

## Psalm 115

# The Call to Israel to Trust in Yahweh, Her <sup>1</sup> Supreme God of Glory

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### **A1 THE SUPREME GLORY OF YAHWEH 115:1-8**

#### **B1 The Ascription of Glory to Yahweh 115:1**

C1 The Ascription of Glory

D1 {1} Not to us, O LORD, not to us,

D2 But to Your name give glory

C2 The Reasons for Glory

D1 Because of Your lovingkindness,

D2 because of Your truth.

#### **B2 The Superiority of Yahweh to the Idols of the Nations 115:2-8**

C1 The Contrast of Essence 115:2-4

D1 The charge of the nations: Israel's God, invisible, is therefore non-existent! {2} Why should the nations say, "Where, now, is their God?" 115:2

D2 The truth of the matter: Israel's God is the Transcendent Sovereign, while the nations' gods are mere metal manufactured by men! 115:3-4

E1 The transcendent sovereignty of Israel's God 115:3

F1 {3} But our God is in the heavens;

F2 He does whatever He pleases.

E2 The manufactured matter of the nations' gods 115:4

F1 Their essence – metallic idols: {4} Their idols are silver and gold,

F2 Their origin – manufactured by man: The work of man's hands.

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<sup>1</sup> Title - Her: In Hebrew the nation of Israel is designated by a masculine pronoun, but in English, any nation is designated by a feminine pronoun.

- C2 The Charge of Impotence against the Nations' gods 115:5-7
  - D1 Mute: {5} They have mouths, but they cannot speak; 115:5
  - D2 Blind: They have eyes, but they cannot see;
  - D3 Deaf: {6} They have ears, but they cannot hear; 115:6
  - D4 Unable to smell: They have noses, but they cannot smell;
  - D5 Unfeeling: {7} They have hands, but they cannot feel; 115:7
  - D6 Immobile: They have feet, but they cannot walk;
  - D7 Soundless: They cannot make a sound with their throat.
- C3 The Projected Impotence of Those Who Trust in Their Impotent gods 115:8
  - D1 The doomed destiny: {8} Those who make them will become like them,
  - D2 The doomed trust: Everyone who trusts in them.

## **A2 FAITH IN YAHWEH 115:9-18**

### **B1 The Call to Israel to Trust in Yahweh 115:9-13**

- C1 The Call to Trust 115:9-11
  - D1 {9} O Israel, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. 115:9
  - D2 {10} O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. 115:10
  - D3 {11} You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. 115:11
- C2 The Assurance of Trust 115:12-13
  - D1 Blessing because of Yahweh's awareness: {12} The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless *us*; 115:12
  - D2 Blessing in respect to the entire ethnic entity of Israel
    - E1 He will bless the house of Israel;
    - E2 He will bless the house of Aaron.

- D3 Blessing encompassing all those who fear Yahweh 115:13
  - E1 The condition of blessing: {13} He will bless those who fear the LORD,
  - E2 The complete scope of blessing
    - F1 The small
    - F2 together with the great.

**B2 The Pledge of Israel to Trust in Yahweh 115:14-18**

- C1 The Prayer, in Faith, for Blessing 115:14-16
  - D1 The request for inter-generational material blessing: {14} May the LORD give you increase, You and your children. 115:14
  - D2 The request for blessing commensurate with the universal Sovereignty of Yahweh: {15} May you be blessed of the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth. (115:15) 115:15-16
    - E1 The jurisdiction of Yahweh over the heavens: {16} The heavens are the heavens of the LORD, 115:16
    - E2 Yahweh's delegation of jurisdiction over the earth to men: But the earth He has given to the sons of men.
- C2 The Promise, in Faith, of Praise 115:17-18
  - D1 The stifling of praise 115:17
    - E1 {17} The dead do not praise the LORD,
    - E2 Nor *do* any who go down into silence;
  - D2 The vow, in faith, of eternal praise: {18} But as for us, we will bless the LORD From this time forth and forever. 115:18
  - D3 The concluding call to praise: Praise the LORD!

**EXPANDED ANALYSIS OF PSALM 115**

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