

THE BOOK OF PSALMS





THE STRUCTURE OF PSALM 46

1. The presence of God in cosmic troubles (v.1-3).
2. The presence of God in judgement (4-7).
3. The presence of God on earth (8-11).

GOD IS PERSONAL

v. 1: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

v.7: The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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PSALM 46

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though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Selah

PSALM 46:1-3

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⁶ Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷ *For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?*
⁸ And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

DEUTERONOMY 4:6-8

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PSALM 46:1-3

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Selah

PSALM 11:4-7

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This psalm expresses Israel's confidence in the Lord's protection when he shakes the world so as to effect significant political, cultural, and economic changes. Nations and kingdoms may cause great consternation and create havoc on earth, but they will fall quickly when he speaks his word of judgment (cf. Rev. 11:18).

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Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought **desolations** on the earth.

⁹ He makes **wars cease** to the end of the earth;
he **breaks** the bow and **shatters** the spear;
he **burns** the chariots with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, and know that I am God.**

I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Selah

PSALM 11:8-11

LIVE THE TEXT

A stylized illustration of a path leading through a gate to a landscape with mountains and a sun. The path is a light beige color, winding from the foreground into the distance. It is flanked by green grass and dark blue hills. In the background, a large red sun is rising or setting, casting long, light-colored rays across the sky. The overall style is flat and geometric, with a muted color palette of blues, greens, and beiges.

PSALM 1:
THE WAY
OF THE
RIGHTEOUS

PSALM 2:
THE REIGN
OF THE
KING

1. **Be still** and **know** God when you are met with crisis. (Psalm 46:10)
2. **Trust & rest** in the future city of God, **Zion**. (Psalm 46:4)

LIVE THE TEXT

On the holy mount stands the city he
founded;
² the Lord loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwelling places of
Jacob. ³ Glorious things of you are spoken,
O city of God. Selah
⁴ Among those who know me I mention
Rahab and Babylon;
behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Cush—
“This one was born there,” they say.

⁵ And of Zion it shall be said,
“This one and that one were born in
her”;
for the Most High himself will establish
her.
⁶ The Lord records as he registers the
peoples,
“This one was born there.”
⁷ Singers and dancers alike say,
“All my springs are in you.”

PSALM 87:1-6

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21

REVELATION 21:9-14

⁹ Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, **I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.**”¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

REVELATION 21:21-27

²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.