

Psalm One Hundred And Ten

Psalm 110:1 to 7: (1) 'The Lord (God) says to my Lord (Jesus), "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies Your footstool for Your feet. (2) The Lord (God) will send Your powerful Sceptre forth from Zion; rule in the midst of Your enemies. (3) In the day of Your power, Your people will offer themselves willingly in the beauty of holiness. Out of the womb of dawn, You have the dew of Your youth. (4) The Lord (God) has sworn and will never change His mind; You are a Priest forever akin to Melchizedek. (5) The Lord (Jesus) at Your (God's) right hand will crush kings in the day of His wrath. (6) He will judge the nations and will pile up the fallen. He will crush the rulers of the whole earth. (7) He will drink from a river as He goes on His way and will hold His head up in triumph'."

Brief overview: Psalm 110 is quoted several times in the New Testament so clearly the Lord has something to say to believers. Jesus said; "He who has ears to hear, let him hear, listen, pay attention." Jesus, Peter and Paul quoted from Psalm 110, and Jesus revealed that He was the One for Whom this Psalm was written, and we need to keep that in mind when we study Psalm 110. It begins by God inviting Jesus to sit beside Him until the Father destroys all the enemies of Jesus. After that Jesus is sent to the world as the Sceptre or Saviour/Messiah. Jesus said He came from the presence of His Father and would return to His Father (John 16:28). God told Jesus to rule because in the day of His power, that is the day He began His ministry, Jesus would attract people who would be willing to offer themselves for His service; they would be holy and beautiful in the eyes of the Lord. Out of a dark past, the Light of the new church would be born with the youth of Jesus, or Jesus would be a young Man; young and fresh as dew. This could also be translated as the brand new, newborn baby church being as fresh as dew in the morning. Jesus completed the way of salvation at the cross and proclaimed His earthly task finished (John 19:30), but after His earthly ministry was completed, He still had His eternal ministry. God said Jesus would always be a King and a Priest akin to Melchizedek and God never changes His mind. Jesus will judge the earth and crush evil monarchs and rulers. After all that is done, Jesus will be refreshed with a cool drink as He walks triumphantly with His head held high.

Verse 1; 'The Lord said to My Lord, "Sit at My right hand until I put Your enemies under Your feet"' (Matthew 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42 & 43; Acts 2:34 & 35). That is Lord God the Father inviting the Lord Jesus to sit at His right hand, and to rule and reign as King until all of Jesus' enemies have been judged and destroyed. 'Jesus must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet' (1 Corinthians 15:25). 'Jesus is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God' (Hebrews 12:2). The writer of the Book of Hebrews taught extensively from this Psalm, from Hebrews chapter 5:1 to chapter 10:21. Jesus is at this moment, sitting at the Father's right hand, ruling and reigning over the whole universe while waiting for the Father to make His enemies His footstool; to crush His enemies underfoot.

Verse 2; 'The Lord (God) will send Your powerful Sceptre forth from Zion; rule in the midst of Your enemies'. God the Father sent Jesus as the divine Sceptre – the divine authority straight from the throne of the Father. The sceptre itself is a sign of authority. When kings of old sat on their thrones, they held the sceptre upright in their right hand, but it rested on the floor between their feet when it was not being used. If anybody wanted to approach the king, he would point the sceptre towards the person who then had to touch the tip of the sceptre. If they did not do that, or if the king refused to offer them the tip of the sceptre, it meant certain death. That is described in the book of Esther. 'When the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she obtained mercy or favour in his sight, and he held out to her the golden sceptre that was in his hand, so Esther drew near and touched the tip of the sceptre' (Esther 5:2). 'The Sceptre will not depart from Judah nor the rulers' staff from between His feet until the Messiah comes, to Whom it belongs; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people' (Genesis 49:10). 'For it is evident that the Lord came from the tribe of Judah' (Hebrews 7:14). We can see the authority belongs to Jesus, Who came from the tribe of Judah. The Lord God has used the tribe of Judah to bring forth the authority of divine rule to earth. Jesus is ruling in the midst of His enemies right now. Many Christians see the work of the enemy but cannot see the work of our ruling Messiah. Zion is God's born-again, Holy Spirit filled people, Jews and Christians together, assembled in divine order. 'We have come to Mount Zion; the heavenly Jerusalem and to multitudes of angels, and to the assembly (church or body) of the Firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God Who is judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous redeemed who have been made perfect, and to Jesus our Mediator of a new covenant, and to the blood, a better message than the blood of Abel' (Hebrews 12:22 to 24). That heavenly scenario is in the Spirit. Physically we are on earth, but spiritually, we are on Mount Zion amongst the general assembly of angels and redeemed people. Those people who have been made perfect, are redeemed believers who have died. This scripture makes it clear, we will fellowship with them and with angels when we eventually get there. We are all part of the whole assembly. Our names are already enrolled

and listed in the Lamb's Book of Life in heaven. Every person whose name is enrolled in that Book has membership in God's assembly. This is not future. It is present, current and happening now. This assembly has order. It is not made up of undisciplined people. Zion is a very disciplined place. The Rock of Zion speaks of God's foundation on which we can build under the authority of God. To be on that Rock we need to be under the authority of God, the scriptures and the Holy Spirit. Zion is the word God uses to describe the unified Body of believers in Jesus – Jews and Gentiles. When God's people meet in divine order, the Holy Spirit will send His power among God's people, which is the authority of Jesus, in the name of Jesus. His name comes out of the assembly of God's people exercising the authority of Jesus over His enemies, showing the world that he rules right now in the midst of his enemies. As kings and priests we can exercise our authority over our enemies through prayer (Revelation 5:10). Jesus is ruling in the midst of His enemies through the assembly of His people, met in divine order, extending His name of authority over the nations and their rulers. Whenever that authority, the Sceptre is extended, God's purposes are accomplished and evil forces are driven back. That is the role of the believers in Jesus, Jews and Gentiles alike, for Jesus broke down the barriers between us (Ephesians 2:11 to 22).

Verse 3; 'In the day of Your power, Your people will offer themselves willingly in the beauty of holiness. Out of the womb of dawn, You have the dew of Your youth'. This verse speaks of the brand new church that Jesus started the day He began His new ministry of bringing the Gospel message to the world. Morning comes after the dark of night. A womb speaks of a birth. Jesus brought forth the birth of a new church of willing people that were brought out of a time of darkness. The world was shown the Light of dawn when Jesus came. He brought the human race out of the long 'night' of being lost in sin and sickness without the Messiah. We read earlier ... 'And to Him shall be the obedience of the people' (Genesis 49:10). We only need to read the New Testament to see how willing the new believers were. These verses speak of the ministry of service – the assembly of God's people and that brought forth a new assembly of people, brand new believers of all ages, with a new, fresh revelation of God and His purposes. They went out and did the work God created the church to do – which was to bring the Gospel of the Kingdom to every tribe, people, tongue and nation on the earth – and they succeeded (Colossians 1:23). In this day, we must also give ourselves willingly, without reservation to the purposes of God. The beauty of holiness comes through setting ourselves apart for God's service through the blood and the name of Jesus. Holiness is the presence of God in His people, and the early church revealed some very holy people. The 'dew of Your youth' has been translated two different ways and both could be correct. One translation is; Jesus started His ministry as a youthful Man, He will always have the dew of His youth – He died as a young Man and will forever be a young Man. Compare that verse with verses regarding Bible patriarchs, who were told by God they would live to their old age. The other translation is; the youthfulness of the new church started by Jesus with the new revelation of God's purposes. The old law was fulfilled and Jesus brought a brand new covenant that relaxed some of the stringent laws imposed upon the Jews. The Gospel was a whole new concept of righteousness. The new believers were full of zeal for the new covenant and gave themselves willingly.

Verse 4; 'The Lord (God) has sworn and will never revoke, retract or change His mind; You are a Priest forever akin to Melchizedek'. While sitting at God's right hand, Jesus has ongoing eternal ministries; the ministry of a Priest and Intercessor; and the ministry of a King and Ruler, and these are the ministries of Jesus forever. God will never change His mind. Those ministries are also available to every believer in the Messiah. Jesus is our pattern and we are united with Him in these ministries. This typifies the holiest of places as in the tabernacle of Moses. The fulfilment of Psalm 110 will take place by God when we are in the temple made without hands in heaven (Mark 14:58). Jesus has entered this temple as our Forerunner akin to Melchizedek (Hebrews 6:20) to prepare the way for us so we can follow Him right into where He has gone (John 14:2 & 3). Melchizedek means King of Righteousness. He was the king of Salem (Genesis 14:18). Salem is the same word as the Hebrew word Shalom, which means peace, and he was also the priest of the Most High God. The Priest and King at God's right hand, Jesus our Forerunner, our personal representative, is there to prepare the way for us. Jesus' enemies are our enemies, so when His enemies are destroyed, so our enemies will be destroyed. God is saying in Psalm 110, Jesus is there at His right hand as His appointed King and there is nothing the enemies of God can do about it. Jesus is our King and Priest and our Forerunner. When we were placed into the Kingdom of God, we were following in the footsteps of Jesus and He made us a chosen race; a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9), we are kings and priests to our God and we reign on earth through prayer.

Verses 5 & 6; 'The Lord (Jesus) at Your right hand will crush kings in the day of His wrath. He will judge the nations and will pile up the fallen. He will crush the rulers of the whole earth.' The Lord, our righteous Judge will one day judge the nations. 'The nations raged and Your wrath came. It is time for the dead to be judged' (Revelation 11:18). 'I saw the Great White Throne and Him Who sat on it ... I saw the dead, the great and

the small standing before the throne, and they (the angels) opened the books ... the dead were judged out of the things that were written in the books according to their works' (Revelation 20:11 & 12). God sits in heaven and laughs at the evil monarchs and rulers/governments of this earth. He has already anointed Jesus to be their Judge from Zion. 'He Who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord (God) has them in derision ... God said, "I have anointed My King on My holy hill of Zion ... You (Jesus) shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall smash them like pottery; therefore O you kings, act wisely; be warned O you rulers of the earth" (Psalm 2:4, 6, 9 & 10).

Verse 7; 'He will drink from a river as He goes on His way and will hold His head up in triumph'. One day, after Judgement Day is over, Jesus will be triumphant. Just as Jesus is the Word of God Who came in the flesh (Revelation 19:13), so He is also the River of Life. Jesus said, 'Whoever takes of the water that I give him shall never thirst again. The water that I will give him shall become a spring of water flowing within him for eternal life' (John 4:14). 'The Lamb Who is in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to the springs of the Water of Life' (Revelation 7:17). Jesus said, 'I am the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without price from the springs of the Water of Life' (Revelation 21:6). 'Then he (the angel) showed me (John) the river whose waters give life, sparkling like crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and the Lamb ... Let everyone who is thirsty, come; and whoever desires to, let him come, take and drink the Water of Life without cost' (Revelation 22:1 & 17). When Jesus was on the cross, He cried out in thirst (John 19:28). This verse tells us Jesus will drink from the river and is therefore, not thirsty. He is triumphant. He has won the eternal battle; He has overcome the enemy who has been eternally crushed. 'He will drink from a river as He goes on His way and will hold His head up in triumph'. Hallelujah.

Amen and God bless you.

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