

Psalm 72 (KGF)

► Ruling in Righteousness & Justice on behalf of the Afflicted & Poor

1 God, your **justices** to (the) king, give,
and your **righteousness** to the son of (the) king.
2 May he execute-judgment (for) your people with **rightness**,
and (for) your **afflicted**, with **justice**.
3 Let the mountains bear peace to the people,
and the hills, in **righteousness**.
4 May he (favorably) judge (the) **afflicted** of (the) people;
may he deliver (the) children of (the) **needy**,
and may he crush (the) one-oppressing.

12 For he will rescue (the) **needy**
-- the one-crying-for-help,
and the afflicted,
and the one for whom there is no helper.
13 He will have compassion on (the) poor and (the) **needy**,
and the lives of the **needy** he will deliver.
14 From injury and violence, he will redeem their life,
and their blood will be precious in his sight.

► Respect & Renown for the King

5 Let them fear you with (the) sun,
and before (the) moon (for) the generation of generations.

17 May his name be forever;
before (the) sun may his name increase (or, "be propagated"),
and let (the people) bless-themselves by him;
all the nations, let them be blessed-with-happiness by him

► King's Ruling makes Nature & Society Flourish

6 May he come-down like rain upon (the land-to be) mown,
like abundant-showers (that) water (the) earth.
7 May the **righteous** (person) flourish in his days,
and (in) abundance of peace until (the) moon is no more.

16 May there be abundance of grain in the earth
on top(s) of (the) mountains;
Its fruit will wave like [the cedars of] Lebanon,
and may those from the city blossom
like the vegetation of the earth.

► King's Universal Rule results in Homage

8 And may he rule from sea to sea,
and from the (Euphrates) River to the ends of (the) earth.
9 Before him may the desert-dwellers bow-down,
and his enemies, may they lick (the) dust.
10 The kings of Tarshish [Spain] and the [Mediterranean] islands,
may they give-in-payment (their) tribute.
The kings of Sheba [SW Arabia] and Seba' [Arabia or Ethiopia],
may they bring-near (their) gift.
11 And may all kings bow to him;
all nations,] may they serve him.

15 And may he live,
and may it be given to him from the gold of Sheba,
and they will pray on his behalf continually;
all the day, may they bless him.

18 Blessed be Yahweh God
--the God of Israel,
the one who, alone, does wonders.
19 And blessed be the name of his glory forever,
and may his glory fill all the earth..
Amen, and Amen.

► *Future Return of the Kingdom*

4:8 You, . . . the hill of the daughter of Zion
to you it will come,
yes, the former **dominion** will come,
the **kingdom** of the daughter of Jerusalem.

► *Current lack of King & Suffering*

4:9 Now why do you cry out aloud?
Is there **no king** in you?
Has your **counselor** perished,
that pains have taken hold of you
as of a woman in travail?
10a Be in pain, and labor to give birth, daughter of Zion,
like a woman in travail;
for now you will go out of the city,
and will dwell in the field,
and will come even to Babylon.

► *Future Deliverance*

4:10b There you will be rescued.
There Yahweh will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

► *Current Suffering*

11 Now many nations have assembled against you,
that say, "Let her be defiled,
and let our eye gloat over Zion."

► *Future Deliverance*

12 But they don't know the thoughts of Yahweh,
neither do they understand his counsel;
for he has gathered them like the sheaves to the threshing floor.

► *Current Suffering*

5:1b He has laid siege against us.
They will strike the **judge** of Israel
with a rod on the cheek.

► *Future Deliverance*

5:2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
being small among the clans of Judah,
out of you one will come out to me that is to **be ruler in Israel**;
whose goings out are from of old, from ancient times.

► *Current Suffering*

5:3 Therefore he will abandon them until the time
that she who is in labor gives birth.
Then the rest of his brothers will return
to the children of Israel.

► *Future Deliverance*

5:4 He shall stand, and shall **shepherd** in the strength of Yahweh,
in the majesty of the name of Yahweh his God:
and they will live, for then he will be great to the ends of the earth.