

The Enthronement Psalms

(Summaries are from JN Darby with a few edits)

Psalm 96 summons all the earth to come in, in the spirit of the everlasting gospel. They are to own the LORD; the gods of the nations are mere vanity. This introduces a summons to a chorus of celebration of all this created world to rejoice before the LORD, who comes to judge the world with righteousness and His people with truth; for Israel had the place of promise and the revelation of His ways.

In Psalm 97 the coming itself is celebrated; the LORD has taken to Him His great power and His reign. In verses 10-12 we see the blessed objects of the deliverance — the godly remnant. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. It is a very complete statement of the character of the Lord's coming to earth.

Psalm 98 is the result celebrated by Israel on earth. The LORD has made known His salvation, and remembered His mercy and truth towards Israel. All the land (or earth) is summoned to celebrate the LORD as king.

Psalm 99, though simple in its character, embraces some important principles. The LORD now reigns, not only in making manifest heavenly power, but in the establishment of that power as King upon the earth. He now sits between the cherubim as heretofore in Israel. He is great in Zion and high above all peoples.

Psalm 100 is the summons to universal worship of the LORD with gladness and praise. The LORD is good. Verse 5 gives in principle the great truth so often laid down as Israel's hope — His mercy endures forever. He invites His people into His presence to worship Him. This closes the remarkable series picturing the coming of the LORD (Christ) to establish righteousness and judgment in the earth and His throne in Israel.

Revelation 21:1-7, 22-28

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. **2** And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be their* God. **4** And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. **5** And he that sat upon the throne said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. **6** And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. **7** He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. **23** And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. **24** And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. **25** And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. **26** And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

Psalm 96

- 1** O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.
- 2** Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.
- 3** Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.
- 4** For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.
- 5** For all the gods of the nations *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens.
- 6** Honour and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.
- 7** Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.
- 8** Give unto the LORD the glory *due unto* his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.
- 9** O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.
- 10** Say among the heathen *that* the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.
- 11** Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.
- 12** Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice
- 13** Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Psalm 97

- 1** The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad *thereof*.
- 2** Clouds and darkness *are* round about him: righteousness and judgment *are* the habitation of his throne.
- 3** A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.
- 4** His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.
- 5** The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6** The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.
- 7** Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all *ye* gods.
- 8** Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.
- 9** For thou, LORD, *art* high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.
- 10** Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
- 11** Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.
- 12** Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm 98

- 1 A Psalm.) O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.
- 2 The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
- 3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.
- 5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.
- 6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.
- 7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
- 8 Let the floods clap *their* hands: let the hills be joyful together
- 9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

Psalm 99

- 1 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth be moved.
- 2 The LORD *is* great in Zion; and he *is* high above all the people.
- 3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; *for it is* holy.
- 4 The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; *for he is* holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them.
- 8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.
- 9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God *is* holy.

Psalm 100

- 1 {A Psalm of praise.} Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
- 3 Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.
- 5 For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

Psalm 96 to Psalm 100 form a group known as the "Enthronement Psalms." They move from a global, prophetic call for all of creation to sing praise for God's coming righteous judgment and culminates in Psalm 100, where He is crowned and worshiped. This is the Old Testament vision of Revelation 21.