

## Psalm 67

# A Prayer That All Nations May Joyfully Bless Elohim Because of His Blessing of Israel and His Fair Judgment and Guidance of the Nations <sup>1</sup>

For the choir director; with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

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### **A1 THE PSALMISTS PRAYER THAT ELOHIM MIGHT GRACIOUSLY BLESS ISRAEL SO THAT EARTH'S NATIONS WILL KNOW HIS WAY OF SALVATION 67:1-2**

#### **B1 The Prayer for Blessing Upon Israel 67:1**

C1 {1} God be gracious to us and bless us,

C2 *And* cause His face to shine upon us – Selah.

#### **B2 The International Consequence of the Blessing 67:2**

C1 {2} That Your way may be known on the earth,

C2 Your salvation among all nations.<sup>2</sup>

### **A2 THE PSALMIST'S PRAYER THAT ALL NATIONS MIGHT JOYFULLY PRAISE ELOHIM 67:3-4**

#### **B1 His Request for International Praise of Elohim 67:3-4a**

C1 {3} Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C2 Let all the peoples praise You.

C3 {4} Let the nations be glad and sing for joy;

#### **B2 The Reason for Their Praise 67:4b**

C1 His Equitable Judgment of Earth's People: For You will judge the peoples with uprightness

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<sup>1</sup> Title: This prayer for international blessing of Elohim will be answered temporarily in the Millennial Kingdom, and perfectly in the Eternal State, in which the New Jerusalem will serve as the Capital of the New Heavens and Earth.

<sup>2</sup> 67:2 - all nations (1471 - pl, *goyim*): That the psalmist intends universal praise of Elohim is demonstrated first by his use of the term nations, second, by his use of the word *all*, and third, by his use of three different words. In 67:3 he uses the term peoples (5971 - pl, *amim*), and in 67:4, the seldom-used term nations (3816 - *leh-omim*'). In the KJV, *goyim* is most often translated *nations*, then *heathen*, where an ethical context is present. In the NASB ('95), *goyim* is almost universally translated *nations*. Fourth, the call for the peoples / nations to praise Elohim is repeated in the Psalm. Finally, fifth, in 67:7, Elohim's blessing of Israel is a reason for *all* the *ends* of the earth to fear Him!

C2 His Guidance of Earth's Nations: And guide the nations on the earth.  
Selah.

**A3 THE PSALMIST'S RENEWED PRAYER THAT ALL PEOPLES WORLD-WIDE MIGHT PRAISE ELOHIM BECAUSE OF HIS BLESSINGS 67:5-7**

**B1 His Renewed Request for International Praise of Elohim 67:5**

C1 {5} Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C2 Let all the peoples praise You.

**B2 The Reason for Their Praise - Elohim's Blessing of Israel 67:6**

C1 Agricultural Prosperity: {6} The earth has yielded its produce;

C2 Elohim's Blessing of His Personal People: God, our God, blesses us.<sup>3</sup>

**B3 The Stipulation of Israeli Blessing - World-Wide Fear of Elohim! 67:7**

C1 The Fact: {7} God blesses us,

C2 The Purpose: That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

**EXPANDED ANALYSIS OF PSALM 67**

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<sup>3</sup> 37:6 - yielded, blesses. The fact that the earth has yielded its produce is offered as a proof that Elohim has blessed Israel! *Yielded* is a background (perfect) verb supporting the action of the main (imperfect) verb, *blesses*.

## Author's Literal Translation from Hebrew

- 67:1 For the choir director with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.
- 67:2 (May) Elohim be gracious to us and bless us;  
Cause to shine your face upon us. Selah.
- 67:3 That may be known  
upon land/earth Your way  
upon [among] all nations Your salvation!
- 67:4 (May) they praise You – peoples, Elohim!  
(May) they praise You – peoples – all of them!
- 67:5 (May) they rejoice, and (may) they shout for joy – PEOPLES –  
Because You will judge peoples with uprightness  
And PEOPLES of earth You will guide. Selah.
- 67:6 (May) they praise You – peoples, Elohim!  
(May) they praise You – peoples – all of them!
- 67:7 Land/earth has yielded its produce;  
Blesses us – Elohim, our Elohim!
- 67:8 Blesses us – Elohim;  
They fear Him – all the ends of the land/earth.