

Psalm 92

"A Psalm or Song for the sabbath day."

Many of the Jewish writers think that this psalm was written by the first man Adam, and so the Targum, "a hymn or song which the first man said for the sabbath day."

They say it was made by him quickly after his creation, and his ejection from paradise. But the content points to David as author.

(See Zohar in Gen. fol. 43. 2. Vajikra Rabba, s. 10. fol. 153. 4. See the Targum in Cant. i. 1.)

Some Jewish writers refer it to the world to come, which will be all sabbath, even to the days of the Messiah, as Rashi and others.

- **Hebrews 4:9-10** - "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Psalm 92:1 - "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High"

Psalm 92:4-5 - "For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands. O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep."

By resting from my own works, I am able to see and comprehend the mighty works of God, and triumph in them.

Psalm 92:6-7 - "A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this. When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever:"

Sin makes us brutish like the animals. We sin through our self-effort and self-exertion. This is why an understanding of the Sabbath rest is essential.

Psalm 92:8-9 - "But thou, LORD, art most high for evermore. For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered."

The Targum adds, in the world to come: "all the workers of iniquity shall be separated from the congregation of the righteous"

By being at rest, I am able to see the end of things - the wicked and evil will be destroyed, God will triumph.

Psalm 92:10 - "But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn (wild ox): I shall

be anointed with fresh oil."

- **Hebrews 1:8-9** - "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Psalm 92:12-15 - "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him."

Fruit - fat - flourishing - all refer to the palm trees.

Like Rashi and some of the other rabbis (Zohar in Leviticus 7. 1.), I think this points to the days of Messiah - seeing the old age or "everlasting life" of being planted in the House of the Lord, the New Jerusalem. This is the picture in **Ezekiel 47:1** and **Revelation 22:1**, **Psalm 46:4**, and **Joel 3:18** of God's people flourishing by streams of water flowing from the Temple.