

Psalm 87

A Song for the People of the New Jerusalem

Verse 6 - *The Lord recounts, enrolling the peoples, this one was born there.*

Verse 7 - *And They are singing while dancing "All my fountains are in you."*

The Song begins with a Mountain and ends with _____.

This is the Celebration of the City of Zion, the New Jerusalem. There is a festival going on and they are praising God and saying that the Lord has granted them with life-giving water.

The New Jerusalem

Note the similarities with other scriptures:

Isaiah 2:2-5

Isaiah 4:2-6

Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah 65: 17-25

Revelation 21:1

How do you get a new birth in Zion?

This was Nicodemus' question in John 3.

If you trust in Christ, then we welcome you to _____.

Life Group Questions

1. In 87:1, what mountain is spoken of as a holy mountain?
2. What does Zion symbolize?
3. Where was the dwelling place of king David? (Name of a mountain)
4. What is "Jacob" referring to in Psalm 87?
5. What could verse 3 be looking forward to?
6. Who is Rahab in verse 4?
7. Who were some of the countries mentioned who were opposed to the Jews? Can you name any Bible stories associated with each country?
8. What is verse 5 speaking of about people being born in Zion?
9. What must happen for you to have your name recorded in the book of verse 6?
10. What is verse 7 describing? What is the Water? How does the water relate to the Water of Life in John 4:7-15?
11. How do the various countries listed in this Psalm as the people belonging to Zion speak to the issue of racism?

There is _____ parallelism, in which ideas are set to contrast one another.

Proverbs 10:1

There is _____ parallelism, which contains a building crescendo of ideas.

Matthew 5:2-11

There is _____ parallelism, which restates something with different words.

There is no clearer example of synonymous parallelism anywhere in Scripture than in the benediction in Numbers 6, where the same thing is said three different ways.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV)

Historical Recap of the Message of the Old Testament:

Covenant with _____:

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Abraham was given a commission made up of 2 commands and 6 promises

Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV)

- Go (command)

1. *I will make you into a great nation (promise)*

2. *I will bless you (promise)*

3. *I will make your name great (promise)*

- Be a blessing (command)

1. *I will bless those who bless you (promise)*

2. *I will curse him who curses you (promise)*

3. *In you all the families of the earth will... (promise)*

Genesis 12:18-21

Genesis 12:8

Covenant with _____:

10 Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)

Leviticus 26:9

Exodus 24:8

Exodus 24:12

Covenant with _____:

2 Samuel 7:8-9

1 Chronicles 21:26

Citizenship in Israel:

The nation of Israel was a nation of immense _____. To belong to the people of Israel was to belong to the people in a covenant relationship with God, who promised to protect his people and cause them to prosper and be blessed.

Deuteronomy 28

Notice that these blessings were contingent on _____

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The Structure of the Psalm

1. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah, a Song:

What has been *founded by him* is on holy mountains

A

2. The Lord loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwelling places of Jacob

B

4. I will mention Rahab and Babylon
As those who know me
behold Philistia and Tyre, with Cush
This one was born there

C

5. And he will speak concerning Zion
each and every one
Was born in her

The Most High himself has established her

B

6. The Lord recounts
enrolling the peoples
This one was born there (Selah)

A

And Singers while dancing say
All of my fountains are in you.



Please note:

A - "in you" (verse 3)

B - "there" (verse 4)

C - "In her" (verse 5)

B - "there" (verse 6)

A - "in you" (verse 7)

Verse 1 - The Sons of Korah - Wrote Psalms 42-49; 84, 85, 87, 88, 89

What has been founded by him is on holy mountains

Verse 2 - The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob

Gates is a _____ where the part stands for the whole.

Verse 3 - Glorious things have been spoken about you, City of God

The context is indicating us to look future. Prompting the question, "What does the Lord have in store for this city? Lately, she had not been doing well, and was actually almost conquered in 701 BC.

Verse 4 - I will mention Rahab and Babylon As those who know me, behold Philistia and Tyre, with Cush, This one was born there.

_____ is the name of a the Mythical Sea Monster in the Ancient Near East (area around Israel)

Egypt's help is worthless and empty; therefore I have called her "Rahab who sits still." Isaiah 3:7 (ESV)

The enumeration of the five names is not intended to be exclusive. Rather, the whole world is in view, with Zion proclaimed as the centre of navel of the earth. The four names that are mentioned correspond to and mark the four compass points, West (Egypt), East (Babylon), North (Philistia and Tyre) and South (Cush)

Verse 5 - And he will speak concerning Zion, each and every one, was born in her The Most High himself has established her.

God is giving out _____