



Kingdom Psalms
A View of the Future of Israel
Psalm 46, 47 & 48

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Psalm 46:title–11

“For the music director. A Psalm of the sons of Korah, set to Alamoth. A Song. God is our refuge and strength, A very ready help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth shakes And the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; Though its waters roar and foam, Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. Selah There is a river whose streams make the city of God happy, The holy dwelling places of the Most High. God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved; God will



help her when morning dawns. The nations made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered; He raised His voice, the earth quaked. **The LORD of armies is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold.** Selah **Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has inflicted horrific events on the earth. He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariots with fire.** **“Stop striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted on the earth.”** The LORD of armies is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah” (NASB 2020)

Who ever thought the psalms would be so filled with prophecy? Last time, we studied Psalm 45, which is all about the upcoming marriage of the Lamb to His Church. Now we come to a series of psalms which are all about the coming kingdom of Jesus Christ here on the earth.

The ceremony is done, heaven has opened and the second coming of Jesus Christ has taken place. The remnant has been saved by the King and now it is time to reflect where we are now. The Kingdom is beginning.

Yes, these are psalms for the remnant in the millennium. Are they based on real world events which are a foreshadowing of the end of the age? Absolutely. But as is typical, there is disagreement as to which historical situation took place resulting in Psalms 46-48 to be written.

We do know this about Psalm46, it was Martin Luther's favorite.

In the days after he nailed the 99 Thesis to the door of the church at Wittenburg, there were those times where he was deeply discouraged. “But in such hours the unflinching Reformer would cheerily say to his friend Melancthon, “Come, Philip, let us sing the forty-sixth Psalm;” and they could sing it in Luther’s own characteristic version:— (Spurgeon n.d., 344)

So here is the song Martin Luther wrote, based on psalm 46.

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing: For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing: Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabbath, His Name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us: The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure, One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth: Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

A Mighty Fortress is Our God, Martin Luther, 1529

What was the historical event or events that led to these psalms being written. Most commentators point to King Hezekiah and the miracle that God performed by saving the nation from the Assyrian military. That also tends to make sense especially since it is a type of or picture of what Jesus will do to the army of the Assyrian, the Beast, at Armageddon.



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Isaiah talks about the event which was precipitated by King Hezekiah changing direction from his totally worthless predecessor and not only bringing revival to Judah, but also essentially rebelling against the Assyrian Empire.

The Assyrians were nothing more than middle eastern mobsters with an army who would extract goods in exchange for not attacking you. Yes, they basically ran a glorified protection racket. Most who rebelled wound up going into exile, just like the Northern Kingdom of Israel had by this time.

As the Assyrian military wrapped up operations elsewhere in Judea, the next destination was Jerusalem and the ultimatum written to Hezekiah was taken by him directly into the Temple where he prayed over it (2 Kings 9:14-19). God heard his prayer and answered through Isaiah. The miracle, a type of the destruction of the armies of the beast at Armageddon, follows.

2 Kings 19:35–37

“And that night the angel of the LORD went out and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians. And when people arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. Then Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went home and lived at Nineveh. And as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer, his sons, struck him down with the sword and escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.” (ESV)

The next morning, the rest of the army left and God had indeed saved His people.

Psalm 46:1

“God is our refuge and strength, A very ready help in trouble.” (NASB 2020)

In the lead up to the invasion of the Assyrians, Judah had improved their defensive posture to include trying to pass side deals with Egypt for protection. Of course, God knew this and the top-secret negotiations were exposed by Isaiah in detail in Isaiah 31.

We tend to look to our own strength first, we think we are adequate for the situation, Judah thought they were, until they weren't. When the neighboring city of Lachish fell to Assyria, it appeared all was lost.

What God did was remove all of those external supports, to include Egyptian help, one by one until all the people had left was the Lord. I don't know about you, but in some of the trials I have gone through, when it was only the Lord who could save me, I finally realized where I should have started all along.

And the sons of Korah make it clear here at the beginning of this psalm. Our strength is not our refuge, our military is not our refuge, our bank account is not our refuge, our health is not our refuge, our job is not our refuge, our friends are not our refuge, God is and no one else. This is to be our beginning point.

As the remnant of Israel is in hiding from the armies of the Beast, as he marshals all the remaining military power of the world to come to Israel and destroy them, they too realize, finally, God is our refuge and strength.

Zechariah 13:9

“And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. **They will call upon my name, and I will answer them.** I will say, ‘They are my people’; and they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’ ” (ESV)

Hosea 5:15–6:2

“I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and **in their distress earnestly seek me.** **“Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us;** he



has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him." (ESV)

Isaiah 63:1–6

"Who is this who comes from Edom, from the city of Bozrah, with his clothing stained red? Who is this in royal robes, marching in his great strength? "It is I, the LORD, announcing your salvation! It is I, the LORD, who has the power to save!" Why are your clothes so red, as if you have been treading out grapes? "I have been treading the winepress alone; no one was there to help me. In my anger I have trampled my enemies as if they were grapes. In my fury I have trampled my foes. Their blood has stained my clothes. For the time has come for me to avenge my people, to ransom them from their oppressors. I was amazed to see that no one intervened to help the oppressed. So I myself stepped in to save them with my strong arm, and my wrath sustained me. I crushed the nations in my anger and made them stagger and fall to the ground, spilling their blood upon the earth.*" (NLT)**

It is this moment, this realization and looking back at it that has now brought the remnant to say what we read here in Psalm 46. Jesus Christ is King of the world and He is the one who has returned at the request of the remnant, His people, the Jews.

Psalm 46:1–3

"God is our refuge and strength, A very ready help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth shakes And the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; Though its waters roar and foam, Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. Selah" (NASB 2020)

The explanation that follows the affirmative statement of who it is who has just saved them, reflects many of the events they have just witnessed. They have been witnesses to great earthquakes during the events of the Great Tribulation (Revelation 6:12, 11:13 with a tenth of Jerusalem falling, 16:18) They will not fear, since they have relied in the Lord during those quakes.

Mountains slipping into the sea is not hyperbole, it is another eyewitness report (Revelation 6:14, 16:20) The oceans are also involved in this eyewitness report as judgment falls there as well (Revelation 7:2,8:8, 12:12).

The remnant has faced danger from a crazed homicidal fallen angel and a mankind deep into serving their master, Satan and trying to destroy, once and for all, the Jewish people, and failing in the process. Romans 8:31 "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?" (NASB 2020)

Psalm 46:4–7

"There is a river whose streams make the city of God happy, The holy dwelling places of the Most High. God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered; He raised His voice, the earth quaked. The LORD of armies is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah" (NASB 2020)

The remnant continues to provide an eyewitness report of those events taking place all around them showing them just how real it is now that Jesus is on the throne of the world, the Kingdom has started, and God is now truly with them.

Ezekiel 43:1–6

"Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing east. And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east. And the sound of his coming was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with his glory. And the vision I saw was just like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city, and just like the vision that I had seen by the Chebar canal. And I fell on my face. As the glory of the LORD entered the temple by the gate facing east, the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner



court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple. While the man was standing beside me, I heard one speaking to me out of the temple,” (ESV)

And about that river.

Ezekiel 47:1–5

“Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, **water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east)**. The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side. **Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through.**” (ESV)

Zechariah 14:8

“On that day **living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter.**” (ESV)

Real waters that the remnant will see, and the reflection on that water, and God being the source begins a realization to us.

This river is not only the Holy Spirit by which we live day to day as we do life in the Lord, but it is also a picture of the word of God.

All we ever need He supplies. His word gives us refreshment; His Spirit provides us guidance and direction and refreshes as well. Remember what David said earlier about the one who delight in the word of the Lord, in His law?

Psalm 1:3

“He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.” (ESV)

God is now, as we saw in Ezekiel, living in the middle of His people, Israel. He is the source of refreshment, He is the source of supply, and He is in the middle of His people. The remnant still remembers how the nations attacked, but God was the one behind the earthquakes which were part of the solution to the suppose success of the Beast’s armies. The remnant is safe, they are protected, because the God of Armies, the King of the Universe, is with them and strengthens them

Psalm 46:8–9

“**Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has inflicted horrific events on the earth. He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariots with fire.**” (NASB 2020)

Another history lesson from eyewitnesses. These lessons will become more important as time goes by and the planet repopulates. Who will remember 600 years later? Those who were there, those who were eyewitnesses and are still alive to sing this psalm.

There will also be another eyewitness in two different locations, the remains of Babylon, and where Jesus first engages the armies of the Beast.



Isaiah 13:19–21

“And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the splendor and pomp of the Chaldeans, will be like Sodom and Gomorrah when God overthrew them. It will never be inhabited or lived in for all generations; no Arab will pitch his tent there; no shepherds will make their flocks lie down there. But wild animals will lie down there, and their houses will be full of howling creatures; there ostriches will dwell, and there wild goats will dance.” (ESV)

Revelation 18:20

“Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her.” (NASB 2020)

Isaiah 34:6–10

“The LORD has a sword; it is sated with blood; it is gorged with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, a great slaughter in the land of Edom. Wild oxen shall fall with them, and young steers with the mighty bulls. Their land shall drink its fill of blood, and their soil shall be gorged with fat. For the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion. And the streams of Edom shall be turned into pitch, and her soil into sulfur; her land shall become burning pitch. Night and day it shall not be quenched; its smoke shall go up forever. From generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it forever and ever.” (ESV)

When the text tells us, “He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth,” that is not based on the superior peacemaking skills of God. Not at all. It is peace that comes through conquest. When the enemy has been totally obliterated, there is indeed peace then. This is not like the peace seen earlier in history, the Pax Romana.

Pax Romana (Roman Peace) was not so much peace but an established militarily controlled structure to keep conquered peoples controlled. And that did not work as well as Rome would have liked it to. There was indeed relative peace in the empire from 27 BC to around 180 AD.

It was because of that relative stability that the gospel was communicated so effectively throughout the empire. But when Jesus Christ returns, there will indeed be peace because not only will all of the armies be defeated, those members of those forces who fought against God, will be judged and they are gone.

Isaiah 2:4

“He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” (ESV)

Psalm 46:10–11

“**Stop striving and know that I am God;** I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted on the earth.” The LORD of armies is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah” (NASB 2020)

There is only one command in this entire psalm, and here it is. Stop striving, stop fighting, stop already. Be still.

What is it we must do if we want to draw close to our Lord in prayer. Be still. How do we hear His voice, we must be still.

This is a lesson that Elijah had to learn. After his gloriously successful battle against the prophets of Baal, Jezebel threatened this man of God the very next day and he, well let's look at the text.



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1 Kings 19:3–4

“Elijah was afraid, so he got up and fled for his life to Beer Sheba in Judah. He left his servant there, while he went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He went and sat down under a shrub and asked the LORD to take his life: “I’ve had enough! Now, O LORD, take my life. After all, I’m no better than my ancestors.”” (NET 2nd ed.)

God was not done with this man yet, so He encourage Him and look how He did.

1 Kings 19:11–13

“The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD. Look, the LORD is ready to pass by.” A very powerful wind went before the LORD, digging into the mountain and causing landslides, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the windstorm there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire, **there was a soft whisper. When Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his robe and went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. Suddenly a voice asked him, “Why are you here, Elijah?””** (NET 2nd ed.)

That sounds a whole lot like me. I want to hear from the Lord but the distractions are all around. And I spend time looking and listening in the wrong places. I finally get away to a quiet place where it is just me and the Lord, and then I can hear Him.

I have, at that moment, stopped striving, I have stopped trying to figure out everything all on my own. We all like to do that, it means we still have control over our lives, no we don’t, no really.

For Paul to fully understand what it was God wanted Him to do, God had to remove his freedom of movement and make him sit still.

Oh, that we would do this willingly and daily, just sit down with the Lord and listen to Him before we head off and start the day. I know that when I do, things run a whole lot better because I am not the one running them, He is.

Be still, stop striving, and just know He is God. Experience Him for who He really is, really get to know Him and love Him as the savior of our soul, our creator, the one who wants to spend all of eternity with us solely because He loves us.

He is the one to exalt, He is indeed our stronghold.

Psalm 47:title–9

“For the music director. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. Clap your hands, all you peoples; Shout to God with a voice of joy. For the LORD Most High is to be feared, A great King over all the earth. He subdues peoples under us And nations under our feet. He chooses our inheritance for us, The pride of Jacob whom He loves. Selah God has ascended with a shout, The LORD, with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; Sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with a psalm of wisdom. God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne. The princes of the people have assembled as the people of the God of Abraham, For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted.” (NASB 2020)

Welcome to worship, after the return of Jesus Christ, at the Temple. The picture is simple, Jesus Christ is ruling the world from His throne in Jerusalem and God the Father is in the Temple there in Jerusalem. The historic reason for this psalm is most likely the same as the one before. It is morning and you awaken there in Jerusalem, expecting another day of lack as the siege of the Assyrian army begins to become enforced, but no army.



Isaiah 37:35–36

“I will defend this city and protect it, for the sake of my own honour and because of the promise I made to my servant David.’ ” An angel of the LORD went to the Assyrian camp and killed 185,000 soldiers. At dawn the next day there they lay, all dead!” (GNB)

Worship service begins at sunrise, everyone be there.

This is a picture of how God will once again save His people at the end of the Great Tribulation. It will look dark and all is lost, then Jesus Christ appears in the sky and with a word, the armies of the Beast are gone.

Singing praises to the Lord and clapping our hands is one of the most natural things we can do. If we truly look at who we were before Jesus saved us, and what He has done in order to save us and how He has already shown up in our lives as He begins to conform us to Himself, praise is natural, clapping our hands is natural.

Notice this, God never once tells His people to tone it down with the praise. After listening in to a lengthy discussion of whether to and how to amplify drums for worship, my conclusion is, sound is good. And about the voices, shout.

Where did we ever get the idea that a church service is to be a quiet affair? Here in the psalms we have been seeing that David loved music, loud music, and he loved music with drums. The goal, to lift up our voices that the neighbors want to know what is going on.

Have you ever walked outside of a football arena while a game is going on? I was part of a band preparing for a halftime show at the coliseum in Los Angeles. We were outside the coliseum and yes, you could hear a dull roar as the crowd watched the game, but a touchdown was scored and the sound, even outside, was deafening.

Jesus Christ has returned, as promised, at the end of the age, saved his people, judged the wicked and has taken the throne of the world.

He is now the great King over all the earth, and we have been witnesses to His subduing all the armies of the world. Now we are worshiping Him and praising Him for ALL that He has done.

Joy and worship is in order. Loud joy and worship. Per Spurgeon “The joy is to extend to all nations; Israel may lead the van, but all the Gentiles are to follow in the march of triumph, for they have an equal share in that Kingdom where there is neither Greek nor Jew, but Christ is all and in all. Even now if they did but know it, it is the best hope of all nations that Jehovah ruleth over them. If they cannot all speak the same tongue, the symbolic language of the hands they can all use. (Spurgeon n.d., 352)

And if you missed it, the one who we are worshipping, the one who has done all of this is God. The omnipotent, omniscient, all-powerful God who created everything. We are talking the King of Kings here. And it is He who has subdued all the nations allowing us to worship in the Kingdom.

Zechariah 14:9

“The LORD will then be king over all the earth. In that day the LORD will be seen as one with a single name.” (NET 2nd ed.)

Dr. Heiser discusses what this subdues and real reality now is. *“Believers are already ‘partakers of the divine nature’ (2 Pet 1:4). We are destined to reconstitute the divine council of Yahweh alongside his spiritual children, the ‘sons of God,’ the members of his loyal heavenly host. The same language is used*



of believers (1 John 3:1–3). We are the “holy ones,” the common term for angels in the Old Testament. We have been “adopted” into God’s heavenly family. Our “inheritance” is in heaven, and that heaven will come to earth as the new global Eden. We will be placed over the nations, currently under the dominion of the fallen sons of God, displacing them in that role, sharing messianic rule with Jesus, our brother (Heb 2:5–18; Rev 2:26–28; Rev 3:21). In so doing, we will “judge angels,” ruling over them in terms of Old Testament divine council hierarchical terminology (1 Cor 6:3; John 1:12).

The end result is not that glorified believers become angels. Rather, we are fully grafted into the glorious family council of God. Our “already” status in that regard becomes full reality at death. We join the heavenly children of God in a blended divine family and actually outrank angels in the new global Eden. (Heiser 2018, 176–177)

Psalm 47:4

“He chooses our inheritance for us, The pride of Jacob whom He loves. Selah” (NASB 2020)
When we roll in the last days and all the other promises that are in play and being fulfilled, we just worship and exult in what He has chosen for us.

Psalm 47:5–9

“God has ascended with a shout, The LORD, with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; Sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with a psalm of wisdom. God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne. The princes of the people have assembled as the people of the God of Abraham, For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted.” (NASB 2020)

Remember now, this is a picture of the way the world is after the King has come to the throne. There are numerous scholars who point here at verse 5 as a remembering of when Christ ascended.

But that is not how He ascended.

Acts 1:9–11

“And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were watching, and a cloud took Him up, out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, then behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them, and they said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”” (NASB 2020)

So, what is it that is being discussed here?

Jesus Christ has returned to earth in the second coming and all of us along with the heavenly host came with Him. Let me ask this question. Where is our home?

Remember, He is preparing a place for us. New Jerusalem. We are no longer limited by our frail physical bodies but now have glorified bodies capable of multidimensional travel. Just like the heavenly host and just like Jesus.

Dr. McGee looks off into a possible explanation for us.

I think that between the New Jerusalem and this earth there is going to be a freeway much busier than any of the California freeways—with one exception: there will be no traffic tie-ups. You will be able to move back and forth with freedom. Probably the Lord will descend and ascend at stated times during the Millennium and will display His visible glory upon the earth. (McGee 1997, 755)



You can almost see the scene in your minds eye as Jesus descends for business to His throne room to meet with various world leaders.

Psalm 47:6–9

“Sing praises to God, sing praises; Sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with a psalm of wisdom. God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne. The princes of the people have assembled as the people of the God of Abraham, For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted.” (NASB 2020)

Psalm 48:title–14

“A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah. **Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised In the city of our God, His holy mountain. Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion in the far north, The city of the great King. In its palaces, God has made Himself known as a stronghold.** For, behold, the kings arrived, They passed by together. They saw it, then they were amazed; They were terrified, they fled in a hurry. Panic seized them there, Anguish, as that of a woman in childbirth. With the east wind You smash the ships of Tarshish. Just as we have heard, so have we seen **In the city of the LORD of armies, in the city of our God; God will establish her forever.** Selah We have thought over Your goodness, God, In the midst of Your temple. As is Your name, God, So is Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness. Mount Zion shall be glad, The daughters of Judah shall rejoice Because of Your judgments. **Walk around Zion and encircle her; Count her towers; Consider her ramparts; Go through her palaces, So that you may tell of her to the next generation. For such is God, Our God forever and ever; He will lead us until death.**” (NASB 2020)

This is the last of our three psalms of, by and for the remnant. The picture of the kingdom through the eyes of the sons of Korah.

This is worship that is taking place in the city of our God, that would be Jerusalem. His holy mountain, that is Mount Zion. The language used here reminds us of a certain usurper who thought he would achieve mastery over this.

Some of this is language that is being used to let you known that true cosmic dwelling of God is associated with the Zion here on earth. And with God, now in the Temple, it is indeed the location of the cosmic mountain now.

The Temple of Yahweh in Israel was naturally associated with a cosmic mountain dwelling like Sinai because it was situated in Jerusalem on Mount Zion, the new Sinai. Psalm 48 makes this quite clear. (Heiser, The Unseen Realm: Discovering the Supernatural World of the Bible 2025, 279)

But wait a minute, Zion is not, in reality, that tall, and it sure is not in the far north. Jerusalem is in the south of Israel. What is going on?

Some of this has to do with a blatant putting down of the gods of the surrounding nations, to include the usurper, Satan.

Isaiah 14:13–15

“But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.’ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ “Nevertheless you will be brought down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit.” (NASB 2020)



Dr. Heiser tells us that this is being written as a put down, “the psalmist is stealing glory from Baal, restoring it to the One to whom it rightfully belongs—Yahweh...This explains why the description sounds odd in terms of Jerusalem’s actual geography...The description is designed to make a theological point, not a geographical one. Zion is the center of the cosmos, and Yahweh and his council are its king and administrators, not Baal. The temple is also the Edenic garden, full of lush vegetation and animals. The description of the temple’s construction in 1 Kings 6–7 is explicit in this regard. Flowers, palm trees, gourds, cypress trees, cherubim, lions, and pomegranates all adorn the temple via its carved architectural features.” (Heiser, *The Unseen Realm: Discovering the Supernatural World of the Bible* 2025, 280)

And at the point of this psalm, it is the remnant, living in Jerusalem, now on an Edenic like planet, which has been geoengineered by the Father.

Restoring earth to its pre-fall condition is indeed part of what goes on during the Tribulation, the elimination of mountains and islands and making the planet arable all over with a different climate than the one we know of is all in the cards and that is what takes place with many of the judgements during that time. As we arrive at the end of the Tribulation, most of that has been done and Edenic conditions are once again evident, lifespans are extended, disease is gone, and we live with and serve God in His garden which is now the entire planet.

Micah summed this up.

Micah 4:1–3

“And in future days the LORD’s Temple Mount will be the most important mountain of all; it will be more prominent than other hills. People will stream to it. Many nations will come, saying, ‘Come on! Let’s go up to the LORD’s mountain, to the temple of Jacob’s God, so he can teach us his ways and we can live by his laws.’ For instruction will proceed from Zion, the LORD’s message from Jerusalem. He will arbitrate between many peoples and settle disputes between many distant nations. They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nations will not use weapons against other nations, and they will no longer train for war.” (NET 2nd ed.)

We see the remnant, now in the Kingdom, coming to worship the Lord in the Temple there in Jerusalem and they are now able to address Him directly as their God.

Psalm 48:9–14

“We have thought over Your goodness, God, In the midst of Your temple. As is Your name, God, So is Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness. Mount Zion shall be glad, The daughters of Judah shall rejoice Because of Your judgments. Walk around Zion and encircle her; Count her towers; Consider her ramparts; Go through her palaces, So that you may tell of her to the next generation. For such is God, Our God forever and ever; He will lead us until death.” (NASB 2020)

Because of the events that took place in Jerusalem with the end of the age, the entire planet now come to Jerusalem to worship the King. “What had happened was known far and wide, so that the praise of the LORD was co-extensive with knowledge of his actions. Wherever people heard about the events in Jerusalem they would praise the mighty actions of God in giving victory to his people.” (Harman 2011, 381-382)

The remnant is there, as are all of the resurrected Old Testament saints, and as they consider the promises of God and now see Him there in the land with them, they rejoice.

Those who remember what Jerusalem used to look like, will walk around it and take note of the changes. The promises have been fulfilled, and God is now with His people.



We are all looking for a safe space, a place where we can feel safe from the world and that safe place is in Jesus. During the Kingdom, that will never be more visible than in the worship going on in the Temple. I am so looking forward to it.

Worship there will not be anything but pure. We see people today who worship or lead worship because they want to see a certain outcome. Unfortunately, there are still way to many who think of their relationship with God as a quid pro quo type of relationship. If I do this, then God has to do such and such. That is not the case.

We cannot manipulate God. And we are not to manipulate our brothers and sisters either. And again, there are those who use worship to do this and put people into a more suggestable state.

What we call worship music is a big business and there is true worship where those who lead us take us into the throne room with them.

Then there are those who are part of the machine. Commercialized worship, formulized words and phrases that are designed to elicit emotional responses which can then be attested to be spiritual. The need to be discerning continues for us a follower of Jesus.

I am looking forward to the day where we can stand in the Temple together, in front of the Lord, and worship Him together.

Let's pray.

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