<u>PSALM 110 –</u> Announcement of Messiah's Reign

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Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun – I. Watts; J. Hatton-Hustad Chorale (2:27)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run, His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more. For Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head; His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice. Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen. Amen!

<u>PSALM 110</u> – Announcement of the Messiah's Reign; A Psalm of David.

Psalm 110 ten is another Messianic psalm of a little different sort from the previous one. You see, Psalm 109 more or less dealt with the suffering of Christ, His being despised and rejected; a man of sorrows acquainted with grief. The cross is seen in Psalm 109. The betrayal by Judas and the cross, the suffering.

Psalm 110 is tied to Psalm 109 because it goes right from the cross into the ascension into glory. Christ ascending triumphant into heaven, having paid the price for man's redemption upon the cross in one hundred and nine being despised and rejected. Psalm 110 takes Him on into heaven. The first verse begins in the heavenly scene when Christ entered into heaven after His ascension. This Psalm 110 fits into the book of Hebrews, into the New Testament. It is the story of what happened when Jesus arrived in heaven after His sojourn on the earth and the horrible indecent death on the cross; the despising, the rejection and the shame of Psalm 109. Now in Psalm 110 the Father says "All right Son, you just sit down at My right hand. I'll take care of things until I make Thy enemies Thy footstool".

Most frequently Psalm in the New Testament – one of the most Messianic Psalms. Four things prophesied: He will be Divine; He will be a king; He will be a priest; He will be a judge! That's what this Psalm is all about. In order that when He comes on the scene in a thousand years, as the promised Messiah, described in the Old Testament, no one would miss Him. Although the Jewish leaders did not accept Him, it took a deliberate turning away from scriptures to come to that conclusion. A beautiful Psalm for us, in that it reaffirms our faith in Jesus as the promised Messiah!

Psa 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD (The Father, Yahweh, Jehovah) said to my Lord (Adonai), 'Sit at My right hand,

- We notice that David calls the Messiah, Lord. For David to call someone, Lord, reveals that whoever this person is that he is referring to, is someone who is greater than David, in terms of position and authority. Given the fact of David's position and authority, in terms of the history of the Jewish people, he was the greatest king that Israel ever had. He was the king that set the standard, by which all other kings would be judged. For David to call someone Lord, is saying a lot. It shows us that the verse can only refer to the Messiah.
- The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand. We notice further that David then declares that the Father then speaks to this Lord and invites to sit at His right hand. That doesn't mean much to us in this culture, but in the ancient world, the place at the right hand of the king, was always reserved for his son. So here you have God the Father, inviting the Messiah to sit at His right hand. In other words, the Father is declaring the Messiah to be His Son. To be His Son is to be Divine. To sit at the right hand of God the Father is an exaltation is something that David would never ascribe to a mere man and would never ascribe even to an angelic being. In the Book of Hebrews, (Heb 1:1-4a) God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, Heb 1:2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; Heb 1:3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself

purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, Heb 1:4 having become so much better than the angels,

- The seat at the right hand of God couldn't even be filled by an angel, let alone a mere man! It had to be the son, of whoever filled the throne! The Son of God. Jesus, unapologetically to the religious leaders on the morning of His crucifixion, the high priest rose and said to Him, Do you answer nothing as these men testify against You? Jesus kept silent and the high priest answered, I adjure by the living God that You tell us if you are Christ, the Son of God? Jesus said to him, It is as you said! Nevertheless, I say to you, Hereafter, you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power, speaking of the Father. He is ascribing this Psalm to Himself, as the very Son of God, who is going to return to the heaven that He came from, in order to come into this world to sit at that right hand of God, because He alone is the Son of God! (*Mar 16:19*) So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.
- This created and does create great difficulty of Jewish religious scholars, who are unwilling to accept Jesus as the Messiah.

Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

- Jesus is at the right hand of the Father exalted on high. He is there just waiting for the Father to make His enemies His footstool. God is waiting for the cup of the wrath to be filled, the full blasphemy and indignation of man to be complete. God is gracious, He is longsuffering, He is patient, and He is kind or else He would have acted a long time ago.
- As I look around today one of the biggest mysteries in my mind is that God has not already acted in bringing judgement against this generation. It's much like Jesus said, "The men of Sodom will rise up with this generation in the resurrection, but they will condemn it". And well they might condemn this generation because we have exceeded their sins. God has been longsuffering, and God has been patient, but man unfortunately has misinterpreted that as <u>tolerance</u> or <u>acceptance</u> of man's evil or <u>indifference</u> to what is going on. God is removed, God is indifferent, and He <u>doesn't care</u>. It's none of the above. He does care. The wrath of His indignation is filling rapidly, and it will soon overflow.
- As you read Revelation from chapters six through eighteen you will see worse than what is in Psalm 109. That's mild compared to what's going to happen to those who have rejected God's love, who have scorned God's grace and who have turned their back upon His mercy.

Psa 110:2 The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

- *The LORD* Notice this is the Adonai, the reference to the Messiah.
- Here's a prophecy of the coming Kingdom Age when Jesus will rule with a rod of iron from Zion over the world as he returns to establish God's kingdom upon the earth. He will send forth the Rod of His strength out of Zion, and He will rule in the midst of this world that had turned against Him.

Psa 110:3 Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.

• Hopefully this includes you and me.

Psa 110:4 The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

- Now suddenly here's an interesting scripture, a prophecy concerning Jesus.
- This was written by David some thousand years before Christ and it is written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit; "David by the mouth of the Holy Spirit" wrote this psalm by the inspiration of the spirit. In talking of the coming Messiah and in talking of His priesthood he declared that he would be a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. Now David knew that the Messiah was to come from the tribe of Judah because he had the promise of God that God was going to build him a house and there shall never cease one of his descendants being upon his throne. David understood that to mean that the Messiah would come from David, which David was correct in that assumption.
- How then could the Messiah be priest if He was from the tribe of Judah for? It was the Levitical tribe that was ordained of God to be the priestly tribe for the nation. The answer is there is another order of priests. It is the order of Melchizedek that interesting person that we find in the book of Genesis who met Abraham when he returned from the victory over the five kings and gave to him bread and wine.

He received from Abraham the tithes of all of the spoils that he had taken from the sacking of these kings and he blessed Abraham. Melchizedek whose name means king of righteousness; "Melech" means kings and "Zedek" means righteousness. He was called in the scriptures the king of Salem which probably is Jerusalem, but Salem means peace. So, He's the King of Peace and the King Righteousness. Who is the king of righteousness? Who is the King of Peace? It's Jesus Christ.

- So here is Melchizedek bringing to Abraham the symbols of communion with God, bread and wine. He receives tithes of Abraham and he blesses Abraham. With Christ our great High Priest, better than the priesthood of Levi. The priesthood of Levi was subservient to the priesthood of Melchizedek for Abraham paying tithes and receiving a blessing, the lesser is blessed always by the greater.
- Levi, in Hebrews, was still in the loins of Abraham so to speak. He was still there in the potential gene structures and so forth. Thus, in Abraham was subservient to the priesthood of Melchizedek. God has established a higher order of priesthood. Not one after Levi which when Aaron died his son took over. His son died and the next son took over passing it on from generation to generation. They did not have a continuing priesthood, but Jesus Christ has a continuing priesthood. He's a priest forever!
- The Levitical priests had to offer for their own sins because they were guilty of sinning too. Before the high priest could take the offering for the nation before God into the Holy of Holies he had to first of all make an offering for his own sin. He had to offer that to the Lord and then he would offer for the sins of the nation. Christ became the sin offering. He is perfect, holy and without sin. He did not have to offer first for His own sin but offered himself once and for all.
- The priest entered into the earthly tabernacle that was built by man as a model of the heavenly. Jesus did not enter in to the earthly which was the model of the heavenly but into heaven itself with the blood of his own sacrifice, offered before God as a sin offering for the world and received by God! "Wherefore He is able not now to save unto the uttermost all who will come unto God by Him". He lives to make intercession for them, He is the great high priest interceding for us, ever living to make intercession for us. He's at the right hand, exalted.
- This Psalm 110 fits into the book of Hebrews, into the New Testament. It is the story of what happened when Jesus arrived in heaven after His sojourn on the earth and the horrible indecent death on the cross; the despising, the rejection and the shame of Psalm 109. Now in Psalm 110 the Father says "All right Son, you just sit down at My right hand. I'll take care of things until I make Thy enemies thy footstool".

Psa 110:5 The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.

- This again, the Adonai being Jesus who is at the right hand of God.
- When Jesus returns to the earth in His glory and in power, the earth will be experiencing one of the worst blood baths of its history. The kings of the earth will be gathered together in a great conflict in the battle known as the Battle of Armageddon there in the Valley of Megiddo. There will be this horrible conflict as the nations from the east and from the north are gathered against the nations of the western powers. So, the eastern and western powers meeting in the Valley of Megiddo in this final great horrible conflict. When Jesus returns this battle belt will be raging and He will bring an immediate end to it destroying the leaders, the kings of the earth, led by the anti-christ.

Psa 110:6 He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.

- Jesus tells us that the first order of business when He returns to the earth is judgement. "Then shall He gathered together the nations from all over the earth and they shall be judged".
- Wiping out those manmade corrupted governments.

Psa 110:7 He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the head.

- That is His own authority over the world.
- A fascinating psalm that takes us beyond the cross into glory and back into the earth as He reigns as the judge as well as priest and king. It's all in Jesus. He's the king, Melchizedek the king of righteousness, He is our great High Priest who has entered into heaven for us, and He will be the judge over all the earth when He returns.

OUR GOD REIGNS – L. E. Smith/Fettke & Beddia (3:23)

How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him Who brings good news, good news Announcing peace, proclaiming News of happiness. Our God reigns; our God reigns! Chorus: Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns! (2X) Out of the tomb He came With grace and majesty; He is alive, He is alive. God loves us so see here His hands, His feet, His side. Yes, we know He is alive. [Chorus]

<u>PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE</u> <u>OFFICERS/MILITARY; ISRAEL:</u> <u>PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD</u> LEADERS: - Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation!