

Psalm 67

This psalm is paired with the declaration of the character of God in **Exodus 34:6-7** - when God "proclaimed the Name of the Lord."

This psalm is a prayer that His "way" would be known throughout the earth.

Psalm 67:1 - "God be merciful to us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine on us; Selah"

See the priestly blessing - **Numbers 6:24**

Psalm 67:2 - "That your way may be known on earth, your saving health among all nations."

"saving health" = *yěshuw`ah* - salvation, deliverance.

yěšūā' was a common Aramaic/Hebrew alternative form of the name "Yehoshua" (Joshua) The name corresponds to the Greek spelling *lesous*, from which, through the Latin *lesus*, comes the English spelling Jesus.

- **Matthew 1:21** - "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

- **John 14:6** - "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

- **Zechariah 8:23** - "In those days ten men out of all nations shall take hold of the skirt of a Jew, saying, We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."

Psalm 67:3 - "Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you."

i.e. all the peoples of the earth

"praise" = *yadah* - to use the hand (to throw something), to offer up praise, give thanks but it can also mean to confess

Targum: "the people shall confess before thee, O God; all the people shall confess before thee"

Confession and praise are linked, when we know sins are forgiven!

Psalm 67:4 - "O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah."

judge = *shaphat* - to judge, to I, either to vindicate or punish, to condemn the guilty or

defend the weak and powerless.

- **Revelation 19:1-2** - "After this I heard a sound like the roar of a great multitude in heaven, shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God! 2For His judgments are true and righteous..."

govern = *nachah* - to lead or guide. Like a shepherd:

- **Psalm 23:2-3** - "The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. 3He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake."

Psalm 67:5 - "Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you."

Repeated for emphasis.

Psalm 67:6 - "Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us."

See **Psalm 22:26-27** - "The afflicted will eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever! All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations will worship before You."

- **Leviticus 26:3-5** - "If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely."

In this instance, it's talking about a spiritual harvest.

- **John 4:35** - "Do you not say, 'There are still four months until the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are ripe for harvest."

- **Ezekiel 34:23-24** - "Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd. "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David will be prince among them"

Some of the Church Fathers saw the "increase" as referring to Christ.

- **Luke 1:42** - "In a loud voice she exclaimed, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!'"

What was the blessing?

- **Acts 3:26** - "Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you,

in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

Psalm 67:7 - "God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him."

- **Hosea 3:5** - "Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days."

- **Isaiah 11:12** - "And He will lift up a standard for the nations and assemble the banished ones of Israel, And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth"