

# Psalms for the Soul

## Messiah

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- ***Josh 7:24 Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the garment, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had, and they brought them to the Valley of Achor. 25 And Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day." So all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones. NKJV***

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- *Jonah 1:9 So he said to them, "I am a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." 10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "Why have you done this?" For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. 11 Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you that the sea may be calm for us?" — for the sea was growing more tempestuous. 12 And he said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest is because of me." NKJV*

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- *Acts 5:5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. 6 And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him. NKJV*
- *Acts 5:9 Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband. NKJV*

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- ***Acts 12:21 So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. 22 And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" 23 Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died. NKJV***

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- *There can be no question; the Lord is not just good, but exceedingly good and perfect, and just.*
- *However, he is not to be 'played' with or ignored.*
- *His commands and his will mean something; perhaps he cares more than we know.*
- *The fact that he is not safe makes him all the more God.*

# *Our approach.*

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1. *Psalms that tell us of MERCY. (Psalm 123)*
2. *Psalms that tell of God's PROTECTION. (Psalm 121)*
3. *Psalms that tell us of PRAYER. (Psalm 3)*
4. *Psalms that tell of God's BLESSING. (Psalm 1)*
5. *Psalms that tell us about LOVE. (Psalm 36)*
6. *Psalms that tell us God's MAJESTY. (Psalm 97)*
7. *Psalms that tell us of PEACE. (Psalm 120)*
8. *Psalms that tell of God's WORD. (Psalm 119)*
9. *Psalms that tell of the MESSIAH. (Psalm 110)*
10. *Psalms that tell of WORSHIP. (Psalm 89)*
11. *Psalms that tell of PRAISE. (Psalm 145)*

## *Messianic Psalms*

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*A messianic psalm is one that has a direct reference to Messiah. More than just an application to Jesus; they point specifically to the messiah that we now know to be Jesus.*

*Psalms 2, 8, 16, 22, 34, 35, 40, 41, 45, 68, 69, 89, 102, 109, 110, 118*

*All of these psalms are used by Jesus himself to validate his claim to be Messiah or are written by others in the New Testament as proof of Jesus being Messiah.*

## *Messianic Psalms*

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***Ps110:1 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." 2 The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! 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. 4 The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."5 The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. 6 He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries. 7 He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the head.***

**NKJV**

*Ps 110:1*

*The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." NKJV*

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- ***Two different words for 'Lord'.***
  - ***LORD OT:3068 Yehovah (yeh-ho-vaw'); from OT:1961; (the) self-Existent or Eternal; Jehovah, Jewish national name of God:***
  - ***Lord OT:113 'adown (aw-done'); or (shortened) 'adon (aw-done'); from an unused root (meaning to rule); sovereign, i.e. controller (human or divine):***

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- ***Matt 22:43 He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 44'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool ""? 45 If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" 46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore. NKJV***

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- *What did David mean?*
- *Given that Messiah was prophesied to come from the Davidic line, the only way that David could call the one called 'Lord', his Lord would be for God to be his descendant.*
- *Christ was born of the seed of a woman who descended from David.*

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- *There is also a more exact prophetic meaning; A king will come that is superior to all other kings.*
- *So superior that this king will sit on the right hand of the LORD Jehovah himself.*
- *The fact that his enemies are his footstool speaks of the totality of defeat that the enemies of God will one day suffer.*



*Ps 110:3*

*Your people shall be volunteers  
In the day of Your power; NKJV*

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- *The king who is coming will have willing servants in his millennial kingdom.*
- *In fact, that is really the first requirement of the king; that we be willing to serve him.*
- *The prophecy has to do with his future reign on the earth, but it has an application for all who want to serve the Lord in any age.*



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- *The people of God are eager to serve Him, but the work is rarely easy.*
- *There is opposition to all efforts to move forward spiritually.*
- *This prophecy points towards a day when much, if not all, of the spiritual resistance will be removed.*



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

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- ***The king who will come, Messiah, will also be a priest.***
- ***His claim to being a priest is not based upon lineage, his would disqualify him, but upon an appointment by God.***
- ***He cites Melchizedek as the precedent for a different kind of priesthood. (Gen 14:17-20)***
- ***In the O.T. we find prophets, priests, and kings. (Jesus was all three)***

*Ps 110:5*

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

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- *When the king comes he will defeat his enemies totally.*
- *There is a day coming, a day that we believe is at least 7 years away, when Jesus will return as King of Kings and his enemies will be destroyed by the brightness of his coming.*
- *Zach 14:1-9 and II Thes 2:8*

**Zech 14:1 A day of the Lord is coming when your plunder will be divided among you. 2 I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city. 3 Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle. 4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. 5 You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. 6 On that day there will be no light, no cold or frost. 7 It will be a unique day, without daytime or nighttime — a day known to the Lord. When evening comes, there will be light. 8 On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half to the eastern sea and half to the western sea, in summer and in winter. 9 The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name. NIV**

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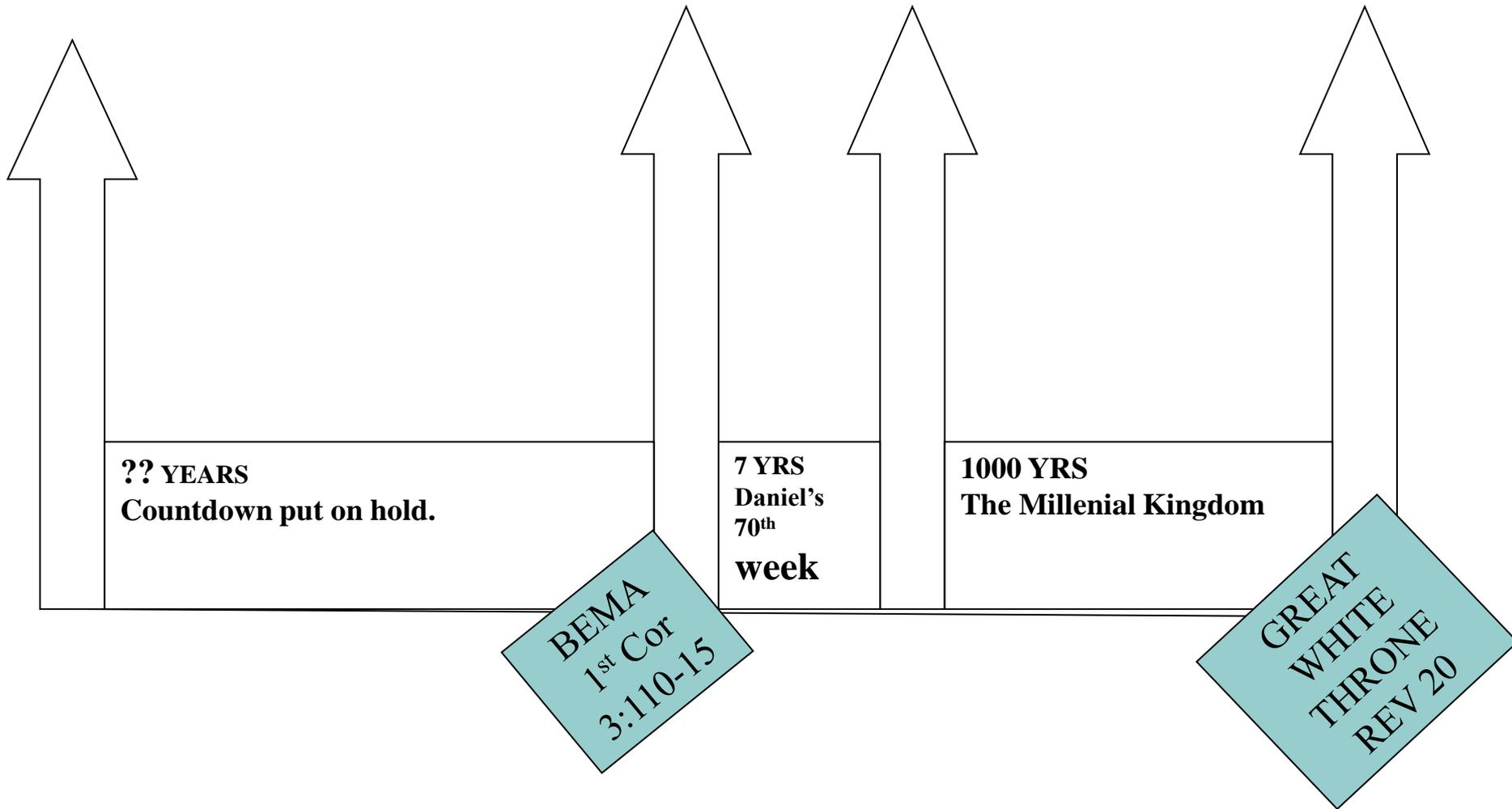
- *How far fetched of an idea is it that a great cataclysmic war will take place in the Middle East?*
- *How odd would it seem if a number of kings aligned themselves to surround and try to destroy the nation of Israel?*

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

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- ***When Messiah returns, his victory will be total and many will die at that time.***
- ***Those who now seem so threatening and troublesome will be slaughtered.***
- ***The mystery of Israel's existence and influence will come to an end for it will be obvious they have been preserved by God.***

# *FROM THE CROSS TO ETERNITY*



## *Psalm 110*

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- *Prophecy of the coming king's victory over sin, death, and the world.*
- *It tells us where Messiah is today; at the right hand of God awaiting his victory over his enemies.*
- *It tells us that the coming king is also able to cleanse us from sin and make us able servants in his kingdom.*

*His kingdom will come with certainty, but  
not without opposition.*

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***Ps 2:1-6***

***Why do the nations rage,***

***And the people plot a vain thing?***

***2 The kings of the earth set themselves,***

***And the rulers take counsel together,***

***Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,***

***3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces***

***And cast away Their cords from us."***

***4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;***

***The LORD shall hold them in derision.***

***5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,***

***And distress them in His deep displeasure:***

***6 "Yet I have set My King***

***On My holy hill of Zion."***

***NKJV***

*Ps 16:10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,  
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.  
NKJV*

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- *Peter and Paul apply this verse to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 2:25-31, 13:25, 15:12-17).*
- *It speaks of not leaving Messiah's soul in Sheol (Paradise) and not allowing his body to decay.*
- *It then becomes rather clear that his body would be resurrected.*

## *Psalm 22*

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- *Ps 22:1 My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? NKJV*
- *Ps 22:8 "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" NKJV*
- *Ps 22:16 They pierced My hands and My feet; NKJV*
- *Ps 22:18 They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots. NKJV*

# *Fulfilled Messianic Prophecies*

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- *Ps 34:20 “He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.”*
  - *John 19:36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, “Not one of His bones shall be broken.” NKJV*
- *Psalm 69:4 ... “They have hated me without a cause”*
  - *John 15:25 But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, ‘They hated Me without a cause.’ NKJV*

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- ***Ps 69:21 They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. NKJV***
  - ***Matt 27:48 Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. NKJV***
- ***Ps 109:8 Let his days be few, And let another take his office. NKJV***
  - ***Acts 1:18(Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. 19 And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the Book of Psalms: 'Let his dwelling place be desolate, And let no one live in it'; NKJV***

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*What do you think?*