

MESSIANIC PROPHECIES FROM THE PSALMS

BIBLE TEXT : Psalms 2:1-12; 22:1,18; 45:1-17; 68:16-19; 69:21; 110:1-7; 118:21-24; 132:11.

LESSON 470 Senior Course

MEMORY VERSE: "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee" (Psalm 2:7).

BIBLE TEXT in King James Version

Psalms 2:1-12

1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying,*

3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.

9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

Psalm 22:1,18

1 To the chief Musician upon Ajeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David. My God, my God, why hast

Bible References:

I The Coming Messiah, His Deity and Universal Reign

1. The princes of earth conspire against the Lord's Anointed, Psalm 2:1-3

Acts 4:25-27

25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?
26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.
27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

I Samuel 16:13

13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust.

Matthew 3:16, 17

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:
17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

2. The Lord will overthrow rebels by His Anointed One, Psalm 2:4-6. Psalm 132:11.

Psalm 37:12, 13

12 The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
13 The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.

Psalm 59:8

8 But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

Proverbs 1:26

26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

3. The office of the Anointed One is declared, Psalm 2:7-9; 68:16-19

Hebrews 1:5

5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

Hebrews 5:5

5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee.

Colossians 1:16, 17

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Revelation 2:27

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

Revelation 12:5

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Revelation 19:15.

thou forsaken me? *why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?*

18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

Psalm 45:1-17

1 To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, Maschil, A Song of loves. My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue *is* the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thy sword upon *thy* thigh, O *most* mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thine arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; *whereby* the people fall under thee.

6 Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments *smell* of myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters *were* among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Harken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear;

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

4. Solemn warning is given to rulers and people, Psalm 2:10-12

Psalm 89:7

7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all *them that are* about him.

Psalm 35:10

10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who *is* like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

Psalm 34:8

8 O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

Psalm 40:4.

4 Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

II Christ's Sufferings Foretold

1. Christ suffers on the cross, Psalm 22:1; 69:21.

Matthew 27: 34, 46, 48

34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted *thereof*, he would not drink.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled *it* with vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink.

Mark 15:34, 36

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down.

Isaiah 53:4, 5

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

2. His clothing is divided, Psalm 22:18

John 19:23, 24

23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also *his* coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

24 They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

III The Marriage of the King and His Royal Bride

1. The beauty of the King and His glory are described, Psalm 45:1-8

Proverbs 8:6-9

6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things.

7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; *there is* nothing froward or perverse in them.

9 They *are* all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

Song of Solomon 5:10-16

10 My beloved *is* white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand.

forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he *is* thy Lord; and worship thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift; *even* the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.

13 The king's daughter *is* all glorious within: her clothing *is* of wrought gold.

14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

Psalm 68:16-19

16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? *this is* the hill *which* God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell *in it* for ever.

17 The chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, *even* thousands of angels: the Lord *is* among them, *as in* Sinai, in the holy *place*.

18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, *for* the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell *among them*.

19 Blessed *be* the Lord, *who* daily loadeth us *with benefits*, *even* the God of our salvation. Selah.

Psalm 69:21

21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

11 His head *is as* the most fine gold, his locks *are* bushy, *and* black as a raven.

12 His eyes *are as the eyes* of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, *and* fitly set.

13 His cheeks *are as* a bed of spices, *as* sweet flowers: his lips *like* lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh.

14 His hands *are as* gold rings set with the beryl: his belly *is as* bright ivory overlaid *with* sapphires.

15 His legs *are as* pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance *is as* Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.

16 His mouth *is* most sweet: yea, he *is* altogether lovely. This *is* my beloved, and this *is* my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

Luke 4:22

22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

Isaiah 63:1-6

1 Who *is* this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this *that is* glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2 Wherefore *art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people *there was* none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

4 For the day of vengeance *is* in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

5 And I looked, and *there was* none to help; and I wondered that *there was* none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.

6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

Hebrews 1:8, 9

8 But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of thy kingdom.

9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even* thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Ephesians 5:23-25

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

2. The Bride and her companions are arrayed for the Bridegroom, Psalm 45:9-15

Song of Solomon 1:3, 4

3 Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name *is as* ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.

4 Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.

II Corinthians 11:2

2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ.

Matthew 22:11, 12

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

Isaiah 35:10

Psalm 110:1-7

1 **A Psalm of David.** The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill *the places* with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

Psalm 118:21-24

21 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

22 The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner.

23 This is the LORD'S doing; it *is* marvellous in our eyes.

24 This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 132:11

11 The LORD hath sworn *in* truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Revelation 19:7

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Revelation 21:9.

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

3. The King prospers, Psalm 45:16, 17

Isaiah 53:10, 11

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Isaiah 61:9.

9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed *which* the LORD hath blessed.

IV The Kingdom, Priesthood and Triumphs of the Messiah

1. Christ's enemies will be overthrown, Psalm 110:1-3

Matthew 22:41-45

41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, *The Son* of David.

43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,

44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?

45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?

Matthew 28:18-20

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 alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Psalm 96:9.

9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

2. He will be a Priest and will triumph over all, Psalm 110:4-7

Genesis 14:18

18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he *was* the priest of the most high God.

Hebrews 5:6

6 As he saith also in another *place*, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 6:20

20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 7:1-10, 17-21

¹ For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

² To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

³ Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

⁴ Now consider how great this man *was*, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

⁵ And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the

people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

⁶ But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

⁷ And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

⁸ And here men that die receive tithes; but there he *receiveth them*, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

⁹ And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.

¹⁰ For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

¹⁷ For he testifieth, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

¹⁸ For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.

¹⁹ For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope *did*; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

²⁰ And inasmuch as not without an oath *he was made priest*:

²¹ (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)

Psalm 21:8, 9

8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

Revelation 6:15-17

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Isaiah 11:3, 4

3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

Psalm 27:6.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

3. Jesus Christ is the Chief Corner Stone, Psalm 118:21-24;

Matthew 21:42

42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

Acts 4:11

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

I Peter 2:4, 7

4 To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious,

7 Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner.

Notes:

The second Psalm is Messianic and also prophetic. Many Psalms, written a thousand years before Christ came, have prophecies in them

that can point to none other than Christ. It is clear, though some references include King David, his family and their reign, that only Christ is able to fulfil God's promise to David of an Eternal Throne. (See II Samuel 7. 1 And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies; 2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. 3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that *is* in thine heart; for the LORD *is* with thee. 4 And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying, 5 Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? 6 Whereas I have not dwelt in *any* house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. 7 In all *the places* wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar? 8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: 9 And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great *men* that *are* in the earth. 10 Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime, 11 And as since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house. 12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: 15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee. 16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. 17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David. 18 Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who *am* I, O Lord GOD? and what *is* my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? 19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And *is* this the manner of man, O Lord GOD? 20 And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy servant. 21 For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know *them*. 22 Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 23 And what one nation in the earth *is* like thy people, *even* like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, *from* the nations and their gods? 24 For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel *to be* a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God. 25 And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish *it* for ever, and do as thou hast said. 26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee. 27 For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee. 28 And now, O Lord GOD, thou *art* that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant: 29 Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken *it*: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.)

Raging Heathen

The raging of the heathen refers to the conspiracy of Jews and

Gentiles against Christ. It had a partial fulfilment in the first advent of Christ (Acts 4:25 25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?). The completion of the prophecy will follow at the second-advent when the kings of the earth will set themselves against Jehovah and His Christ under the Antichrist. Divine judgment will fall on their counsel and conspiracy against God and His Son. "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision." Oh, the terror when the Lord laughs in derision and mocks at the calamity of those who have "set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof" (Proverbs 1:25, 26)! God's purpose to establish His Son as King in the earth at Jerusalem cannot be altered by men or devils.

Sonship of Christ

The Psalmist declares the Sonship of Christ: "Thou art my Son," not by adoption but by being the "only begotten of the Father." The Kingdom of Christ will include the Gentile and heathen nations and all that have not yet submitted to Christ. His rule with a rod of iron and righteous judgment will subdue all opposition. Kings and judges are warned to prepare for the advent of this Kingdom. Be wise now, serve the Lord with fear. Rejoice in reverence and submission or suffer the consequences of His wrath upon those who resist the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (II Thessalonians 1:8 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:). A blessing is pronounced on all who put their trust in Him. This trust used here is applied in the Old Testament to the saving faith in God. Note the last three verses of the Psalm answer to the first three. The rebellion against the Lord's anointed finds its answer in the admonition to kiss the Son and serve the Lord.

Sufferings of Christ

As we read the first verse of the 22nd Psalm, we realise the unerring accuracy of the divine inspiration of the Scriptures. Here are the very words of Christ on the cross. These prophetic utterances in regard to Christ's first coming were so precisely fulfilled that it inspires faith in the hearts of the believers to know that the prophecies concerning His second coming will also be fulfilled in minute detail. The words from this Psalm of the Cross mark the deepest soul suffering of Christ in His vicarious sacrifice. They also indicate the unalterable fact that God cannot countenance sin, even when Christ, the "only begotten Son" was made "to be sin for us." God withheld His power to deliver Christ from the cross that His divine plan for salvation might be accomplished. In God's plan, His Lamb had been "slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8). Christ willingly took His place in God's plan. He could have avoided this agony, but His prayer stood. "Nevertheless not my will, but thine be done" (Luke 22:42). The fulfilment of the 18th verse of the 22d Psalm is carefully documented in John 19:23, 24 23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. 24 They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. Psalm 69:21 we find fulfilled in Matthew 27:34, 48 34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. 48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

A Song of the Messiah

The 45th Psalm is opened by a heart overflowing and bubbling up with joy. The Psalmist extols the King for His beauty, grace, and His conquests. From the King in war, the Psalmist now turns to the King in peace. The righteousness of His government is described as a right sceptre. The perpetual Kingdom of the Messiah is described by "Thy throne...is for ever and ever." The perfect government is shown by

"Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness." This is a pledge that sin will be punished and obedience rewarded. In referring to "God, thy God," he makes a distinct personality of this King from God Himself. The oil of gladness is a token of joy and reward for a righteous administration. The King has been praised as a man, a warrior and ruler.

The Royal Wedding

Now He is described as the Bridegroom. His garments are described as being heavy with the aromatics of the Orientals that were used on festive occasions. Ivory palaces were often inlaid with ivory and contained ivory furniture. The nobility of the attendants on this occasion are indicated by king's daughters. Upon the right hand stood the queen, or the King's Bride, in the place of honour and participation in power. The adornment was the gold of Ophir, the purest known in that day, or, in the spiritual sense, the purest adorning obtainable, "fine linen, clean and white" (Revelation 19:7-9), which is the righteousness of the saints. The advice to hearken, or listen carefully, given here is just as applicable today to those bidden to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. "Forget also shine own people, and thy father's house." Christ's Church, or the "called out" from the world, are exhorted to forsake people, kindred, even all for Christ. The King does desire the spiritual beauty of His Bride and she in turn worships Him. Her purity and beauty, as well as that of her attendants, will rejoice the heart of the King. The Psalm closes with the statement that the name of the King will be remembered in all generations.

His Kingdom

In the 110th Psalm, the opening words speak of the saying of the Lord to the Messiah. This is the usual announcement of an oracle, "Jehovah said" or "thus saith the Lord," and is addressed to David's Lord, or Christ. The command to "sit thou at my right hand" indicates the authority and place of power reserved for Christ. From the time that Satan tried to usurp power in Heaven until he is cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10 *10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*), he has tried to undermine, hinder and destroy God's plan of salvation for lost mankind. He started his work on man in the Garden of Eden and has been untiringly pursuing his purpose to destroy the souls of men in every way possible. He stirred every conceivable hindrance for God's people from the time of Moses right on down to the advent of Jesus on earth. Then he assaulted our Saviour in the day of His temptation, trying to get Christ's obedience and submission to his insidious suggestions. Christ triumphed over him by submitting His will to the will of His Father in Heaven. Satan and his emissaries, through dominion of world governments, false religions, and every form of subtlety has exercised his power as the prince of the power of the air.

This Psalm brings the lively hope and assurance that Christ will come forth as the victor over every power of sin and darkness. Jehovah is pledged to see the Messiah established on His Throne in spite of all enemies and hindrances. When the Father rises to shake terribly the earth, all opposition and enemies will not only be conquered, but completely subjugated. All resistance will be abolished by the rod of strength that comes out of Zion. Christ's Kingdom now represented by the Church, has been faced with much opposition, but the Messianic dominion will be complete. "Thy people shall be willing" indicates the abundant willingness of Christ's elect to become freewill offerings, spontaneously offering themselves for His service, in His day of power. "In the beauties of holiness" has to do with the adorning and appearance of Christ's army, honour and excellence. In the spiritual sense, His people are a nation of kings and priests, attending their King, clothed in those eminent graces, which the beautiful vestments of the Aaronic priests typified. The Messiah, leading His people, is

represented as continually in the vigour of youth, refreshed and strengthened by the early dew of God's grace and Spirit.

His Priesthood

The Lord's plan for Christ is unalterable, unchanging, over all opposition. "Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." Our first view of this King of Righteousness is in Genesis 14:18 *18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. He was "king of Salem" and "priest of the most high God."* His priesthood was greater than that of Aaron, for Abraham paid tithes unto him (Hebrews 7). Christ is today our High Priest, sitting on His Mediatorial Throne. The dominion of Christ during the Millennium will not merely be over individuals, as such, but over all offices and ranks of earthly power, so that wherever power centres, there the dominion of Christ must be acknowledged. If resistance is shown and submission refused, the rod of judgment will "strike through" them. Christ is not only Mediator, but Judge. His Gospel is not only a word of mercy; if refused it becomes a rule of judgment. Many today would picture only the mercy of Christ, but mercy refused brings about the righteous judgment, which is the only alternative. The reason heads over many countries will be wounded is that they failed to submit to His righteous rule. All oppression and power of the Antichrist will be put down and justice will prevail. The drink from the brook is figurative of refreshment after exhaustion from the battle as He brings forth judgment unto victory.

The Corner Stone

Psalm 118:21-24 speaks of "The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner." Sinful man's judgment in things pertaining to God has never been correct. Man has a way that seemeth right, "but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12). The very foundation of the Apostles and prophets was "Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone" (Ephesians 2:20) Peter, preaching to the rulers as recorded in Acts 4:12, said, "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" Yet the Jews, claiming to be defenders of Moses' Law, hanged Him on the cross. The Lord's doing is marvellous in our eyes, in exalting Christ, crucified as an impostor, rejected of men, to be the Prince and Saviour and Head of His Church.

David's Covenant

Psalm 132:11, referring to God's covenant with David to put his seed upon the throne of Israel, was fulfilled in Solomon, but it was a much longer range plan than just Solomon, for it included the "Lord of Glory," the Redeemer and Messiah who should come to save His people from their sins. It went on beyond the redemption plan to the time when Christ will be King of kings and Lord of lords. This will be the fulfilment of II Samuel 7:16, "Thy throne shall be established for ever." We may be a part of that Kingdom by submission to Christ and obedience to His will and Word.

QUESTIONS

1. Against whom do the heathen rage?
2. At what will He that sitteth in the heavens laugh?
3. Who will wield the rod of iron?
4. What is meant by "Kiss the Son"?
5. Who is the King in Psalm 45: 1?
6. Who is the queen in Psalm 45:9?
7. Who was Melchizedek?
8. Who was the stone, which the builders refused?
9. Was the promise to David, "Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne" fulfilled in Solomon? Why?