

Psalm 96

- I. [Call to Praise] (1-4)
 - A. Sing to Yahweh a new song (1a)
 - B. Sing to Yahweh all the earth (1b)
 - C. Sing to Yahweh¹, bless His Name (2a)
 - D. Herald His salvation as glad tidings from day to day (2b)
- II. [Missionary Praise] (3)
 - A. Relate, recount, rehearse His glory among the nations (3a)
 - B. [Relate] His wonderful deeds in all peoples (3b)
- III. [Reasons for Praise] (4-6)
 - A. Because Yahweh is great² and very worthy to be praised (4a)
 - B. He is to be feared³ above⁴ all 'gods' (4b)
 - C. Because all of the 'gods' of the people are idols/worthless things (5a)
 - D. But Yahweh, He made the heavens (5b)
 - E. Splendor⁵ and majesty⁶ are before Him (6a)
 - F. Strength and beauty are in His Holy Place (6b)
- IV. [Call to Praise] (7-9a)
 - A. Ascribe to Yahweh, tribes of peoples (7a)
 - B. Ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength (7b)
 - C. Ascribe to Yahweh the glory of His Name (8a)
 - D. Offer a tribute and enter His courts (8b)
 - E. Worship/bow down to Yahweh in holy splendor/attire⁷ (9a)
- V. [Missionary Praise] (9b-10)
 - A. Writhe in agony from His face/away from Him all the earth (9b)
 - B. Say among the nations, Yahweh reigns (10a)
 - C. Thus the world will be established, she will not be shaken (10b)
 - D. He will judge the peoples with uprightness (10c)
- VI. [Cosmic Praise] (11-12)
 - A. Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad (11a)
 - B. Let the sea thunder and its fullness (11b)
 - C. Let the field and everything in it exult (12a)
 - D. Then all of the trees of the forest will give a ringing cry before the Lord. (12b)

¹ Cf. 1 Chron. 16:23ff..

² Cf. Psa. 48:2, 145:3.

³ Cf. Psa 47:3, 68:36, 76:8, Dt 7:21, 10:17.

⁴ Cf. 89:8.

⁵ Cf. Job 40:10, Psa 111:3

⁶ Cf. Psa 104:1, 29:4, 145:5.

⁷ Either priestly attire (so BDB) or splendor of God's 'attire' (so K-B).

VII. [Reasons for Praise] (13)

A. Because He is coming (13a)

B. Because He is coming to judge the earth (13b)

C. He will judge the earth with righteousness (13c)

D. And [He will judge] peoples with His truth/faithfulness (13d)