

THERE IS A NATURAL CRESCENDO IN THE NEW SONG
FOR GOD'S PROPER CHOIR. IT IS NOT SIMPLY A PIECE
NEWLY COMPOSED, BUT A RESPONSE THAT WILL
MATCH THE FRESHNESS OF HIS MERCIES, WHICH ARE
NEW EVERY MORNING.

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Sing a new song to the LORD;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² Sing to Yahweh, praise His name;
proclaim His salvation from day to day.

³ Declare His glory among the nations,
His wonderful works among all peoples.

⁴ For the LORD is great and is highly praised;
He is feared above all gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶ Splendor and majesty are before Him;
strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸ Ascribe to Yahweh the glory of His name;
bring an offering and enter His courts.

⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness;
tremble before Him, all the earth.

¹⁰ Say among the nations: "The LORD reigns.
The world is firmly established; it cannot be shaken.
He judges the peoples fairly."

¹¹ Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;
let the sea and all that fills it resound.

¹² Let the fields and everything in them exult.
Then all the trees of the forest will shout for joy

¹³ before the LORD, for He is coming—
for He is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with His faithfulness.

GREAT IS THE LORD *PSALM 96*

This psalm is found in another version in 1 Chronicles 16:23-33, where parts of Psalm 96, Psalm 105 and Psalm 106 are used. It was common for Jewish leaders to combine portions of psalms to build their own psalm for a special occasion.

In the Chronicle version, the psalm (probably all three) are attributed to David. The heading of the Septuagint contains the same inscription.

In Chronicles, David is appointing some of the Levites to minister before the Ark of the Covenant. Some theologians see this combination being used again at the rededication of the Temple after Babylon.

Ultimately the psalm looks ahead to the Kingdom when the Messiah reigns among the Gentile nations who will now worship the God of Israel.

Indeed – the King is coming!

