

Psalm 72

A Psalm Of Solomon. Perhaps better said “**A Psalm concerning Solomon**” (verse 20). Humanly speaking, this product of an illicit relationship shouldn’t have occurred.

72:1

Give the king Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the king’s Son. Luke 24:44 seems to give this ultimate fulfillment to be found in Christ. This is a prayer, then, to David’s great grandson, Jesus. This gives verses 11-13 a fantastic and time-ending disposition found only in Jesus. Hallelujah! Psalm 2:1-6 gives this same flavor and wonderment to the “King” Who is yet to come.¹ Yet, we see foreshadowing in the birth of Jesus and the kings who visited Him in Matthew 2.

72:3

The mountains will bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness. Psalm 121 makes the place of the mountains/hills a source of peace. Think of verse 6 and we see that He who was in **the mountains** will “come down.” Isaiah 64:1 speaks of deliverance coming from above, and certainly Jesus did come down from Heaven (John 3:13).

72:5

They shall fear You As long as the sun and moon endure, Throughout all generations. Surely David does not expect this only in Solomon. How many generations could they possibly **fear** one person? There must be a telescopic perspective toward Christ: poetically of Solomon; prophetically of Jesus. Verse 17 seems to clarify David’s perspective that he anticipates a reverence of Solomon’s name **throughout all generations.**

72:10-11

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles Will bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba towards current day Yemen, and they traded often in spices and precious metals (see verse 15). **Will offer gifts.** 1 Kings 10:23-24 make this an obvious fulfillment in Solomon.

11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him. Here we see license to see a shadow in the wise men of Matthew 2. No doubt hundreds travelled to Jerusalem causing that stir in the opening verses of that chapter. 1 Peter 1:10-12 show these prophets were moved by the Spirit of Christ to prophesy and it was not always clear which of the two comings were determined by the Spirit of Christ concerning Christ.

72:19

And ^vblessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. When comparing Isaiah 6:3 and John 12:40-41 we see that this speaks, again, of Christ.

¹<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-20461822#TWEET387065>; some have thought to set themselves up and will be most confounded, [accessed 10/10/17].

^v [Neh. 9:5]