

# Psalm 72 - God's Purpose with the Earth

## PSALM 72.

<sup>1</sup> David, praying for Solomon, sheweth the goodness and glory of his kingdom in type, and of Christ's in truth. <sup>18</sup> He blesseth God *A Psalm 7 for Solomon.*

v1-7 Christ's righteous reign brings peace to the whole world

An insight into the character of God and His Son. Here is the goodness and severity of God: **Rom 11:22**

God uses the natural creation to make the Bible interesting. It also helps us to see God's purpose everywhere we go.

v8-11 Christ's dominion to extend through the Earth

Fulfillment of Edenic covenant

Fulfillment of Davidic covenant

v12-14 Jesus Christ saves the poor and needy

**Psa 116:15** The saints who are resurrected from the dead!

**G**IVE the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto <sup>a</sup>the king's son.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>b</sup>He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

<sup>3</sup> The <sup>c</sup>mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> They shall fear thee <sup>d</sup>as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

<sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain upon <sup>e</sup>the mown grass: as <sup>f</sup>showers that water the earth.

<sup>7</sup> In his days <sup>g</sup>shall the righteous flourish; and <sup>h</sup>abundance of peace <sup>i</sup>so long as the moon endureth.

<sup>8</sup> He shall have dominion also: from sea to sea, and from the river unto <sup>j</sup>the ends of the earth.

<sup>9</sup> They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies <sup>k</sup>shall lick the dust.

<sup>10</sup> The kings of <sup>l</sup>Tarshish and of <sup>m</sup>the isles shall bring presents: the kings of <sup>n</sup>Sheba and <sup>o</sup>Seba shall offer gifts.

<sup>11</sup> Yea, all kings <sup>p</sup>shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

<sup>12</sup> For he shall deliver the needy <sup>q</sup>when he crieth; the poor also, and <sup>r</sup>him that hath no helper.

<sup>13</sup> He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

<sup>14</sup> He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and <sup>s</sup>precious shall their blood be in his sight.

<sup>a</sup> Is. 19. 22.

<sup>b</sup> Is. 11. 3. 4.

<sup>c</sup> Ps. 65. 12.

<sup>d</sup> Cp.

<sup>e</sup> Kin. 4. 20.

<sup>f</sup> Job 5. 25.

<sup>g</sup> Ps. 89. 36.

<sup>h</sup> Heb.

<sup>i</sup> shall be.

<sup>j</sup> Heb. shall

<sup>k</sup> be as a son

<sup>l</sup> to continue

<sup>m</sup> his father's

<sup>n</sup> name for

<sup>o</sup> ever.

<sup>p</sup> Gen. 22. 18.

<sup>q</sup> Luke 1. 48.

<sup>r</sup> ver. 7. 27.

<sup>s</sup> Ps. 106. 48.

<sup>t</sup> Sam. 23. 4.

<sup>u</sup> Heb. 6. 3.

<sup>v</sup> Neh. 9. 5.

<sup>w</sup> Amos 7. 2.

<sup>x</sup> Num. 14. 21.

<sup>y</sup> Deut. 32. 2.

<sup>z</sup> Ps. 65. 20.

<sup>aa</sup> Ps. 92. 22.

<sup>ab</sup> Job 32. 40.

<sup>ac</sup> Is. 2. 4.

<sup>ad</sup> Eph. 2. 14.

<sup>ae</sup> Heb.

<sup>af</sup> all these be

<sup>ag</sup> no moon.

<sup>ah</sup> Luke 7. 33.

<sup>ai</sup> Ps. 110. 2.

<sup>aj</sup> Ps. 2. 8.

<sup>ak</sup> Cp.

<sup>al</sup> A Psalm

<sup>am</sup> for Asaph.

<sup>an</sup> Ps. 50. title.

<sup>ao</sup> Or, Yea.

<sup>ap</sup> Ps. 74. 24.

<sup>aq</sup> Heb. clean

<sup>ar</sup> of heart.

<sup>as</sup> Is. 49. 23.

<sup>at</sup> Kin. 5. 20.

<sup>au</sup> Chr. 9. 24.

<sup>av</sup> Is. 42. 20, 21.

<sup>aw</sup> Job 21. 7.

<sup>ax</sup> Kin. 10. 2.

<sup>ay</sup> Ps. 35. 27.

<sup>az</sup> Gen. 10. 7.

<sup>ba</sup> Is. 49. 23.

<sup>bb</sup> Heb. ful.

<sup>bc</sup> Gen. 41. 2,

<sup>bd</sup> &c.

<sup>be</sup> Heb. in the

<sup>bf</sup> trouble of

<sup>bg</sup> other men.

<sup>bh</sup> Job 29. 22.

<sup>bi</sup> Heb. with.

<sup>bj</sup> Heb. they

<sup>bk</sup> see the

<sup>bl</sup> thoughts of

<sup>bm</sup> the heart.

<sup>bn</sup> Ps. 116. 15.

<sup>bo</sup> Pet. 2. 18.

<sup>bp</sup> Heb. one

<sup>bq</sup> shall give.

**Num 14:21** "But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD."

**Psalm 72:19** "And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory."

**Hab 2:14** "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."

**Isaiah 11:9** "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."

v15-16 Prayer and Praise given to Christ in response to his

<sup>15</sup> And he shall live, and to him <sup>a</sup>shall be given of the gold of Sheba; prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

<sup>16</sup> There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: <sup>d</sup>and <sup>e</sup>they of the city shall flourish <sup>f</sup>like grass of the earth.

<sup>17</sup> His name <sup>g</sup>shall endure for ever: <sup>h</sup>his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and <sup>i</sup>men shall be blessed in him: <sup>j</sup>all nations shall call him blessed.

<sup>18</sup> Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

<sup>19</sup> And blessed be <sup>m</sup>his glorious name for ever: <sup>n</sup>and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.

<sup>20</sup> The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

v17-20 Praise to God as His glory fills the whole earth

v17 Fulfillment of Abrahamic covenant

Other key verses are:

**Rev 4:11** God created man to give Him pleasure

**Isaiah 45:18** God made the earth to be inhabited, it was for a purpose

**God's Name to be perfectly revealed in His Saints:**

**Zech 14:5,9** The immortal Saints are ONE with Christ and each other

**Rev 14:1** The Saints have God's character imprinted on their minds

**Rev 3:12** What a wonderful promise is offered to those who overcome!

**God had a purpose right from the beginning:**

**Psa 115:14-16** The earth was created for man to inhabit

**Matt 25:34** God always had a purpose for a Kingdom on Earth

**John 17:24-26** Jesus was in God's mind before Creation

**Isa 43:7,21** We are created to reflect God's glory

**Acts 15:14** We are called out of the Gentiles to be a people for God's "Name"

**Eph 1:4** God's plan for an ecclesia was right there from the beginning.

**1 Pet 2:9** God chose us for a reason – to be like Him and to shine as lights

**Key Verses: Psalm 72v17-19:** God's purpose is to fill the earth with his glory. His glory is His character: **Exod 33:18-19.**

**Psalm 72:19** tells us about God's Name and His purpose. This whole chapter shows how God's character will be revealed in the Kingdom.

God's purpose is to have children who are like Him. He wants us to love the things He loves, and hate the things which He hates. These are the people God wants in His Kingdom.

We learn how God thinks through His Word, through which He breathes his ideas: **2 Tim 3:15-17; Prov 3:1-6.** This must be seen in the way we live our lives: **Rom 12:2; 1 Pet 1:23-25.**

Jesus is the only one who was perfectly like God in his life: **John 1:14.** Jesus is therefore called "the glory of the Lord": **Isaiah 40:5.** God's children love Jesus Christ and want to be like him, and are therefore baptised "into" him.

Remember that God's character is explained in **Exod 34:5-7.**

God's Name (Yahweh) reminds us of His Purpose with the Earth. Yahweh means "He who will be". But WHO will God be? God will be seen in people! These people will be MIGHTY ONES. This is why God is sometimes called **Yahweh Elohim: Exod 3:15,** or "He who will be mighty ones".

**Lesson:** God wants us to show His character to others. If we are like God now, He will love to have us in His Kingdom.