

Prophecy in the Book of Psalms – Part 2

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Each of us are on a road, a road I call life, and you want to be on the road God has planned out for you, has mapped out for you. And on this road, there's direction, you're going someplace, you're heading to heaven to be with the Lord. And on this road, there's purpose - that is, God has plans for your life, things He wants you to do, to accomplish for Him.

As you go down this road, you can be tempted to go off this road, to exit off and go down the wrong road, the wrong path. And it's God's word, God's commands that keep you on this road of life, commands that tell you what God wants you to do. And it's God's prophetic word that gives direction, that enables you to know where you're going. We are now in the end times, and it's God's prophetic word that tells us what will be happening. And God wants you to know what will be happening next, and that's because He doesn't want you to be surprised or scared - He wants you to have hope, to be looking forward to the wonderful future He has planned out for you.

The book of Psalms talks a lot about the future, and there are many prophecies contained in this book that talk very specifically about the future of the Jews. But now we live in this church age, and we see that God's future plans for the Jews are going to converge with His future plans for the church. We see that God's work with both Jewish and Gentile believers from all time, from Old Testament times and from the church age, will come together in the kingdom age, which starts soon after this church age is over. And during this kingdom age, Christ will reign over the earth, and all glorified believers will reign with Him. And that's why you, the Christian, need to know what God says about the Jews, for much of it relates to the future He has for you. Psalm 37:11, Matt. 5:3

Now last time we looked at prophecy verses from 15 different Psalms, and we finished with Psalm 65, and today we are going to look at more prophecy passages in the Psalms that talk about the future God has for the Jews, and for you, as well.

Psalm 66:1-4. The first three verses are commands from God to all the earth, that we are to shout to God, sing to Him, and say to Him. But this hasn't happened yet, but it says, "*All the earth will worship You,*" which means we know that all these things will take place during the millennial kingdom age.

Psalm 67. Here we learn that Christ will be reigning over the earth, and specifically, He will be judging, guiding, and leading the people. And He'll be blessing His people, the Jews, and us Christians too, with the result that all the people in the world will be fearing and praising God, which is just what we read in Psalm 66.

Psalm 68:24-35. This is an encouraging prophetic passage, for it describes some of the things taking place in Israel during the millennial kingdom. We read about the King going into His sanctuary, about the musicians and singers praising Him, about the tribes of Israel that are ruling, about kings bringing gifts to the King of kings, about the awesomeness, strength, and majesty of God, and about how the whole earth is to be singing to God and praising Him.

Psalm 72. This Psalm has a near and far fulfillment, for it speaks about King Solomon's reign, but also and more-so, tells us about Christ's reign in the kingdom age. And He will be judging the people, helping the poor, rescuing people's lives from oppression. - Vs. 13 – *"He will have compassion on the poor and needy, and the lives of the needy He will save."* And you will be helping Christ fulfill these purposes of His. We read about the *"abundance of grain"*, that the land will be very productive, which I believe means there will be enough food for everyone in the world. Verses 17-19. And the world will be filled with the glory of God during this time. Isaiah 6:3, Hab. 2:14, Num. 14:21

Psalm 85. Much of this is a prayer that God would have mercy on the Israelites, and grant them salvation. Vss 7, 9, 12-13. This Psalm will come true in the future, in the age to come.

Psalm 86:8-10. We see this great and wonderful work of God, for He will cause all the nations to worship Him, to glorify Him. And we know this is prophetic, that this is about the future, for it has not happened yet, but it will, during the 1000-year kingdom age.

Psalm 87. This Psalm speaks about the city of God, about Zion, which is Jerusalem, and indeed, in the future, it will be the worship center in the world, for Christ will be there. It says people will be born there, meaning people will get saved in Jerusalem, and will know the Lord, which means they will be forgiven of their sins. And they are from other nations, and some who were God's enemies during the Old Testament times.

Psalm 89:3-4, 33-37. This is God confirming to the Israelites and to all believers that His promise to David about one of his descendants becoming an eternal king will come true. And Christ will reign forever, and David's descendants will endure, which includes us, which means we will live on forever.

Psalm 96:1-4. Again, we read that God is giving us commands, and we read that we are to sing to God, to proclaim the gospel, that we are to tell of His glory, and yes, this has happened to some degree in this age, but not like it says here, not like God wants, but it will happen in the millennial kingdom, and we'll be part of it. - Verse 12. And all the trees singing for joy hasn't happened yet, but it will. - Verse 13. But before all this happens, Christ will come to judge the world. And this is speaking of the day of the Lord, God's judgment of the world that takes place right after Christ returns to rapture the church.

Psalm 98:1-3. This tells us about the salvation of the Jews, and this happens at the end of Daniel's 70th week, and their salvation will have an impact on all the nations.

- Vss 4-6. There are these commands about how all the earth is to be worshiping God, to be singing to Him, and to be praising His name.
- Vss. 7-8. And again, we see that the coming of the Lord will result in the world being physically affected and blessed.
- Vs. 9. And just like we saw in Ps. 96, we see that Christ is coming to judge the world.

Psalm 100:1-2. This is similar to what we've read, for it says we are to worship God, which again, has happened to some extent, but won't fully be seen until the kingdom age.

- Verse 4. There's no doubt that we can spiritually enter God's gates and give thanks and praise to Him. But I believe this means that we will physically be entering His gates in Jerusalem, and will be praising Him in the future, in the age to come.
- Verse 5. Indeed, we will see and experience the goodness, love, and faithfulness of God like never before and forever, and then be praising Him for it forever.

Psalm 102:3-5. The first part of this Psalm is about a person who's really discouraged, who's really going through it. But what is the answer? God tells him about the future, about his hope. And hope for the future, that is, knowing that life will be better in the future helps us to get through our problems in the present.

- Psalm 102:12-22. Now we read about the future of the Jews, which relates to our future as well. And God will have compassion on the Jews, with the result that nations and kings will fear God, and serve Him, and this happens during the 1000-year kingdom age.
- Verses 25-26. This tells us that this earth will wear out, but God is going to change this world, that is, renovate and restore this earth in the age to come. Acts 3:19-21

Psalm 105:6-11. Here God is reminding us of His commitment to the promise, to the everlasting covenant He made with Abraham. And this was a promise about land, that the land of Canaan would be given to Israel, and that it would be theirs forever.

Psalm 110. This has the millennial kingdom in view, when Christ will be ruling from Zion, from Jerusalem, and when He will be defeating His enemies - "*He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath.*" And this we know is one of Christ's purposes during His reign on this earth during the millennial kingdom. 1 Cor. 15:24-25

Psalm 111:5-9. Indeed, God will be faithful to His promises to Israel for He will give them land as we read in vs. 6, and salvation as we read in vs. 9.

Psalm 117. This very short Psalm tells us that God will greatly bless the Israelites, and the result of His blessing them is that all nations are to praise the Lord, which we know will happen. I hope you are seeing that God's blessing of Israel is one of the main ways by which the nations of the world will be moved to worship and praise Him.

Psalm 130:5-8. This is instructing Israel to wait for the Lord, to put their hope in Him, to be looking forward to that day when they will be redeemed, forgiven of all their sins. And this, I believe, is speaking of that time when a large remnant of Jews will be forgiven of their sins at the end of Daniel's 70th week.

Psalm 136:21-22. This Psalm is a profound statement of God's love for Israel, and God's love for His people is everlasting. But in these two verses there is a reference to the land that God gave them, and since His love is everlasting, we know that His gift of land to them would never be taken back. And the fact that Israel has been coming back to her land over the past 140 years is a clear sign of God's faithful love to His people, a sign that He is fulfilling this verse.

Psalm 145. Verses in this Psalm make it clear that God's kingdom is eternal, that people will be praising and serving God forever. And there are references how God will care for His people, how He will sustain them, satisfy them, give them food, and fulfill their desires. And of course, He will be doing this during the millennial kingdom. Now there are no direct references about the millennial kingdom age, but the fact that it's talking about God's future kingdom suggests that it is about the millennial kingdom as well. And for someone to say these vss. only apply during the OT times and the church age does not make sense, is not logical, for it goes against the character and overall purposes of God.

Psalm 150. This Psalm is relevant to our worship of God today, but of course, will be relevant to the future as well, when we are living during the kingdom age.

- It tells us what we are to do, that we are to praise the Lord.
- It tells us where we are to praise Him, in the sanctuary, and all over the world.
- It tells us why we are to praise Him, for His mighty deeds.
- It tells us how we are to praise Him, with trumpets, harps, lyres, cymbals, etc.
- It tells us who should do it, everyone who has breath.
- It tells us when we are to do it. It says always - and it says this in the present tense which means that we are to praise Him all the time, now and forever.