

Part 1 – The Lord Will be Great in Zion

Now, we've come to the *fifth* chapter in the part of the 'Numbers Book' of the Psalms (chapters 95-100), which are related to ***Rest for the Earth Anticipated***. And, let's remember that **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* worshipping 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, while Psalm 96 put forth 'the call' to sing the 'New Song', the **Psalm 97** was the '*answer*' to it, 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 we now move onto **Psalm 99**, which is actually another '**New Song**' which speaks of how the Lord (YHVH) will reign (via Jesus Christ) when He finally returns. And, the Psalmist does so by giving us some history and reminding us how God took Israel and made them into a kingdom back in the days of Moses. This reveals to us today (1 Cor 10:11) 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*...

Psalm 99

1 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

Now, the word '**Lord**' here is God's sacred (and covenantal) name **Yehovah** which means (the) ***self-Existent*** or ***Eternal*** (#3068) [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>]. So, His name *reveals* that our Heavenly Father (Yehovah) is the *only* one who has *always* existed and *always* will, which is why He is *eternal* (Rev 1:8, 4:9, 11:17, 16:5, 22:13). And then the word '**reigneth**' here means ***to reign*** but also (inceptively) ***to ascend the throne***, (causatively), ***to induct into royalty*** and hence (by implication) ***to take counsel*** (#4427). Now, let's remember what we learned a few chapters back: Psalm 93 and 97 also began with the phrase 'The Lord reigneth', so it fixes a 'set time' for when the 'New Song' will be sung, which is when our Heavenly Father returns to the earth via

Jesus Christ. However, this 99th Psalm is unique in that it gives us some history, revealing how God took Israel and made them into a kingdom, back in the days of Moses. God specifically used Moses and Aaron to teach the people His Laws, so they would be fit to be a part of His Kingdom on earth (Ex 19:5-6; Deut 26:16-19). And this reveals to us today (1 Cor 10:11) how He will *again* take a people to rule with, when Jesus Christ returns (1 Pt 2:9-10), which include not only the true believers of true Israel but *also* the ‘gentiles’ who accept Jesus Christ (Gal 3:26-29). And He will use them to teach His Laws to those who did *not* make the first resurrection (Ezek 44, Jer 23) so that hopefully many of them *will* make the *second* resurrection, instead of being blotted out of existence, as Satan will be (Ezek 28; Rev 20:10-15).

So then, after declaring that ‘the Lord reigneth’, the Psalmist then says to ‘let the people tremble’. The word ‘**people**’ here means *a people* (as a congregated unit) and (specifically), *a tribe* (as those of Israel), as well as (collectively) *troops or attendants* and also (figuratively), *a flock* (#5971). It’s also been rendered as *folk, men, nation* and the *Companion Bible* notes this word is actually in the plural, i.e. ‘peoples’. And the word ‘**tremble**’ here is a prim root that means *to quiver, with any violent emotion, especially anger or fear* (#7264). It’s also been rendered as: *be afraid, stand in awe, disquiet, fall out, fret, move, provoke, quake, rage, shake, trouble* and *be wroth*. So, this ‘New Song’ is clearly describing a different aspect of Jesus Christ’s return. For, when Psalm 93 declared that ‘the Lord reigneth’, it then began to explain the *spiritual* characteristics (and outward glory) that Jesus Christ will have when He returns. And when Psalm 97 declared that ‘the Lord reigneth’, it then began to explain *how* Jesus will return *with* ‘clouds and darkness’ because *that’s what surrounds* His magnificent flying vehicle that He returns to earth in (along with His angelic army). And the *reason* there’s ‘darkness’ is simply because the clouds surrounding His throne *can* be dark, *especially* when they are stormy – and the Lord (YHVH) *uses* those dark clouds *to fight with* via the lightning, wind, hail and rain. But here in Psalm 99, the Psalmist tells us that the people of the world will be trembling, which means to quiver with any violent emotion especially fear or anger (#7264). But, *why* will the people be ‘trembling with fear’? It is because Jesus Christ will return ‘with a vengeance’ and pour out God’s ‘cup of wrath’ [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/418>] upon the wicked ones, as well as the workers of iniquity who worshiped Satan (who is the antichrist), as though he were the true God [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/499>], *instead of* remaining *loyal* to the **true** God (YHVH) and the **true** Christ (Jesus). As Rev 1:7 says, when Jesus Christ returns *every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him*. Isa 2:17-22 and Rev 6:15-17 also tell us they’ll try and hide in *holes of the rocks and caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth* (Isa 2:19).

So, there **is** a ‘great shaking’ coming when that *great day of his wrath* comes (Rev 6:17). And that’s why this first verse goes on to say ‘let the earth be moved’. The word ‘**earth**’ here can mean either *the earth ‘at large’* or *‘partitively a land’* (#776). But, the context of this verse

(which is Jesus Christ's return) lets us know it's speaking of the earth 'at large' here, i.e. **the entire earth**. And the word 'moved' here means **to quake** (#5120). So, the *entire* earth will quake, as many other Scriptures also declare, and *that* is what will cause the people of the earth to tremble. For example, Hag 2:6-7 tells us that: *For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.* This is clearly prophesying of the great earthquake that comes just before (and as) Jesus Christ (i.e. the 'desire of all nations') returns to the earth, and His 'house' (Temple and government) will be filled with glory because Jesus Christ will finally be on earth, *ruling forevermore* from Jerusalem (Zion)! Further, Paul also speaks of this 'great shaking' that happens before (and as) Jesus Christ returns; and he even quotes from Haggai when doing so. In Heb 12:26-27 Paul wrote: *Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, **that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.*** So, Paul goes on to explain that this second 'great shaking' (earthquake) will not only clean the earth (and put its axis upright again) but it'll also clean out the evil ones in heaven *and* earth. And truly, there will be a 'shake up' in heaven even *before* Jesus Christ returns, for Satan and his fallen angels *will be cast out of heaven, to earth*, after they get their butts kicked fighting (in heaven) against Michael and God's other holy angels (Rev 12:7-12). And truly, there are *so many other* Scriptures that speak of this 'great shaking' (earthquake) that happens just before, and even as, Jesus Christ returns (ex: Rev 6:12-17, 11:11-19, 16:17-21; Isa 13:9-13, Isa 24:1, 29:1-7 and Zech 14:1-9).

Now, this statement 'let the earth be moved' is different than we've seen before. For, in Ps 93:1, we were told that *the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved*. And in Ps 96:10 we were told that *the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved*. As we learned when studying those verses, the word 'stablished' and 'established' means **to be erect** (i.e. stand perpendicular) and **to set up** (#3559). And this meaning is twofold. For not only will the earth literally be set up again (moved back to its original axis it was on before the destruction of the first earth age - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/496>) but so will 'law and order' be established on the earth, when Jesus Christ returns to earth to rule forever. But, here in this 'New Song' we're seeing a declaration of how the earth **will** be *moved*, not *established*. This means the Psalmist is speaking of the *last* great earthquake that will come upon the earth, shortly before (yea, even as) Jesus Christ returns. It is this *last* earthquake that will shake the earth *so much* that its current axis returns back to its original axis, so that true north and magnetic north will once again be one and the same. As Rev 16:18 describes it, *there will be a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great*. So, that's why we see this Psalm calling for the earth '**to be moved**'. It's speaking of the great earthquake that will accompany Jesus Christ's return and really, is part of God's 'cup of wrath' at the 'day of vengeance', as Rev 16:19-21 goes on to explain.

And the, we also see in this first verse (here in Ps 99) the Psalmist point out that, when the ‘Lord (YHVH) reigneth’ (and the people will tremble with great fear because the earth is moved by a great earthquake) that He (the Lord, YHVH) ‘*he sitteth between the cherubims*’. The word ‘**sitteth**’ here means **to sit down** (specifically as judge, in ambush, in quiet) but, by implication, it also means **to dwell**, **to remain** and (causatively) **to settle** or even **to marry** (#3427). And then the word ‘**cherubims**’ means a **cherub** or **imaginary figure** (#3742). Without a doubt, this is referring how God sits on His throne, which is on top of the mercy seat, which on top of the Ark of the Covenant, which *contains His Law*. The book of Exodus tells us about this...

16 And **thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.**

17 And thou shalt **make a mercy seat of pure gold**: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

18 And thou shalt **make two cherubims of gold**, of beaten work shalt thou make them, **in the two ends of the mercy seat.**

19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, **covering the mercy seat with their wings**, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

21 And **thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark**; and **in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.**

22 And **there I will meet with thee**, and I will **commune with thee from above** the mercy seat, **from between the two cherubims** which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

Ex 25:16-22

So, after God led Israel (via Moses) out of Egyptian bondage, He gave them His Laws on Mount Sinai (Ex 19-20) and then called Moses to come higher up to the mountain to receive instructions on how to make an earthly Tabernacle which He could communicate with Moses from, so poor Moses (who was over 80) didn't have to keep going up and down the mountain. The Temple was also where Israel brought their offerings and sacrifices [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1094>] which they were *required* to worship Him *back then*, and to obtain forgiveness. Of course, since Jesus Christ has now come and paid for our sins, for all times (Col 2:14; Eph 2:15), we no longer need a physical Temple to worship at (John 4:23-24; Cor 3:16-18, 1 Cor 6:15-20, 2 Cor 6:14-18) and we are *not ever* supposed to offer sacrifices anymore (Heb 10:10). But, back then they had to. And the point for covering the Scriptures above (in Ex 25) is to show that the cherubims were *a part of* the Ark of the Covenant, which not only contained God's Law but *the mercy seat*, which is actually *God's throne*, i.e. that's where He sat to communicate with Moses at. So, when this Psalm 98:1 says that the Lord sits 'between the cherubims', it's simply a reference to God being

on His throne. And, as history tells us, when God is on His throne, *He's ready for action.* And, while He did sit on His earthly throne to show acceptance of Israel's offerings, and of the Tabernacle/Temple they built for Him (Ex 40:33-35; 1 Kings 8:10-11), He also sat on His throne (on earth) *for judgment* (Num 12:1-10; 16:42-50). So, the implication here (when the Psalmist says that God is sitting 'between the cherubim', i.e. on His throne) is that *He's ready for judgment.* And that's why this first verse also speaks about the earth being moved and the people trembling. The final earthquake is about to happen and the people of the earth will tremble because of it, as we've seen from the Scriptures we covered earlier.

Psalms 99

2 The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people.

Again, we should remember this 'New Song' is speaking about the return of Jesus Christ. And, Jesus *will* return 'with a vengeance' to pour out God's 'cup of wrath' upon His enemies, which is actually *what* saves the righteous (i.e. those who faithfully serve Him, of all races). So, while the first verse declared that when Jesus Christ returns to the earth (in His flying vehicle, that does indeed have His throne on it - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/392>), it'll be after (or as) the earth is moved (by a great earthquake) which will cause the peoples to tremble with fear, for it's an earthquake that shakes the entire earth. And that's why this next verse says that *The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people.* The word '**Lord**' here is again God's sacred (and covenantal) name **Yehovah** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>] which means (the) **self-Existent** or **Eternal** (#3068). So, His name *reveals* that our Heavenly Father (Yehovah) is the *only* one who has *always* existed and *always* will, which is why He is *eternal* (Rev 1:8, 4:9, 11:17, 16:5, 22:13). And the word '**great**' here does mean **great** (in any sense) and can even mean **older** (#1419) which is a reference to how Yehovah is eternal, i.e. He's *always* existed and always will, which is why He's 'older' than anyone else. That's why Dan 7:9, 13, 22 refers to our Heavenly Father as the '*Ancient of days*'. And the word '**Zion**' simply means **a mountain in Israel** (#6726). But, because it's been such an important part of Jerusalem, it's become *synonymous* with Jerusalem.

So, here in verse 2 (of Ps 99), the Psalmist is simply declaring the fact that, when Jesus Christ returns, our Heavenly Father will indeed be 'great' in Zion *because* Jesus Christ (who IS God manifested in a way we can see, <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1013>) will be *ruling from* Zion. And, because Jesus Christ will then be the King of kings and Lord of lords over all the earth (when He returns), that's *why* He is 'high above' all people. The word '**high**' here means **to be high actively, to rise or raise** (in various applications, literally or figuratively) (#7311). So, it's referencing how Jesus Christ will be raised up 'high above all nations' when He returns *because* He'll be the King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev 19:16), i.e. Jesus Christ will rule all nations, from Zion (in Jerusalem, Ezek 16:8) *forever*. As it is written...

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and **the government shall be upon his shoulder**: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 **Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end**, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isa 9:6-7

These verses give us yet more documentation that Jesus Christ is God Himself, in a bodily form we can see (John 4:23, Col 1:15, Heb 1:3, John 1:1,14, etc.). For they tell us that the ‘child’ (Jesus) is also called the Mighty God and Everlasting Father *and* that His government will last *forever*. And the reason He’ll be ‘upon the throne of David’ is because Jesus Himself was a descendant (through His mother Mary) of David (Lk 3:22-23, 31) just as God had promised David in 2 Sam 7:12-16. So, when Jesus Christ returns, the Lord (YHVH) will indeed be great in Zion because He’ll finally be in Zion, literally. And He will indeed be ‘high above’ all the people on earth (including Satan and his fallen angels) because Jesus Christ will be ruling *everything* in heaven, and on earth, from that time on, *forevermore*. As it is written...

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Phil 2:9-11

19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile **all** things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Col 1:19-20

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth**.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matt 28:18-20

So, Jesus Christ will indeed be high above all people - not only on earth, but also heaven. Ps 97:9 made this declaration when stating: *For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art*

exalted far above all gods. Indeed, our Heavenly Father not only has the authority to rule over His creation but He's also much more capable of doing so, i.e. He's more powerful and completely righteous - so He's truly the only one who can rule righteously. As our Heavenly Father declared, in Isa 55:9: *as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.* And that is why our Heavenly Father is (and will be literally when Jesus returns) 'high above all the people' when He (as Jesus) returns to the earth and rules, from Zion (Jerusalem), *forevermore*. Many other Scriptures speak of this too, such as Isa 4:2, 11:1-5, Jer 23:5-6, Jer 33:15-16, Zech 6:12-13, Mic 4:1-4, Dan 7:13-14, 21-22, Eph 1:17-23 and truly, *many* more.

So, let's never forget that, while the wicked ones on earth seem to be 'getting ahead' now, things will *not always be that way* [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/297>]. Our Heavenly Father is only allowing them to continue on to allow for the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be spread throughout the world (Lk 13:20-21) so His children can choose between life and death (Deut 30). That's actually called the 'mystery of iniquity' in 2 Thess 2:7. But, when the 'mystery of God' (i.e. God's plan of Salvation via Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, Col 1:25-29) is finished (Col 2:2, Rev 10:7) then Jesus Christ *will* return to the earth to depose of the wicked ones *and* install His *righteous* (and eternal) government, as even these beautiful Psalms have been testifying to!

*7 Rest in the LORD, and **wait** patiently for him: **fret not** thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.*

*8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: **fret not** thyself in any wise to do evil.*

*9 For evildoers **shall be** cut off: but those that **wait** upon the LORD, they **shall inherit the earth**.*

10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

*11 But the meek **shall** inherit the earth; and **shall** delight themselves in the abundance of peace.*
Ps 37:7-11

*15 Therefore, brethren, **stand fast**, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. [i.e. stand fast to the Word of God!]*

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

*17 **Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.***

2 Thess 2:15-17

We'll pick this up in part 2...

AMEN.