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## Psalm 117

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## Psalm 117.

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### Topics.

- Praise and extol the LORD, all nations.
- Pray without ceasing.
- Jesus returns in glory as, King of kings and Lord of lords.

**FOR INFORMATION:** concerning people, places and the meaning of words see the title: "Map Locations and People of the Bible," and the title: "Bible Dictionary" on Website Menu.

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### INTRODUCTION

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Psalms are songs and prayers offered to God by the nation Israel, they cover the range of human emotion, expressing praise, faith, victory, sorrow, despair, depression, frustration and the troubled heart of a mourner. They contrast the righteous with the wicked, and include the wisdom and the treasure of God's word. Psalms were written at the beginning of the 15th century BC and probably collected in their final form in the 3rd century.

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### BOOK FIVE (PSALM 107-150)

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#### Praise and Extol the LORD, all Nations.

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- **Psalm 117:1-2:** Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! <sup>2</sup>For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

These two verses are the entire Psalm. The Bible is primarily about man's way back to God, deliverance from eternal death, forgiveness of sin and eternal life. If a billionaire came to you and said he was going to give you one billion dollars, nothing else in the world would matter to you, all your financial problems would be solved for all your remaining years, you could have whatever you desired, that is how valuable the prophets, the apostles and the faithful of the Old and New Testament viewed God's gift of eternal life. In the eyes of the faithful of the Old and New Testament everything else pales before God's gift of eternal life, it is because of this gift that supersedes everything the world can give they are able to thank and extol the LORD always.

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### PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

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Paul told Christians "to pray without ceasing," (1 Thess. 5:17) this does not mean, hide in a closet and pray all day, (no-one has time to do this, nor does God expect it of anyone, rather it means that no matter what you are doing always be talking to God and praising Him in your mind. Let the chatter of self-talk that is constantly flowing through the mind be in communion and in prayer with God and the Lord Jesus Christ as you go about your daily work. To explain the words, "pray without ceasing" a faithful Christian woman wrote: think of a mother who has a child who is ill with a fever. Finally, the fever breaks and the mother and child settle down for some much-needed sleep. Not a noise from the television, from the street, or from the phone could awaken that mother, but one whimper

from her child and she's awake, right? That's because even when she is asleep, she is in tune with that child—just as we are to be with God...constantly communing and attuned to His voice and praising and talking to Him in the silent world of our thoughts. Prayer to us should be as natural and continual as breathing. A devoted and faithful Christian teacher asked her classroom the following question: "Do you 'have a prayer life or are you living a praying life?" Think about the difference.

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## JESUS RETURNS IN GLORY

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The ultimate fulfillment of these two verses will be when Jesus returns in glory as, King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16) to rule and reign from God's Holy City Jerusalem (on Mount Zion God's Holy Mountain) to destroy the antichrist and his kingdom and establish God's Kingdom on earth during his glorious millennial reign. The dead in Christ (Old and New Testament) and the faithful, who are alive, will be gathered together in the first resurrection (Rev. 20:4-6) to rule and reign as kings and priests with the Lord over those nations who are left outside the Holy City of God. Christ the King united with his people will not only bring peace to the Middle East, but establish God's Kingdom of steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, joy and peace throughout the world and the glory of God will cover the earth. Jesus will do justice to the poor and oppressed, he will be a faithful and compassionate King forever. He will not allow anyone to strike terror in the earth or use lies and deception to enlarge their own wealth and power. The land will abundantly produce and even the deserts will flourish. The animals will not feed on each other and even the lamb will be able to lie down with the wolf and everyone will eat of their own hands because all that they plant will produce. All nations the LORD has made will come and worship before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will glorify God's Name, proclaiming the LORD is great and does wondrous things and that He alone is God.

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The book of Revelation states:

- Jesus Christ, the faithful witness who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father is coming in glory and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him and all kindreds of the earth (Revelation 1:5-7).

In Revelation chapter five we are told that:

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he redeemed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

The great prophet Isaiah wrote:

- They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:9).

At the end of this glorious Kingdom age God descends to earth on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead. They stand before God and are judged according to what is written in certain heavenly books according to what they have done. Death and those counted unworthy are cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal destruction (i.e., total extinction) (also called the, Second Death) (Rev. 20:11-15). Christ hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its fullness and majestic royal glory.

For further information see titles:

- Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).
- The Second Resurrection or Great White Throne Judgment.

In, Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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