

Psalm 72

1 A Psalm for Solomon. Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

2 He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. 3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. 4 He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations. 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth. 7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. 8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. 9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust. 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. 11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

12 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. 13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. 14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised. 16 There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. 17 His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. 19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen. 20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

Introduction:

1. A Psalm for Solomon – Perhaps composed by Solomon taken from the words and prayers of David and to be made his own.
2. Two Solomonic Psalms are 72 and 127.
3. This is both a Psalm of Prayer and Prophecy.

Outline:

- A. Prayer for the King (v.1)
- B. Hope for Righteousness (vv.2-4)
- C. Hope for Universal Rule (vv.5-11)
- B.’ Hope for Righteousness (vv.12-14)
- C.’ Hope for Universal Rule (vv.15-17)
- A.’ Prayers of the King (v.18-20)

Observations:

1. This Psalm ends Book 2 (Pss. 42-72).
2. The prophecies of this Psalm relates closely to Isa. 11:1-5; and Isa. 60 & 62.
3. The Lord’s Millennial Kingdom will be marked by “Righteousness.”
4. The rule of Christ, once it starts will never end – Yes, there is the 1,000-Year Rule but following that is the Eternal Kingdom, the New Jerusalem.
5. His jurisdiction is “from sea to sea” – v.8.
6. The King’s character is one of compassion (vv.12-14).
7. Vv. 10, 11, 15, 16b matches Rev. 21:24.
8. V.17 matches the terms of Gen. 12:2.

Lesson: The glory of the Davidic, and Solomonic Kingdoms and the greater glory of the Messianic Kingdom.

Overall Outline of the Book of Psalms:

Book 1	Book 2	Book 3	Book 4	Book 5
1-41	42-72	73-89	90-106	107-150
(41:13)	(72:18-19)	(89:52)	(106:48)	(150:6)