

# The Psalm Project

Discovering the Spiritual World through the Psalms

Psalm 67

## The Goal of this project:

This research project will examine the 150 psalms for the spiritual awareness each Psalm offers. Each Psalm will be examined by its language and the commentary of the Sages. The spiritual awareness analysis will be done in alignment with Ari's definition of the Tree of life, the Book of Creation, and the Zohar. Each verse of the Psalm will be rewritten using the intent of the language and spiritual commentary to convey its spiritual lesson.

#### The Main Resources:

The Zohar

The Book of Creation

Ari's writing on the Tree of Life and the Ten Sefirot

The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament

Samson Hirsch's commentary on the Psalms

Tehillim – Psalms – A new translation with a commentary anthologized from the Talmudic and rabbinic sources

Accordance Bible Software

#### Psalm 67

## New American Standard 1995

**Psa. 67:0** For the choir director; with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

**Psa. 67:1** God be gracious to us and <sup>a</sup>bless us,

And bcause His face to shine upon us — 2Selah.

That "Your way may be known on the earth,

<sup>b</sup>Your salvation among all nations.

3 Let the "peoples praise You, O God;

Let all the peoples praise You.

Let the "nations be glad and sing for joy;

For You will <sup>b</sup>judge the peoples with uprightness

And 'guide the nations on the earth. Selah.

5 Let the "peoples praise You, O God;

Let all the peoples praise You.

- The <sup>a</sup>earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, <sup>b</sup>blesses us.
- <sup>7</sup> God blesses us,

<sup>1</sup>That <sup>a</sup>all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

#### Hebrew

Psa. 67:1 לַלְנַצֵּח בּנְגִינֹת

## References

# **Psalm 67:1**

<sup>1</sup>Lit with

<sup>2</sup>Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude

<sup>a</sup>Num 6:25

<sup>b</sup>Ps 4:6; 31:16; 80:3, 7, 19; 119:135

## **Psalm 67:2**

<sup>a</sup>Ps 98:2; Acts 18:25; Titus 2:11

<sup>b</sup>Is 52:10

## **Psalm 67:3**

<sup>a</sup>Ps 66:4

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<sup>a</sup>Ps 100:1, 2

<sup>b</sup>Ps 9:8; 96:10, 13; 98:9

<sup>e</sup>Ps 47:8

## **Psalm 67:5**

<sup>a</sup>Ps 67:3

#### Psalm 67:6

"Lev 26:4; Ps 85:12; Ezek 34:27; Zech 8:12

<sup>b</sup>Ps 29:11; 115:12

## **Psalm 67:7**

<sup>1</sup>Or And let all...earth fear Him

<sup>a</sup>Ps 22:27; 33:8

# Targum

**Psa. 67:1** For praise, with melodies; a psalm and a song. <sup>2</sup> God will pity us and bless us; he will make the splendor of his face shine on us forever. <sup>3</sup> To make known your way in the land, your redemption among all the Gentiles. <sup>4</sup> The Gentiles will give thanks in your presence, O God, all the Gentiles will give thanks. <sup>5</sup> The nations will rejoice and exult, for you will judge the peoples with honesty, and you will guide the nations in the land forever. <sup>6</sup> The peoples will give thanks in your presence, O God, all the peoples will give thanks. <sup>7</sup> The land has given its fruit; God, our God, will bless us. <sup>8</sup> God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

# **Spiritual Awareness**

#### Introduction

This Psalm is extraordinary that it was revealed to Moses and David. This Psalm is considered a holy vision. The Psalm was engraved on a sheet of the purest gold. It was fashioned in the shape of a seven-branched candelabrum. Tradition says that David engraved this Psalm on his shield so that he could study it before going into battle.

# Superscript

To the Sefirah Netzach, who grants victory through the power of music. A Psalm, a song.

#### Verse one

The request is for intellectual abilities to be able to know the LORD. We ask the LORD to make known the goals of His ways. The presence of the LORD is with us through His Shekinah. People want that feeling, but also, the purpose the LORD has for us is crucial.

May God grant us spiritual gifts and bless us, and make His countenance shine among us. Meditate on this verse. Verse two

רב"ב (ladaat) – means "to know." Daat is the name of the quasi-Sefirah, which

Rabbi Lauri said is the combination of Keter, Chochmah, and Binah. Daat is also referred to as the God-head. Knowledge combines the spiritual attributes of the top three Sefirah of the Tree of Life. The Psalmist calls out to Daat to determine what the God-head intentions are.

Daat make known Your way on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

Verse three

The LORD knew that at first, only a few of the world's peoples would turn to Him, but eventually, all the peoples of the earth would come to worship the LORD.

So that the nations shall render You homage, O God; all the nations shall render You homage one day.

Verse four

The people will turn to the LORD, and their leaders will worship You.

The nations will be glad and rejoice, for You will range the peoples in order and will lead the nations upon earth. Meditate upon this verse.

Verses five through seven

Eventually, the leaders of the nations will withdraw entirely from their positions of power because the nations will render homage to the LORD and will not need an intermediary.

Then the peoples shall render homage to God; the peoples shall all render homage to You.

Then the earth shall have yielded its produce, and God, our own God, shall bless us henceforth.

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## Complete Psalm Rewrite Emphasizing Spiritual Awareness

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Appendix







