Psalm 97:1-12 Yahweh Reigns in the Kingdom of God

A Song of Praise to the Sovereign LORD

- 1. Yahweh (The LORD) reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad!
- ² Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of His throne.
- ³ A fire goes before Him, And burns up His enemies round about.
- ⁴ His lightnings light the world; The earth sees and trembles.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax at the presence of Yahweh (The LORD), At the presence of Adown (the LORD) of the whole earth.
- ⁶ The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples see His glory.
- ⁷ Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, Who boast of idols. Worship Him, all *you* 'elohiym (gods).
- ⁸ Zion hears and is glad, And the daughters of Judah rejoice Because of Your judgments, O Yahweh (LORD).
- ⁹ For You, Yahweh (LORD), *are* most high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all 'elohiym (gods).
- ¹⁰ You who love Yahweh (The LORD), hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light is sown for the righteous, And gladness for the upright in heart.
- ¹² Rejoice in Yahweh (The LORD), you righteous, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

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A Psalm picturing the Kingdom of God

- ❖ ·Yahweh (The LORD) reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad! Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of His throne. [Psalm 97:1-2]
 - ♦ Yahweh reigns in righteousness and justice the entire earth will rejoice and be glad.
 - ♦ Truth of the Kingdom Age.
- ☆ A fire goes before Him, And burns up His enemies round about.

His lightnings light the world; The earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of Yahweh (The LORD), At the presence of Adown (the LORD) of the whole earth.

The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples see His glory. [Psalm 97:3-6]

→ Judgment will precede the reign of righteousness as He purges the earth of all that offends Him. [Malachi 3:1-5, Matthew 13:37-43]

- ♦ All people will see His glory.
- ★ Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, Who boast of idols. Worship Him, all you 'elohiym (gods). [Psalm 97:7]
 - ♦ They will cast away all idols. [Isaiah 2:20-21]
- - For You, Yahweh (LORD), *are* most high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all 'elohiym (gods). [Psalm 97:8-9]
 - ♦ Joy in Zion
- You who love Yahweh (The LORD), hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.
 - Light is sown for the righteous, And gladness for the upright in heart.
 - Rejoice in Yahweh (The LORD), you righteous, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. [Psalm 97:10-12]
 - ♦ Time of rejoicing for the Saints.