

Psalm 72 – Prophecy

“He shall judge thy people with righteousness”

Orlando Bible Students Special Study

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Background References: Psalm 72; Expanded Biblical Comments (EBC) on Psalm 72; Reprints pp. 1414-1415

1. The title of our study indicates that Psalm 72 is a prophecy. What phase of God’s plan does this Psalm prophetically refer to? EBC on vs. 1; Jer. 23:5; Luke 1:32-33; Eph. 1:9-10; Rev. 21:1-4

2. Verses 1-3. These verses speak of “judgment,” “righteousness,” and “peace” coming from God, the king’s Son, the mountains, and the little hills. How do these prophetic words relate to the arrangements by which the Kingdom will function, as to:
 - Its conditions—judgment, righteousness, and peace? Isa. 9:7; Jer. 33:15; Acts 17:31

 - Sources of those conditions—God, the king’s Son, mountains, and little hills? John 5:20-22; I Cor. 8:6; Isa. 2:2; Rev. 14:1; Isa. 55:12

3. Verses 5-8. What do these verses tell us about:
 - How long-lasting the results of the Kingdom will be? Vss. 5,7; Ps. 89:36,37; Dan. 2:44; Rev. 11:15

 - How far-reaching the Kingdom rule and blessings will be? Vss. 6,8; Ezek. 34:23-26; Zech. 9:10

4. Verses 9-11. These verses seem to refer to those who have been enemies of, or out of harmony with, God. What does the Psalmist prophesy will happen in the Kingdom with regard to these? Ps. 2:10-12; Ps. 138:4-5; Rev. 21:24

5. Verses 4, 12-14. Who is being described prophetically in these verses as the “poor” and “needy,” and do these words describe literal or symbolic conditions? How will the Kingdom be of special benefit to these? Ps. 10:17; Isa. 11:4; Isa. 41:17-18

6. Verses 15-16. What might be meant in these verses by the words “gold of Sheba” and “handful of corn in the earth?” (Note: look at other translations of “handful”) Isa. 13:12; Isa. 60:6; Ps. 65:9-13; Ps. 107:35-38

7. Verses 17-19. Who will ultimately be praised and given eternal glory at the close of the Kingdom work, and how is that glory described in these verses? Ps. 148:11-13; John 5:23; Phil. 2:9-11; I Tim. 1:17