

International Bible Lessons Commentary
Psalms 110:1-7

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The **International Bible Lesson** (*Uniform Sunday School Lessons Series*) for **Sunday, March 16, 2014**, is from **Psalms 110:1-7**. Please Note: Some churches will only study **Psalms 110:1-4**. This commentary is the first part of a two part Bible Lesson that includes Acts 2:22-27, 29-32. **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** follow the verse-by-verse *International Bible Lesson Commentary* below. **Study Hints for Thinking Further**, a study guide for teachers, discusses the five questions below to help with class preparation and in conducting class discussion; these hints are available on the **International Bible Lessons Commentary** website. The weekly *International Bible Lesson* is posted each Saturday before the lesson is scheduled to be taught.

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(Psalms 110:1) Of David. A Psalm. The LORD says to my lord, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.”

The “LORD” is Yahweh or Jehovah (God the Father). In this verse, the “lord” is the Son of God, Jesus the Messiah before He was born and came to earth in human flesh. David saw God the Father speaking to His Son in heaven. King David saw and called the Messiah his lord, even before the Messiah was born. The Bible teaches that the Son of God existed before He was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the virgin Mary. David also heard Yahweh (God the Father) say to Jesus the Messiah that following the completion of His redeeming work on the cross and resurrection, Jesus would be invited to sit at Yahweh’s right hand, and Yahweh would put the enemies of His Son under His feet as easily as people place a footstool under their feet to rest.

(Psalms 110:2) The LORD sends out from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your foes.

The LORD gave Moses the Law on a mountain. David saw that the good news of Jesus the Messiah and His kingly rule would be proclaimed from Mount Zion. Jesus’ disciples preached beginning from Jerusalem throughout Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. Raised from the dead and reigning as King at the right hand of God, Jesus defeated His enemies and His divine and kingly rule in the Kingdom of God extends His authority and influence in the midst of His foes. His followers also preach in the midst of His enemies, but He remains King of the universe and someday those who refuse to repent and remain His foes will be under His feet.

(Psalms 110:3) Your people will offer themselves willingly on the day you lead your forces on the holy mountains. From the womb of the morning, like dew, your youth will come to you.

For almost 2,000 years, the disciples of Jesus the Messiah and all who have come to faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior have done so willingly and without compulsion. They have seen or heard of His miraculous works, wise teachings, sacrificial death, resurrection, and offer of forgiveness and eternal life. The Book of Revelation confirms David's psalm and reveals that Jesus will lead His forces when He comes again; furthermore, those who trust in Him will follow Him as their divine Leader on the earth. When the new day of Jesus' reign begins at His second coming, youth as numerous as the morning dew will come to Him, He will restore the youthfulness of all His followers, and He will reign with the strength and vigor of one who is young.

(Psalms 110:4) The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

The LORD, God the Father, has sworn to Jesus the Messiah, the ruler in the line of King David, that He is also a priest. According to the Law of Moses, only Levites could be priests in Israel; therefore, a king in the line of Judah (in the line of David) could not also be a priest. Therefore, the LORD has made Jesus a priest according to the order

of Melchizedek, who received a tithe from father Abraham. The priestly order of Melchizedek existed long before God established the Levitical priesthood under Moses. Jesus is both our sacrifice for sins and our high priest. Jesus reigns as King at the right hand of God; as our Priest in heaven in the order of Melchizedek, Jesus intercedes for all of His followers and hears our prayers.

(Psalms 110:5) The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ will use their kingly power to shatter the rulers who insist on opposing God, on opposing the truth and love of God, on opposing those who do His will and obey His moral law. Jesus the Messiah, “the Lord at God’s right hand” will come again someday and shatter the worldly leaders who oppose God’s kingdom. In spite of His loving sacrifice in their behalf, some will not be won to faith in Jesus Christ; instead, they will commit themselves to opposing Christ and His efforts to bring peace into the world through His faithful followers. Over time, the patience of God will cease to be a virtue and He will stop showing patience to rebels and sinners. When the time for judgment, “the day of his wrath,” has come, He will shatter those who live in unrighteousness.

(Psalms 110:6) He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter heads over the wide earth.

Some have thought that God does not exist because evil continues to exist in our world. However, King David saw that God would eventually execute judgment and remove all evil from the world. God holds all nations and all leaders accountable to Him. God will judge all nations and leaders, and He will shatter the heads (every nation's disobedient rulers) and remove those who persist in doing evil. Sometimes God judges by giving nations over to doing what evil leaders and evil nations do, allowing them to eventually suffer the natural consequences of their behavior. David foresaw that a time will come when even those who have doubted His existence and have lived to themselves will witness the justice of God in God's judgment upon the earth and all His foes. God will execute this last judgment after Jesus returns to earth.

(Psalms 110:7) He will drink from the stream by the path; therefore he will lift up his head.

After God has brought judgment upon His enemies and the enemies of His people, He will restore the whole earth, even purifying its streams. Jesus and all of His followers will be able to safely and peacefully drink water along any path without fear of the water or attacks from enemies. The Messiah will lift up His head in peace along with all of His followers. As Jesus told the woman He met at the well, streams of living water will flow from Him to all of His people (John 4:10). Today, His followers can enjoy the spiritual water that comes from Him, and a day will come when He will make all natural streams will flow with clear pure water.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

Since this is the first of a two part lesson series, only 2 of the 5 Study Questions will be asked below.

1. In Psalm 110, what indicates that King David was also among the prophets of God?
2. What can happen to those who persist in remaining the enemies of God and His Messiah?

Begin or close your class by reading the short weekly *International Bible Lesson*.

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