants us to clean our 'inward man' *so we can worship Him in holiness*, which means to be *spiritually* clean (from making a good repentance and striving to obey Him, from the heart). For, when we do that, our Heavenly Father does consider our prayers, and worship, to be 'beautiful', because we're coming to Him in 'holiness' of a good repentance, humility and being 'willing' to learn of Him *and* obey Him. This indeed is a 'beautiful' thing for Him to see in us. And then the Psalmist called all the people of the earth to *fear before him*, which not only means to *fear to disobey Him* (i.e. because we fear the punishments of the Lord) but also to have a *profound* reverence and awe towards our Heavenly Father. After all, His Laws are *for our good* (Deut 10:13) not to keep us from having fun! And His Laws (Word) also teach us 'the path' (or 'the way') to *eternal* life (John 14:6) ...

Psalms 96

10 Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

Again, we see the call to *share the truth* about our Heavenly Father with others, in particular here, the '**heathen**', which means *a foreign nation*; hence, *a Gentile* (#1471). And today, those who God considers the 'heathen' are those who have *not* accepted Jesus Christ as their King and Savior (Gal 3:26-27, Acts 10:28, 34-35, 43, Rom 19:12-13, Col 3:11, etc.). And the word '**Lord**' here is again our Heavenly Father's Sacred (and covenantal) Name, *Yehovah* (i.e. YHVH), which means He's the only One who is *self-existent* and *eternal* (#3068) (Rev 1:8, 11:17, 16:5, 22:13).

And the word ‘**reigneth**’ means *to reign, to ascend the throne, to induct into royalty* and even (by implication) *to take counsel* (#4427). So, while there are many earthly kings (and rulers) – and even *principalities and powers in heavenly places* (Eph 3:10, Rom 8:38) - our Heavenly Father’s throne is far above them all (Col 1:16). And (thanks be to God) Jesus Christ’s death, and resurrection, has freed us (Col 2:15) even from the *principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places* (Eph 6:12), even over Satan himself (who is death, Heb 2:14) because *all things were created by him, and for him* (Col 1:16). And, as Ps 11:4 taught us, *the LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven* and it is from there that *His eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men*. So, there’s nothing that goes on in the heaven, or earth, that He doesn’t know about (Ps 113:6)! As Ps 45:6 also said: *Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever*. And Ps 47:8 points out that: *God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness*. And Ps 93:2 also testified that God’s *throne is established of old* and that He is *from everlasting*. Ps 103:19 also tells us that *His kingdom ruleth over all*.

And because of this (because the Lord, YHVH, rules over all things in heaven and earth) *the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved* (Ps 96:10). The word ‘**world**’ here means *the earth, the globe* but also *its inhabitants* (#8398). And then the word ‘**established**’ is a prim root that means *to be erect* (i.e. stand perpendicular); hence (causatively) *to set up*, in a great variety of applications, whether literal (*establish, fix, prepare, apply*), or figurative (*appoint, render sure, proper or prosperous*) (#3559). And the word ‘**moved**’ here is a prim root that means *to waver* or, by implication, *to slip, shake, fall* (#4131). Now, Psalm 93:1 also told us that *The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved*. As we learned when studying that Psalm 93 [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/1203], this meaning is twofold. It first off means that a righteous worldwide government will be set up when Jesus returns, but *there’s more to it than that*. You see, the earth is currently not set erect (upright), for (as you’ve likely learned when a child) it’s actually *tilted*, i.e. *it’s off its original axis*. And that ‘tilt’ is what causes the jet streams, and storms, that give us some rather bad weather at times. But, as Genesis 1:2 tells us, the earth was *not originally created this way*. It became ‘void and without form’ (which means a wasted land, i.e. an undistinguishable ruin). And that’s because God ‘shook’ the earth *so greatly* that the earth was knocked off its *original axis*, which is why magnetic north and truth north *are different, to this very day*. To learn more about this (and get Biblical *documentation* for it), check out the studies below...

Genesis Chapter 1 https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Genesis/21
In The Beginning, The World That Then Was <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/496>
The Three World Ages <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/488>

So, when this 96:10 (and Ps 93:1 and as well) speaks of the world being ‘(e)stablished’ (set upright, or erect again) so it cannot be ‘moved’ (shaken) ever again, *God is promising that He’ll*

never shake the world again after Jesus Christ returns. However, shortly before Jesus Christ returns (even *as* He is returning) the earth will be shaken *again*, as it is written in Heb 12:26-27, Hag 2:6-7, Zech 14:6, Rev 6:12, 11:13 and 16:18. And Rev 16:18 describes this earthquake as one that is *so mighty* and *so great* that, there's never been an earthquake like it, since flesh man has been on the earth. So, that 'shaking' (the great earthquake) will be *so great* that it'll put the earth *back upright again* (i.e. it'll be moved back to its original axis). So, not only will there be a spiritual 'shake up' when Jesus returns - to depose the wicked ones and install His righteous government – but also a physical 'shake up', when He sets the earth's axis upright again. And after that, there will *never* be anymore shaking of the earth, nor of governments, because Jesus Christ is finally ruling as King of kings *forevermore*. And that's why the Psalmist (here in Ps 96:10) goes on to say that *He shall judge the people righteously*. That's referring to the return of Jesus Christ, for indeed His reign will be righteous. The word '**judge**' (here in Ps 96:10) means *to rule* or, by implication, *to judge* (as umpire) (#1777). And the word '**righteously**' here means *evenness*, i.e. (figuratively) *prosperity* or *concord* and also *straightness*, i.e. (figuratively) *rectitude* (#4339). It comes from a prim root that means *to be straight* or *even*; figuratively, *to be* (causatively, *to make*) *right, pleasant, prosperous* (#3474). And that's *exactly* how Jesus Christ will rule, because He will rule *by God's righteous Laws* (John 12:48). And, our Heavenly Father's Laws are perfect, as David so beautifully pointed out...

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

*11 Moreover **by them** is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.*

Ps 19:7-11

And that's *exactly why* the world will *never* be 'shaken' again. What this boils down to is that, there will be no more rebellion tolerated after Jesus returns and takes over the earth. Satan, and all other rebellious rulers will be put in prisons at Jesus' return (Rev 20:1-3; Isa 24:22; Matt 13:40-42; 47-50, 25:31-46) so Jesus can rule (with His faithful followers, the 'saints') for a thousand years to give those, who were so terribly deceived by Satan, a chance to *learn truth without* any satanic interference [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/380>]. And after that, Satan will be loosed and allowed one more chance to try and deceive God's children. But he, and any who follow after him, will be quickly stopped (put to death spiritually, so they no longer exist in any form) and then all others will judged, at the 'Great White Throne Judgment'. And anyone who has not proved, *by their works*, that they accept Jesus Christ as their King, will *also* be put

into the ‘lake of fire’ which simply means their body, soul and spirit will be totally (fully and completely) ‘blotted out’, *never to exist anymore* (Rev 20:7-15), which Ps 37:20 likens to the fat of lambs when it hits the fire – i.e. *it dissipates into nothing and ceases to exist... forever*. So, this 10th verse (here in Ps 96) is also quite prophetic! And, in response to the thought of Jesus’ return (and the removal of all the wicked ones) the Psalmist goes on to say...

Psalms 96

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

Now, let’s remember that, this is what will happen at the return of Jesus Christ. As such, we’ll see that it’s not just the people on earth that will be happy, but also those in heaven... well, the people who love and obey our Heavenly Father, that is. The wicked ones will be crying their eyes out (Rev 1:7, 18:9-11, 15-19)! The word ‘**rejoice**’ means **blithe** or **gleeful** (#8056) and comes from a word that means **to brighten up**, i.e. (figuratively) **be** (causatively, **make**) **blithe** or **gleesome** (8055) and the word ‘**glad**’ means **to spin round** (under the influence of any violent emotion), i.e. usually **rejoice**, or (as cringing) **fear** (#1523). So, you could even say that they’ll be ‘jumping for joy’, as we say today. As Isa 61:2 points out, *the day of vengeance of our God* (Jesus’ return) IS what comforts *all those that mourn* for the wickedness going on. And, as Jesus said in Matt 5:4: *Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted*. The word ‘**comforted**’ here means (in the Greek) **to call near**, i.e. **invite, invoke** (by imploration, hortation or consolation) (#3870), which is *why* Jesus promised that the ‘elect’ (i.e. those who remain faithful to the *true* Jesus Christ, while the rest of the world worships the antichrist, *who is Satan* himself - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345>) will be gathered up by Jesus’ angelic army, when He returns *and* given eternal life *along with* authority to rule the earth *with Him* (Matt 24:29-31, Mark 13:24-27, Rev 20:4-6) while the wicked ones are put in prison (Matt 13:40-42; Isa 24:17-23, Rev 29:1-3) and the rest (who worshiped Satan and took the ‘mark of the beast’, but were not actually ruling with him) have to be taught for a thousand years (the Millennium), still with the death penalty hanging over their heads (Mth 7:21-23, 13:47-50, 25:31-46, Rev 20).

So again, it’s not just the people who will be glad. As the latter part of this 11th verse (in Ps 96) also says, *let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof*. The word ‘**sea**’ does mean **a sea** (as breaking in noisy surf) or **large body of water**; and, specifically (with the article), it can refer to *particular* seas, such as the *Mediterranean Sea* or even sometimes **a large river**, or an **artificial basin**; and, it can even mean *the cardinal directions* such as **the west**, or (rarely) **the south** (#3220). And the word ‘**roar**’ here is a prim root that means **to tumble**, i.e. **be violently agitated**; specifically, **to crash** (of thunder) and, figuratively, **to irritate** (with anger) (#7481). And the words ‘**fulness thereof**’ do mean **fulness** (literally or figuratively, #4393). And this is likely referring to the way that the seas of the world will react to the great earthquake that will accompany Jesus’ return (Zech 14:1-5, Isa 24:1-4, 19-23; Rev 6:12, 11:11-13, 19, 19:17-21) as we learned of earlier in this study. After all, Jesus’ return not only cleans out the rebels, but also the earth itself (2 Pt 2:10-

11). And, as Paul wrote in Rom 8:20-22, even the earth longs to be free from the corruption of this world.

Now, the *Companion Bible* has an interesting note on this verse 11, pertaining to the phrase “*Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad*”. It states that, the initials of the four Hebrew words making this sentence form an acrostic (also noted in apx 63 VII, ix) which forms the four letters of God’s Sacred name, YHVH [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>]. This verse, along with the book of Esther (apx 60), confirm that YHVH is the etymology of God’s Sacred Name, Yehovah (#3068). The Massorah (apx 30) has a special rubric calling attention to this acrostic. So, it’s a ‘hidden gem’ in this precious verse...

Psalm 96

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

Again, we should remember that, this is what will happen at the return of Jesus Christ. So then, the word ‘**field**’ here does mean *a field* (as flat) (#7704) while the word ‘**joyful**’ means *to jump for joy*, i.e. *exult* (#5937). And the word ‘**trees**’ does mean *a tree* (from its firmness) as well as *wood* (plural sticks) (#6086). And the word ‘**wood**’ means *a copse of bushes*; hence, *a forest* or even *honey in the comb* (as hived in trees) (#3293). So, the ‘trees of the wood’ simply means the *trees of the forests*. And the word ‘**rejoice**’ here means *to creak* (or emit a stridulous sound), i.e. *to shout* (usually for joy) (#7442). So, in this verse, the Psalmist is calling, even creation itself, to rejoice in the return of Jesus Christ. As Paul pointed out, the earth currently is *not* rejoicing and that’s why it, too, longs for Jesus’ return...

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

*22 For we know that **the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.***

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Rom 8:19-23

The word ‘**creature**’ here would have been better rendered as ‘**creation**’ for it simply means *original formation* (properly, *the act*; by implication, *the thing*, literally or figuratively) (#2937) and actually was rendered ‘creation’ in verse 22. And then the word ‘**groaneth**’ (vs 22) means to *moan jointly*, i.e. (figuratively) *experience a common calamity* (#4959) while the word ‘**travaieth**’ means *to have (parturition) pangs in company* (concert, simultaneously) *with* (#4944). And truly, the earth does ‘groan’ and ‘travail’, which is why we see so many

earthquakes and other natural calamities going on today. And these are *only going to get worse* as the day of Jesus' return (i.e. the Second Advent) draws near, as Jesus warned us it would (Mth 24, Mk 13). In fact, in Matt 24:7-8, Jesus said there would be *famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places* shortly before He returns, but *all these are the beginning of sorrows*. The word '**sorrows**' is interesting because it means **a pang or throe**, especially of childbirth (#5604), which is very close to the meaning of the word 'travaileth' (#4944) in Rom 8:22. So, the natural calamities (such as earthquakes, pestilences, volcano's erupting, tsunami's and such like) are merely *signs* that the earth is 'travailing' for the birth of a 'new age' which *will come at* Jesus Christ's *return*. And, as Jesus warned us - like a woman's birth pains get stronger and closer together, the closer she is to birthing the babe - so too will the earth's 'travailing's' get stronger and closer together, the closer Jesus' return gets. So, we can expect *more* of them to come. But, once HE does return (and the 'new age' of the Millennium is ushered in at Jesus' return) the earth *will* then be rejoicing, as this Psalmist calls for. Isaiah also speaks of this. In chapter 44, verse 23 he wrote: *Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel*. And in Isa 55:12 it's also written: *For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands*. So, even the earth will be truly quite joyful when Jesus returns; and the Bible uses examples of what people do when they are happy (clap their hands, sing and dance) to explain the joy the earth will have, even though things like the earth, the sea, the trees and the land don't literally sing, dance or clap their hands like we do. It's just a figure of speech (apx 6) that's used to explain that, even creation itself will be 'happy' when Jesus returns. However, there are times the creation really does seem to make noise as described in this Psalm. Such as when the wind blows the sea - it really does sound like a 'clap'. Or when the leaves and branches of a tree (as well as the grain crops like wheat) blow from a strong wind, they really do seem to be 'dancing' in the wind. And, if the birds are active, they really are singing!

So truly, this 12th verse (in Ps 96) also looks forward to (anticipates) just how prosperous this world will be when Jesus Christ returns. And that's because all of the corruption and pollution in the world will be cleansed, when Jesus returns, as 2 Pt 3:10-13 explains. You can learn more about this by studying the third chapter of 2nd Peter: [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Peter/277]. And, in like manner, David spoke of the prosperity of the earth in Psalms 65 [which you can study via this link: https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/722], which was a Psalm that spoke of Zion waiting for Israel's redemption, which will only truly happen when Jesus Christ returns. And, only when Zion is redeemed will she be governed by those who obey God's Laws, which brings forth *abundant* blessings, as David expressed in that 65th chapter. Truly all of God's creation will 'shout for joy' when Jesus Christ returns *because* it will be rejuvenated and thus, very prosperous, which we (who are allowed to inherit the earth) will also enjoy very much. As Ps 37:11 says, *the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of*

peace. And Ps 72:7 also says that when Jesus Christ returns, *the righteous shall flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.*

Psalms 96

13 Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Now, this verse actually begins with an ending thought from the prior verses (11-12). So, to pick up on the thought, let's look at those verses, in conjunction with this verse...

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

*12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: **then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice***

*13 **Before the LORD:** for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.*

Ps 96:11-13

So, even creation itself will rejoice 'before the Lord', which means *in the presence* (before, #6440) of Yehovah, the *only* self-existent and eternal One (#3068). And why? It's because 'he cometh', which is written *twice for emphasis* (Epizeuxis, apx 6). And He comes *why*? To judge the earth! That's why, the earth (and creation itself) is joyful - for when Jesus Christ returns, *even the creature* [i.e. creation, #2937] *itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God* (Rom 8:21). In other words, the earth shall be cleansed, and rejuvenated, when Jesus Christ returns (2 Pt 3:10-13). Now, the word '**cometh**' does mean *to come* (even though it can also mean 'to go', #935). And the word '**judge**' (both times it's used) means *to judge*, i.e. *pronounce sentence* (for or against); by implication, it also means *to vindicate* or *punish*; and, by extension, it means *to govern*; and then passively, it means *to litigate* (literally or figuratively) (#8199). And truly, Jesus *will* 'judge' the earth in the *fullest sense* of the word 'judge' here. For He will surely vindicate His faithful servants and that's done by punishing His enemies. But, He'll also govern (and litigate) the world after that (during the Millennium) until the Great White Throne Judgement comes, which is when all incorrigible people will be totally blotted out of existence and *cease to exist in any form* (Rev 20:10-15).

And interestingly, this verse also notes that Jesus Christ will come to 'judge the earth' but also says He'll 'judge the world'. The word '**earth**' here means *the earth at large*, or *partitively a land* (#776) while the word '**world**' means *the earth (as moist and therefore inhabited)*; by extension, it means *the globe*; and by implication, it means *its inhabitants*; and can also mean, specifically, *a particular land*, as Babylonia, Palestine (#8398). So, Jesus will (of a surety) be judging **all** people of the earth when He returns. As 2 Cor 5:10 says, *we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.* But, as Jer 52 and Rev 18 says, He will also judge

‘Babylon’, which is Satan’s wicked governing system [you can learn more about this judgment in **Builders of Cities and a Good Repentance**: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/304>]. And that means He’ll also judge Jerusalem, as He promised in Ezek 16 (and elsewhere in the prophets). As Peter stated in 2 Pt 3:10-13, all *evil* ‘elements’ will be done away with (dissolved) when Jesus Christ returns. And that means both physically *and* spiritually. So, not only will Jesus gather, and judge, all people (punishing those who deserve it while rewarding His faithful servants) (Isa 24:17-23; Matt 13:40-42, 47-50, Matt 24:29-31, 25:31-46; Mark 13:24-27; Rev 20:1-5) but even the earth will be cleansed and rejuvenated (2 Pt 3:10-13, Isa 35, 41, 43, 58, etc.).

And, that’s why this precious Psalm ends by stating that Jesus will indeed *judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth*. The word ‘**righteousness**’ here means *the right* (natural, moral or legal) as well as *equity* or (figuratively) *prosperity* (#6664). *Great prosperity will come after Jesus returns because He’ll judge – and rule – the earth according to God’s righteous laws, which is the truth* (John 17:17). The word ‘**truth**’ here literally means *firmness* but also means, figuratively, *security* and *morally fidelity* (#530). And it’s the feminine of #529 which means *established*, i.e. (figuratively) *trusty*; also (abstractly) *trustworthiness*. And that word comes from #539, which means *to build up or support; to foster as a parent or nurse; figuratively to render (or be) firm or faithful, to trust or believe, to be permanent or quiet; morally to be true or certain*. Again, because Jesus will judge the world with righteousness, and His people with His truth, the world *will* be ‘established’ (fixed upright, #3559) so it’ll never be moved (shaken) physically (from an earthquake), or spiritually from rebellion (Ps 96:10).

So truly, while it seems like the world is ‘going to hell in a handbasket’, there really are good things coming. However, that won’t be until *after* the ‘great tribulation’ (Mth 24:21) that Jesus warned us of in Mth 24, Mk 13 and Lk 21 (and in the book of Revelations). So, as we continue to prepare [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/286>] for the ‘hard times’ that *are* coming [i.e. the tribulation of the antichrist: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345>] we should remember to **Plant the Truths God Gives You** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/264>] so hopefully not as many people will be deceived by Satan, when he’s kicked out of heaven (with his fallen angels), to the earth (Rev 12, 2 Thess 2), to deceive the world into worshipping, and following, him. After all, Rev 7 not only speaks of 144,000 of Israel being sealed, but it also tells us there’s *a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues* (Rev 7:9) *who come out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb* (Rev 7:14). And that’s because there *will* be people who witness to the world the truth that Satan is a false Christ and the true Christ (Jesus) will shortly be coming (Rev 11, Mth 24, Lk 21, Mk 13). And we’ve got to keep these truths (God’s Word) deeply in our heart and mind now, and during that time, so we can remain faithful. As the special study on **Point A To Point B** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/489>] reminds us, our Heavenly Father has given us the information we need (in His Word, the Bible) to make it through the ‘great tribulation’, so we *can* be rejoicing when Jesus Christ returns. As Jesus Himself said, *behold, I have foretold you*

all things (Mark 13:23). And, when we love and obey Jesus, God also gives us the Holy Spirit [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1262>] to strengthen and comfort us through whatever comes our way - both now *and* during that ‘great tribulation’. Which is why Jesus told us: *These things I have spoken unto you, that **in me** ye might **have peace**. In the world ye **shall** have tribulation: but **be of good cheer**; I have overcome the world* (John 16:33). The word ‘cheer’ here actually means **to have courage** (#2293). So, **we have nothing to fear**. As Jesus also said, *fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom* (Luke 12:32) and *lo, I am with you **always**, even unto the end of the world*. Amen (Matt 28:20).

So, as we continue living our life for the Lord (YHVH) (1 Pt 4:1-2) and studying His Word to prepare for the hard times that are coming, let’s remember the lessons from this precious Psalm 96, which teaches us of the joy that’s soon coming when the *true* Jesus Christ *finally* does return...

*6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, **hath shined in our hearts**, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

*7 But we have **this treasure in earthen vessels** [i.e. the Holy Spirit within us], *that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.**

8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed...

*...14 Knowing that **he which raised up the Lord Jesus** shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall **present us with you**.*

15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

*16 For which cause we faint not; but **though our outward man perish**, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.*

*17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, **worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory**;*

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Cor 4:6-9, 14-18

AMEN.