



**For Solomon, But All About Messiah
A Greater Than Solomon is Here and He is the Messiah
Psalm 72**

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Psalm 72:title–20

“A Psalm of Solomon. Give the king Your judgments, God, And Your righteousness to the king's son. May he judge Your people with righteousness And Your afflicted with justice. May the mountains bring peace to the people, And the hills, in righteousness. May he vindicate the afflicted of the people, Save the children of the needy, And crush the oppressor. **May they fear You while the sun shines, And as long as the moon shines, throughout all generations. May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, Like showers that water the earth. **May the righteous flourish in his days, As well as an abundance of peace, until the moon is no more.** May he also rule from sea to sea, And from the Euphrates River**



to the ends of the earth. May the nomads of the desert bow before him, And his enemies lick the dust. May the kings of Tarshish and of the islands bring gifts; **May the kings of Sheba and Seba offer tributes. And may all kings bow down before him, All nations serve him.** For he will save the needy when he cries for help, The afflicted also, and him who has no helper. He will have compassion on the poor and needy, And he will save the lives of the needy. He will rescue their life from oppression and violence, And their blood will be precious in his sight; So may he live, and may the gold of Sheba be given to him; And they are to pray for him continually; They are to bless him all day long. **May there be abundance of grain on the earth on top of the mountains; Its fruit will wave like the cedars of Lebanon; And may those from the city flourish like the vegetation of the earth. May his name endure forever; May his name produce descendants as long as the sun shines; And may people wish blessings on themselves by him; May all nations call him blessed.** Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who alone works wonders. And blessed be His glorious name forever; And may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen. **The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended."** (NASB 2020)

Let me end the speculation immediately, yes this is indeed a Messianic psalm. This Psalm does indeed as Flanigan states, "embrace many of the features of the coming kingdom of Messiah detailed in the writings of the prophets, particularly the prophecies of Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and Zechariah, and the glories of that millennial reign of Messiah as predicted in Revelation 20." (Flanigan 2001, 308)

Is this a Psalm written by Solomon or was it written by David for Solomon as his son is in the process of being made King?

I think we discover the true author of this psalm in the very last verse. And there is the translation issue that Warren Wiersbe discusses.

If the inscription is translated "of Solomon, then he was the author and wrote of himself in the third person. This would make it a prayer for God's help as he sought to rule over the people of Israel. But if the inscription is translated "for Solomon," David may have been the author (v. 20), and the psalm would be a prayer for the people to use to ask God's blessing upon their new king. (Wiersbe 2004, 233)

Besides the concluding line in the psalm, which in my mind locks this down as being written by David, Theodoret of Cyrus makes additional observations as well.

"First of all, you see, Solomon's rule did not reach to the ends of the earth, nor did he receive tribute from west or east. Next, being human and living for a span in keeping with nature, he had an end to his life, and not an edifying one, either. The psalm, on the contrary, shows the person spoken of by the inspired author to be more ancient than sun and moon. Now, interpretation of the verses brings this out more clearly. The title, too, which is not inappropriate, really relates to the Savior." (Theodoret of Cyrus 2000, 413)

This is a Messianic psalm being penned prophetically, I believe by David, on the occasion of his son Solomon becoming King. And yes, just like seen in David's entire life, there was also political drama surrounding this event as well. Satan just loves to produce the drama doesn't he.

1 Kings 1:43-48

"Jonathan answered Adonijah, "No, for our lord King David has made Solomon king, and the king has sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites. And they had him ride on the king's mule. And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king at Gihon, and they have gone up from there rejoicing, so that the city is in an uproar. This is the noise that you have heard. **Solomon sits on the royal throne. Moreover, the king's servants came to congratulate our lord King David, saying, 'May your God**



make the name of Solomon more famous than yours, and make his throne greater than your throne.’ And the king bowed himself on the bed. And the king also said, ‘Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who has granted someone to sit on my throne this day, my own eyes seeing it.’ ” (ESV)

This psalm is indeed all about the establishment of a new King and the establishment of a Kingdom, it just happens to be though that it is a view of the establishment of the Kingdom of God, and the King is King Jesus.

Are you and I truly ready for that to take place? When Jesus returns for His church and He will do so very soon, what does that really mean for us.

Let me answer that by asking a question. Do you like and enjoy having the government interfere in your life day to day? Most of us would answer a big NO to that question. Unless you have a government contract for AI development, intel gathering, Gorgon Stare or anything to do with jabs and V2K. Then you might want that government interference because it means money.

But most people do not like the idea at all and that is a reason why the message of this psalm, the establishment of the Kingdom of God under King Jesus, is not one that is really popular with those who do not know Jesus.

So, if we do not want government interference, do we want to submit ourselves to Jesus and serve Him and follow Him above all else? We may have the answer that is correct per the word, but remember, He looks at the heart. Every single day, as Chuck Missler used to put it, we confront things, issues, decisions which at the root of it is Jesus asking us a question, “Do you trust me in this too?” How are we doing on the answer to all those mini-tests we go through?

Each day, we make decisions, “I will serve Christ as my Lord and my King in everything I do.” Or are we still reserving stuff for ourselves to decide about? Many of us do but not intentionally.

Matthew 11:28–30

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” (NKJV)

And when we make Him our King, He already knows about the difficulty we will have to remain faithful followers of Him.

Jesus said this to His disciples on pretty much the same topic.

John 14:21–27

“He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?” Jesus answered and said to him, **“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me. These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”** (NKJV)



So, back to Psalm 72 and a prayer for the King to reign in justice.

First, we see a prayer for the King, but when the pronouns begin changing, then you know there is another discussion taking place.

Psalm 72:1–4

“Give the king Your judgments, God, And Your righteousness to the king’s son. May he judge Your people with righteousness And Your afflicted with justice. May the mountains bring peace to the people, And the hills, in righteousness. May he vindicate the afflicted of the people, Save the children of the needy, And crush the oppressor.” (NASB 2020)

Here is David, near the end of his life writing out this prayer and it is revealing to us to discover what this experienced ruler considered to be the most important thing, the most important characteristic of a kingdom and its people. Righteousness. That is the focus up front.

Yes, David indeed starts off praying for his son and this quality of a righteous Kingdom connected with just and righteous leadership is so important to David, He hits the topic three times in the first few sentences of this prayer.

What are the problems we see in our government, any government really, right now. There is no justice, everyone is in it for what they can get out of it. They may speak a really good game, but when you watch them, it is all about the Benjamins for many. For others it is the acquisition and retention of power at any cost to include pandering to groups who deep down, want them dead.

It makes sense to me that David would want his son to follow the one he has spent a lifetime loving and serving. As a result, as Leupold puts it, “if the king is endowed with these qualities, he will rule as God’s effective and true representative. For all rule and justice, in the last analysis, stems from God.” (Leupold 1959, 517)

Proverbs 8:15–17

“By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly. I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.” (ESV)

We live in a republic and actually get to have a voice in who it is who is to lead us. But again, the reality, it is all by the Lord. I will never forget the heaviness that hit me in Kuwait and when it hit me, right between the eyes, that there were over 400 people who were relying on me to make good decisions on their behalf. And there were several thousand more who were relying on me to protect them from Al Qaeda. You turn to the Lord fast.

Later in business, the same heaviness hit when I realized the responsibility of what I had been placed over. It does not take you long at all to realize that without Jesus, it is not doable at all.

David knew the heavy responsibility of ruling over a people as well as being a military leader. He knew what it was like to lead others into combat and the pain that takes place when you lose even just one. His responsibility was even heavier since he had been anointed by Samuel on behalf of God to be King of God’s own people. And now he sees that overwhelming responsibility falling onto his son. And more than anything, David has learned and understands the need for righteous living and ruling.

Psalm 72:1–2

“Give the king Your judgments, God, And Your righteousness to the king’s son. May he judge Your people with righteousness And Your afflicted with justice.” (NASB 2020)



To judge with righteousness means to first all, live a life that others can look at and see an example of how to live. Secondly, he is to rule the people, to govern them with only the due diligence that can come from the Lord. To defend the weak and deal with the cruel and wicked, that is all part of the job. He carries the sword on behalf of the Lord and that is a truly heavy responsibility.

It is the weak and defenseless who indeed obtain the benefit.

Psalm 72:3

"May the mountains bring peace to the people, And the hills, in righteousness." (NASB 2020)

Yes, David is still talking about Solomon, but he is already beginning to deviate towards the Kingdom of God and the conditions of the Kingdom under King Jesus. He really wants that for his people and for his son and as long as all remain faithful, it begins to show up, but we also know that Solomon does not end well as he drops off into apostasy. Solomon did a self-assessment of how it was going for him later in his life, we read it in Ecclesiastes.

Ecclesiastes 2:1–11

"I said to myself, 'Come now, I will test myself with pleasure and enjoying good things'; but this too was pointless. Of laughter I said, 'This is stupid,' and of pleasure, 'What's the use of it?' I searched my mind for how to gratify my body with wine and, with my mind still guiding me with wisdom, how to pursue foolishness; my object was to find out what was the best thing for people to do during the short time they have under heaven to live. I worked on a grand scale—I built myself palaces, planted myself vineyards, and made myself gardens and parks; in them I planted all kinds of fruit trees. I made myself pools from which to water the trees springing up in the forest. I bought male and female slaves, and I had my home-born slaves as well. I also had growing herds of cattle and flocks of sheep, more than anyone before me in Yerushalayim. I amassed silver and gold, the wealth of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers, things that provide sensual delight, and a good many concubines. So I grew great, surpassing all who preceded me in Yerushalayim; my wisdom, too, stayed with me. I denied my eyes nothing they wanted. I withheld no pleasure from myself; for I took pleasure in all my work, and this was my reward for all my work. Then I looked at all that my hands had accomplished and at the work I had toiled at; and I saw that it was all meaningless and feeding on wind, and that there was nothing to be gained under the sun." (CJB)

He continues on with his self-assessment and looking at everything in life and finally came back to the truth that David knew and was praying here for his son.

Ecclesiastes 12:13–14

"The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil." (ESV)

One of the casualties of Solomon and his apostasy was the loss of peace, the loss of shalom. David knew how fleeting this was, yet he also knew, because God had promised it, that there would indeed be a future heir of his, who would indeed cause and experience shalom. Isaiah talks about this day.

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)



Micah 4:3

“He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away; 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)

This picture is indeed what David seeks for his son, but it is also the primary characteristic of the Messiah and His Kingdom.

And as we come to verse four, David is already moving from a partial imperfect protection of the people, to one that is perfect.

Psalms 72:4

“May he vindicate the afflicted of the people, Save the children of the needy, And crush the oppressor.” (NASB 2020)

What David is writing about here of righteous rule for Israel, will indeed be the rule during the Millennium. But here is the thing we also need to understand, as followers of Jesus Christ, spiritually speaking, we are there right now. Phillips continues, “The first blessing of salvation is righteousness, the result of which is spiritual blessing and peace. It is only, David insists, “in righteousness” that the peace and blessing of God are gained (Ps. 72:3), so that until we are right with God there is no more important issue for us to address. (Phillips 2019, 334)

David is praying here not just for his son, but for the nation and reflects in it, the longing for the Messiah he had, and who has indeed come in the person of Jesus Christ. Again, Isaiah shows the future.

Isaiah 52:6–8

“For this reason my people will know my name; for this reason they will know at that time that I am the one who says, ‘Here I am.’ ” How delightful it is to see approaching over the mountains the feet of a messenger who announces peace, a messenger who brings good news, who announces deliverance, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!” Listen, your watchmen shout; in unison they shout for joy, for they see with their very own eyes the LORD’s return to Zion.” (NET 2nd ed.)

Just as David prayed here in the first four verses, for a short time, Solomon did indeed begin to fulfill this but then, he had a woman problem.

1 Kings 11:1–3

“King Solomon fell in love with many foreign women (besides Pharaoh’s daughter), including Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites. They came from nations about which the LORD had warned the Israelites, “You must not establish friendly relations with them! If you do, they will surely shift your allegiance to their gods.” But Solomon was irresistibly attracted to them. He had 700 royal wives and 300 concubines; his wives had a powerful influence over him.” (NET 2nd ed.)

David, praying and writing prophetically did not know that this was in his son’s future, he has turned more towards the Son who will rule forever. The one who will not fail as Solomon did.

Psalms 72:5–7

“May they fear You while the sun shines, And as long as the moon shines, throughout all generations. May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, Like showers that water the earth. May the righteous flourish in his days, As well as an abundance of peace, until the moon is no more.” (NASB 2020)

Here, the shift from praying for the immediate future to the prophetic future of King Jesus turns full.



The first thing that pops up is that all of creation is responding to the rule of this King. Paul writes of this coming day and I love how the New Living Translation frames this.

Romans 8:19–22

“For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. **Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.**” (NLT)

God made a promise to David, an endless dynasty.

2 Samuel 7:16

“And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.” (ESV)

David knew exactly what it is that Nathan the prophet told him. Here, he is writing about that and of course, it was the Messiah, Jesus Christ who has fulfilled this.

Luke 1:31–33

“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” (ESV)

What we begin to pick up on here in verses 5-7 is the reign of the King that David is writing about, will be an eternal reign. When Jesus Christ takes the throne of the planet after Armageddon, He will indeed rule forever. It will not be hyperbole, but reality and David’s prayer will be fulfilled.

Psalms 72:8–11

“May he also rule from sea to sea, And from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth. May the nomads of the desert bow before him, And his enemies lick the dust. May the kings of Tarshish and of the islands bring gifts; May the kings of Sheba and Seba offer tributes. And may all kings bow down before him, All nations serve him.” (NASB 2020)

David now explains what the extent of this future righteous Kingdom will be. Very quickly we see it is to be global.

From sea to sea is pretty straight forward, but when he goes from the Euphrates River to the end of the earth, we understand that this Kingdom is global in its reach. King Jesus, a Jew, will rule the world, from Jerusalem. That statement right there will cause heartache in capitals around our globe today. Many of the rulers around the world today, as they continue their movement into 10 regional camps, do not know that they are dead men and women walking.

Kings and rulers will bow to Him. All of the nations will indeed serve Him. The Hebrew word that David uses here for serve is עָבַד (yaabdu). This word means more than simply to serve, but encompasses the same idea of the nation of Israel flipping from slaves to servants of YAHWEH. It means to “till, cultivate, work serve, work (for a master) as a slave...yield to, gratify, perform, do, serve, do service, worship.” (Holladay and Köhler 2000, 261)

Taking the context and the sense of the word that David uses, all nations will indeed serve the King, all nations though will also worship the King.



Zechariah 14:16

"Then all who survive from all the nations that came to attack Jerusalem will go up annually to worship the King, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, and to observe the Feast of Shelters." (NET 2nd ed.)

Being realistic, Solomon had a large kingdom, but nothing like this. This is the King who has solutions for everything. This characteristic of His rule and reign begins upon His arrival here on earth.

Psalms 72:12–14

"For he will save the needy when he cries for help, The afflicted also, and him who has no helper. He will have compassion on the poor and needy, And he will save the lives of the needy. He will rescue their life from oppression and violence, And their blood will be precious in his sight;" (NASB 2020)

There are those who say even today that "God helps those who help themselves." Many people actually believe this is from the Bible. It is not. It is from an edition of Poor Richard's Almanac, written by Ben Franklin in 1757. (Smith 2010, 149)

There is a sense of truth in that, but God also helps those who cannot help themselves. See the Bible, it is filled with those who would tell you that but for God, they would not have made it at all. Here in Psalm 72, God helps those who cry out to Him. As Spurgeon puts it, "All helpless ones are under the especial care of Zion's compassionate King; let them hasten to put themselves in fellowship with him. Let them look to him, for he is looking for them." (Spurgeon n.d., 230)

That is all of us who have come to Christ, we know we need help. But there are churches around us today who do not consider that an issue.

Jesus dictated a letter to John to go to the church in Laodicea. That church is a picture of the last days church we see all around us today. Many of them are involved in doing social justice outreaches and feeding the poor, but very few are involved in helping anyone come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. They want to feel good about themselves and do some good works here and there, but they need nothing. A note from Jesus for them.

Revelation 3:15–20

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." (NKJV)

That is a horribly sad picture we see of a church so consumed with themselves that they have put Jesus outside the door of the church and He is now knocking to come in.

Here, the picture is of Messiah on the throne and Ash continues, "the Messiah delivers them out of love, for precious is their blood in his sight (cf. Ps. 116:15). Nothing matters more to Christ than the lives of those entrusted to him by his Father; he will seek, save, and raise them on the last day, every single one (John 6:39)." (Ash 2024, 275) Jesus tells us in Matthew 11 how He will operate as King.



Matthew 11:28–30

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” (NKJV)

Psalms 72:15

“So may he live, and may the gold of Sheba be given to him; And they are to pray for him continually; They are to bless him all day long.” (NASB 2020)

David wrote this before the Queen of Sheba showed up to see Solomon. Life is going to be very different with this yet future King on the throne. The very best will be offered to Him. That happened initially at the birth of Jesus with the Magi showed up from the Parthian Empire bringing the best they could offer to the King.

We do that with our service for the King today while He is at the right hand of the Father.

We desire our service for Him and to Him to be of the highest quality. To be the best we can offer Him as we give Him us. God gave His best to pay for our sins on the cross, His own Son did that for us. Yet some of us think we can still negotiate with God as we come to Him in prayer. We want this that or the other thing and allege we are due it since we have given our best to the Lord as well. Not hardly. It doesn't work that way.

God is not a quid pro quo God. Our prayer and giving is simple, it is reporting for duty. He knows what we need, no negotiating is necessary and there is no such thing as giving to get selfishly. He is sovereign, He is the King, He is God. We aren't.

Jesus prayed three times in the garden to have the cup removed from Him yet even under the stress he was experiencing, He still left everything up to God's will and not His. God did not answer that prayer by the way. His will was indeed done and Jesus paid for our sin on the cross becoming sin for us so that we can be with Him for all eternity.

Jon Courson says the following. “True prayer, however, is not about giving God orders. It's about simply reporting for duty. Why? Because God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him. He knows what's best for me. Therefore, it's ridiculous for me to give instructions to the Lord when I should be saying, “Lord, You know what's best. You see what's best for me. Not my will but Thine be done.” (Courson 2005, 1342)

Psalms 72:16–17

“May there be abundance of grain on the earth on top of the mountains; Its fruit will wave like the cedars of Lebanon; And may those from the city flourish like the vegetation of the earth. May his name endure forever; May his name produce descendants as long as the sun shines; And may people wish blessings on themselves by him; May all nations call him blessed.” (NASB 2020)

Anyone who knows anything about agriculture knows you do not plant grain, normally, on the tops of mountains. We are not only talking about abundance, but we are also talking about a changed planet as well. And how healthy is the grain?

I have been in corn fields in Illinois in the summer and once you head off on a run through them, remember where you came from because you will lose site of all but the road you are on as the corn towers over you. But I never saw the corn sway like trees. But here we are told that the corn is so large and healthy, it sways in the breeze.



Literally, per Keil and Delitzsch, “may the corn stand so high and thick that the fields, being moved by the wind, shall shake, i.e., wave up and down, like the lofty thick forest of Lebanon.” (Keil and Delitzsch 1996, 483)

The picture of the Kingdom we get here is that crops are now being grown in places where in the past, they did not grow, but now they do. And not only that, the crops are so healthy and the corn so tall that it sways like trees in the wind just like cedar trees do. I have never seen corn do that, cedar trees, absolutely, but not corn. In the Kingdom, that will be normal.

We also see that not only does agriculture astonish, but those who are living back in town, they are incredibly productive as well. We are not talking about job skills, but small families are a thing of the past.

Because King Jesus is on the throne, Edenic like conditions have now shown up globally. What that means is that every pregnancy is to term, and every birth is healthy. We learn elsewhere in the scriptures that lifespans are extended again, just like before the flood.

Isaiah 65:20

““No longer will there be in it an infant who lives only a few days, Or an old person who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of a hundred, And the one who does not reach the age of a hundred Will be thought accursed.” (NASB 2020)

One more hint.

Isaiah 65:22–23

“They will not build and another inhabit, They will not plant and another eat; For as the lifetime of a tree, so will be the days of My people, And My chosen ones will fully enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain, Or give birth to children for disaster; For they are the descendants of those blessed by the LORD, And their descendants with them.” (NASB 2020)

David is looking at the future Kingdom with Jesus on the throne and the conditions that will exist at that time.

Psalms 72:17

“May his name endure forever; May his name produce descendants as long as the sun shines; And may people wish blessings on themselves by him; May all nations call him blessed.” (NASB 2020)

Obviously, we are talking about Jesus here, The name above all names. His rule is eternal.

Philippians 2:8–11

“He humbled himself, by becoming obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross! **As a result God highly exalted him and gave him the name, that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow—in heaven and on earth and under the earth—and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.**” (NET 2nd ed.)

Tremper Longman states that “while the psalm pictures all the nations of the earth submitting to this king, it is not just for his or even Israel’s benefit, but for their own. It is only by submitting to this just, divinely appointed king that the nations will experience blessing and thus will the promise come true that all the nations will be blessed through the descendants of Abraham (Gen. 12:2–3).” (Longman III 2014, 272)



Psalm 72:18–20

“Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who alone works wonders. And blessed be His glorious name forever; And may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen. The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.” (NASB 2020)

We are now not only concluding this psalm, but also Book Two. Book One concluded with Psalm 41, and now Book Two concludes with Psalm 72 and King Jesus on the throne of the world. Oh, there are other psalms we will come across written by David, but this is delineate between those written by David and those written by Asaph.

Psalm 72 prompts all of us to look forward to that day in the not too distant future, when Jesus Christ returns to take over the planet. He will do so ruling and reigning from Jerusalem. We found this in this psalm. Mark Futato summarizes Psalm 72 for us.

On that day “the mountains [will] yield prosperity for all, and ... the hills [will] be fruitful.... The king’s rule [will] be refreshing like spring rain ... like the showers that water the earth.... He [will] reign from sea to sea.... All nations will serve him.... All nations [will] be blessed through him and bring him praise.” Until that day, we pray that God would give us his justice and righteousness, and that we might do the will of God in bringing blessing to those who are in need and cannot do for themselves what God can do for them through us. (Futato 2009, 240)

Let’s pray.

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