

PSALM 47

God is pictured as the great King over all the earth (vv. 2 & 7) - He rules the universe and everything in it: cf. Ps. 24:1; Lk. 12:18-20. It is thought that this was first written for use in the Temple liturgy.

- Verse 1 “Clap your hands...” - 2 Ki. 11:12
A. “all peoples” - Means what it says. Recall 46:10.
B. “Shout to God with loud songs of joy!” - Because of Deut. 4:35 & 39 ; Is. 40:6-8, 10-11; 45:18 ; Lk. 12:32 - Jn. 3:16.
- Verse 2 “...the Lord, Most High, is to be feared (Ps. 119:120)...” and that because He is “...king over all the earth.” Job 12:10; Ps. 103:19; 115:3; Prov. 5:21-23; 16:9; 19:21 - Is. 45:5-7 - Dan. 4:17 - Matt. 24:29-31 - Rev. 22:10-13.
- Verse 3 “subdued peoples under us.” Think of all He subdued in the process of establishing Israel. Think of what He will subdue on the day of His return (see Heb. 12:26-29).
- Verse 4 “The pride of Jacob” - God’s people had reason to be proud of their heritage - a glorious land (Ez. 20:6), and ultimately I Pet. 2:9.
- Verse 5 “God has gone up with a shout...”
A. A figurative way of saying that after God comes down to perform a certain task He goes up to His throne on high in a shout of victory.
B. This Psalm is used in the celebration of Christ’s Ascension.
- Verses 6-8 Take us back to verses 1-2.
- Verse 9 “The princes of peoples” - non-Israelites who join in worship in fulfillment of Gen. 12:2,3; 17:1-5. Leaders who shielded and shield God’s people.

We clap our hands and shout for joy to God for all He has done, is doing and will do to preserve His people who are His in Christ!