

# Psalm 96

- I. [Call to Praise (1-4)]
  - A. Sing to Yahweh a new song
  - B. Sing to Yahweh all the earth
  - C. Sing to Yahweh, bless His Name
  - D. Herald His Name as glad tidings from day to day
- II. [Missionary Praise (3)]
  - A. Relate, recount, rehearse His glory among the nations
  - B. His wonderful deeds in all peoples
- III. [Reasons for Praise (4-6)]
  - A. Because Yahweh is great and very worthy to be praised
  - B. He is to be feared above all 'gods'
  - C. Because all of the 'gods' of the people are idols
  - D. But Yahweh made the heavens
  - E. Splendor and majesty are before Him
  - F. Strength and beauty are in His Holy Place
- IV. [Call to Praise (7-9a)]
  - A. Ascribe to Yahweh, tribes of peoples
  - B. Ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength
  - C. Ascribe to Yahweh the glory of His Name
  - D. Offer a tribute and enter His courts
  - E. Worship/bow down to Yahweh in holy splendor/attire<sup>1</sup>
- V. [Missionary Praise (9b-10)]
  - A. Writhe in agony from His face all the earth
  - B. Say among the nations, Yahweh reigns
  - C. Thus the world will be established, she will not be shaken
  - D. He will judge the peoples with uprightness
- VI. [Cosmic Praise (11-12)]
  - A. Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad
  - B. Let the sea thunder and its fullness
  - C. Let the field and everything in it exult
  - D. Then all of the trees of the forest will give a ringing cry before Him
- VII. [Reasons for Praise (13)]
  - A. Because He is coming
  - B. Because He is coming to judge the earth
  - C. He will judge the earth with righteousness
  - D. And peoples with His truth/faithfulness

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<sup>1</sup> Either priestly attire (so BDB) or splendor of God's 'attire' (so K-B).

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1 שִׁירוֹ לַיהוָה שִׁיר חֲדָשׁ  
adjmsa msa D.N.+ל QIpv2mp  
new song to Yahweh sing

שִׁירוֹ לַיהוָה כָּל-הָאָרֶץ  
msa+ה adj D.N.+ל QIpv2mp  
the earth all of to Yahweh sing

2<sup>2</sup> שִׁירוֹ לַיהוָה בְּרָכוּ שְׁמוֹ  
msa+3ms PiellPv2mp D.N.+ל QIpv2mp  
His Name bless, adore with bended knee to Yahweh sing

בְּשִׁירוֹ מִיּוֹם-לְיוֹם יְשׁוּעָתוֹ  
fsc+3ms msa+ל msa+מ PiellPv2mp  
His salvation to day from day herald as glad tidings

3 סִפְרוּ בְּגוֹיִם כְּבוֹדוֹ  
msa+3ms mpa+ב+ה PiellPv2mp  
His glory in, among the nations recount, rehearse, relate

בְּכָל-הָעַמִּים נִפְלְאוֹתָיו  
mpa+ה adj+ב NiphPtc+3ms  
Things being extraordinary, surpassing, wonderful acts in judgment and redemption the peoples in all

4 כִּי גָדוֹל יְהוָה וּמְהֻלָּל מְאֹד  
adv PualPtc+3ms D.N. msa conj  
very, much being worthy of praise, to be praised Yahweh (is) great in importance<sup>3</sup> because

הוּא עַל-כָּל-אֱלֹהִים נוֹרָא  
mpa adj prep 3ms NiphPtc+3ms  
gods all above<sup>4</sup> He (is) being feared, awesome, aweoful, dreadful, inspiring reverence<sup>5</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Cf. 1 Chron. 16:23ff..

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Psa. 48:2, 145:3.

5 כִּי כֹל־אֱלֹהֵי הָעַמִּים אֱלִילִים  
 mpa mpa+ה mpc adj conj  
 worthless things, idols the peoples gods of all of because

וַיְהִי וַעֲשֵׂה שָׁמַיִם  
 QPf3ms mpa D.N.+י  
 He made heavens and/but Yahweh

6 הוֹד־וְהוֹד־לְפָנָיו וְהוֹד־וְהוֹד־לְפָנָיו  
 msa msa+י msc+3ms+ל  
 divine splendor and majesty<sup>7</sup> splendor, majesty<sup>6</sup> to/belonging to His face

עֵז וְתִפְאֶרֶת בְּמִקְדָּשׁוֹ  
 msa fsa+י msc+3ms+ב  
 and beauty, glory strength In His holy place, sanctuary (are)

7 הָבוּ לַיהוָה מִשְׁפְּחוֹת עַמִּים  
 QIpv2mp D.N.+ל mpa fpc  
 give, ascribe<sup>8</sup> to Yahweh peoples tribes of

הָבוּ לַיהוָה כְּבוֹד וְעֵז  
 QIpv2mp D.N.+ל msa msa+י  
 give, ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength

8 הָבוּ לַיהוָה כְּבוֹד שְׁמוֹ  
 QIpv2mp D.N.+ל msc msc+3ms  
 give, ascribe to Yahweh glory of His name

<sup>4</sup> Cf. 89:8.

<sup>5</sup> Cf. Psa 47:3, 68:36, 76:8, Dt 7:21, 10:17.

<sup>6</sup> Cf. Psa 104:1, 29:4, 145:5.

<sup>7</sup> Cf. Job 40:10, Psa 111:3

<sup>8</sup> Cf. Psa 29:1,2.

לְחַצְרוֹתָיו      וּבָאוּ      מִנְחָה      שָׂאוּ-  
 fpc+3ms+ל      QIpv3mp+ו      fsa      QIpv3mp  
 to His courts      and enter      gift, tribute offering      carry, offer

קִדְּשׁ      בְּהַדְרַת-      לַיהוָה      9 הַשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ  
 msa      fsc+ב      D.N.+ל      HishtpIpv2mp  
 holiness, sacredness      in ornament, splendor, attire<sup>9</sup> of      to Yahweh      worship, bow down

כֻּל־הָאָרֶץ      מִפְּנֵי      חִילוֹ  
 msa      adjmsc      mpc+3ms+מ      QIpv2mp  
 the earth      all of      from His face      writhe in anguish

מֶלֶךְ      יְהוָה      בְּגוֹיִם      10 אָמְרוּ  
 QPf3ms      D.N.      mpa+ב+ה      QIpv2mp  
 He reigns/ is reigning      Yahweh      in/ among the nations      say

תִּמוּט      בַּל-      תִּבֵּל      תִּכּוֹן      אַף-  
 NiphIpf3fs      neg      fsa      NiphIpf3fs      conj  
 she will be shaken, moved<sup>10</sup>      not      world      she will be established      thus, yea

בְּמִישָׁרִים      עַמִּים      יִדִּין  
 mpa+ב      mpa      QIpf3ms  
 in/ with uprightness, equity<sup>11</sup>      peoples      He will judge, minister judgment

הָאָרֶץ      וְתִגַּל      הַשָּׁמַיִם      11 יִשְׂמְחוּ  
 msa+ה      QIpf(juss)3fs+ו      mpa+ה      QIpf(juss)3mp  
 the earth      and let her/she will be glad      the heavens      let them/they will rejoice

וּמְלֹאוֹ      הַיָּם      יִרְעֵם  
 msc+3ms+ו      msa+ה      QIpf(juss)3ms  
 and his fullness      the sea      let him/he will thunder

<sup>9</sup> Either priestly attire so BDB or splendor of God's 'attire' so Holliday.

<sup>10</sup> Cf. Psalms 93:1, 104:5, 125:1, 46:6.

<sup>11</sup> Cf. Psalms 9:9, 58:2, 75:3, 98:9, 99:4.

12 יַעֲלֹז אֲשֶׁר-וְכֹל-שָׂדֵי  
 3ms+ב rel.pron. adj+ו msa QIpf(juss)3ms  
 In him which and all field let him/he will exult

אֲז יִרְנְנוּ כֹל-עֵצֵי-יַעַר  
 msa Piellpf3mp adv  
 forest trees of all of they will give a ringing cry in praise then, thus

13 לְפָנַי יְהוָה כִּי בָא  
 QPtcpmsa conj D.N. prep  
 coming (He is) for, because Yahweh before

כִּי בָא לְשַׁפֵּט הָאָרֶץ  
 conj QPtcpmsa QInfcs msa+ה  
 coming to judge (He is) for, because the earth

יִשְׁפֹּט-תֵּבֵל בְּצֶדֶק  
 QIpf3ms msa msa+ב  
 He will judge earth in/with righteousness

וְעַמִּים בְּאַמוֹנָתוֹ  
 mpa+ו fsc+3ms+ב  
 and peoples in/with His firmness, steadfastness, fidelity