

Book of Revelation – A Case Study --Psalm 67 in Conjunction with Revelation 15

Series REV-48

Psalm 67 – May God’s Face Shine Upon Us.

When I came across this Psalm a few years ago and saw it for what it was, I was awed what the Lord revealed. Though not quite as “Ah-Ha” as Psalm 22, yet very profound. And as you each have experienced, there are deep gems in God’s word, the more we look at various passages, the more we are awed, the more we glorify Him. Truly, the Lord has done this because He desires us to be forever ‘awed’ with Him, for we will be studying this book and His awesome character throughout eternal ages. Praise His name!

I’ve decided to diagram this out in typical Hebrew fashion. But unlike most other chiasmic structures, few are as close to being perfect as this one. Further, as we will see on Monday night, there is layers of depth in this Psalm deeper than we will probe, but enough to rejoice and show our appreciation for how Great King Jesus IS.

Following one who has given SDAs an understanding of a unique Bible study method, I’ve chosen in his honor, to not rob you of the joy of self-discovery, which comes from using the ‘Inductive Method’ for it truly is a joy!

If you’ve not read the chapter, read it. If you have, read it again and do so in the KJV. Then let’s plunge in...

Thou Shalt Judge and Govern Nations (Psalm 67:4)

This chapter in a nutshell summarizes the plan of salvation. Notice we have mirror image thought in verse 1 and 6, 7. Also verse 3 and 5 are perfect image passages, as the diagram on the next page reveals.

In vs. 1, where the psalmist is speaking in first position plural, but then switches to second position plural.

“God be merciful to us, and bless us” (1st position plural)

“cause His face to shine upon us.” (2nd position plural)

As deep students of the word, we should at least note a difference here and question, why, even if we don’t research it presently? (Make a note for future study.) But our focus is on more profound concepts in the next verse.

Verse 2 is very unique for a number of reasons. On the following page, lets especially explore two major concepts coming out.

- Q.1 These two concepts are stated as follows:
- “That thy way may be known upon the earth.”
 - “Thy saving health among all nations.”

Is there biblical support for ‘the way’ of God and where is that way? (give book chp and verse and if you have a second witness, list it to) _____

In part b, it states ‘Thy saving health’ which is unique in Scripture. Why do you think David, the Psalmist would use that phrase—‘thy saving health’—here in this passage or why at all? _____

Is there a tie (connection) to the question in part a, and if so, how is that Connection? _____

- Q.2 Note that in verse 3 and 5 the psalmist repeats himself verbatim, not by accident. This is deliberate. Notice the theme spills over into verse 4.
- What people is David referring to here? (Believers, heathen or both) and
 - What is that theme in one word? _____.

Now the deeper thought-provoking question [The Lord wants us to think when studying His word, asking discerning questions to arrive at the truth.]

The subject matter of verse 4, is surrounded by this theme in the prior question, why? {i.e. what does the Lord want us to pick up on in the heart of this chapter?} [Hint: we discussed this subject at some length in last week’s study on Rev 15. Remember there is a link in this case study with our current analysis of Rev 15.]

What is the time period of verse 4? [i.e when shall “God judge the people righteously, and govern the people upon earth? Or is this two separate time periods?] _____

- Q.3 What triggers verse 6. {i.e. when does the earth yield her increase?} [hint: pay attention to the diagram on the next page, notice what correlates with this verse and what that relationship is?] _____

- Q.4 Is there a connection between verse six, especially the last two words with Psalm 22:27, and Rev 15:4? _____, and if so, what is it? _____
Who ultimately is this group of people here referred to? _____

*We will discuss this great chapter in our Monday night study.
May He who is the focus here guide us into deeper truths.*

Psalm 67

God Shall Judge the People Righteously

A God be merciful and **ble^ss us**. *Selah*

B That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.

C Let the people **prai^se** Thee, O God;
Let all the people **prai^se** Thee.

D Thou shalt judge the people righteously

D and govern the nations upon earth. *Selah*

C Let the people **prai^se** Thee, O God;
Let all the people **prai^se** Thee.

B Then shall the earth yield her increase;
God, our own God shall **ble^ss us**.

A God shall **ble^ss us**; and all the ends of
the earth shall fear Him.