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Psalm 14

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Psalm 14.

Topics.

- The fool says in his heart, "there is no God."
- Fools have no knowledge they eat up God's people and do not seek God.
- Salvation for Israel will come out of Zion! When God restores His people.

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.

INTRODUCTION

Psalms are songs and prayers offered to God by the nation Israel, they consist of five books covering 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.

BOOK ONE (PSALM 1-41)

PSALM 14:1-3

To the Choirmaster of David.

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The Fool says in his Heart, "There is no God."

- **Psalm 14:1-3:** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good. ²The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. ³They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

The statement, "There is none who does good," does not refer to every man, woman and child on planet earth, it refers to those:

- Who consciously deny the existence of God.
- Who are corrupt and persecute and destroy God's people.
- Who oppress the helpless for their own gain.
- Who do not care about the less fortunate or the poor.
- Who deliberately pervert justice for their own advantage.
- Who afflict others with hurt and harm for their own personal gain.

The people David has in his mind are his enemies and the enemies of God and the enemies of the harmless, the innocent, the helpless, the poor and enemies of all, who do-good. These are the people David calls fools. We know this Psalm is not a blanket statement of every man woman and child on planet earth because David is righteous and there has always been a faithful remnant in every generation. There has never been a time in history when no one on earth believed in God and no one did what was right.

PSALM 14:4-6

Fools have no Knowledge they eat up God's people and do Not Seek God.

- **Psalm 14:4-6:** They (the fools) have no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD? ⁵There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous. ⁶You would shame the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge.

God is with the generation of the righteous, meaning those who believe in God and do-good. In every generation there has always been those who seek God, are faithful to Him and prepared to lay their lives down for His name, there has never been a time on earth when not one man or woman is seeking after God. At one point the great prophet Elijah felt he was the only faithful man remaining, but God soon corrected his mistaken perception telling him there is another seven thousand others who belong to Him (Psalm 14).

- Elijah said: "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and *I, even I only, am left*, and they seek my life, to take it away." (1 Kings 19:10).
- The LORD tells Elijah: "I have left seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." (1 Kings 19:18).

Paul in his letters to the Romans references Elijah in the following verse:

- Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and *I (Elijah) alone am left*, and they seek my life." ⁴But what is God's reply to him? "*I have kept for myself seven thousand men* who have not bowed the knee to Baal." (Romans 11:3-5).

From Genesis to now there has never been a time when God has not had a faithful remnant devoted to Him and living a lifestyle that honours His name even if meant their death.

PSALM 14:7

Salvation for Israel will come out of Zion! When God restores His People.

- **Psalm 14:7:** Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

Here is the majestic wonder and glory of Scripture, contained in this one prophetic verse is a faint echo of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, and a faint echo of his return 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 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.

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).

And 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).

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.

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FOOTNOTE

The scope of this psalm is almost the same as the Psalm 53.

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