

## Psalm 125

# "Assurance of Deliverance from the Evil Inherent in Foreign Domination"

(A Song of Ascents.)<sup>1</sup>

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### **A1 THE RESISTANCE OF THE FAITHFUL RIGHTEOUS TO THE EVIL INHERENT IN FOREIGN DOMINION OVER ISRAEL 125:1-3**

#### **B1 The Permanence of Those Who Trust in Yahweh 125:1**

C1 The Identity of the Believers: {1} Those who trust in the LORD

C2 The Stability of the Believers: Are as Mount Zion,<sup>2</sup> which cannot be moved but abides forever.

#### **B2 The Protection of Yahweh 125:2**

C1 The Physical Analogy: {2} As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

C2 The Spiritual Reality

D1 The reality of Yahweh's protection: So the LORD surrounds His people

D2 The eternity of Yahweh's protection: From this time forth and

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<sup>1</sup> Psalm 125 Superscription - Song of Ascents: See note on Psalm 120.

<sup>2</sup> 125:1 - Mount Zion: The psalmist's point is that the righteous, those who trust in Yahweh, are to be compared with Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever. By Mount Zion, the psalmist referred to a physical location -- a particular mountain in Israel. But surely he meant more than that. Mount Zion also refers to the rule of God, which is eternally linked with Mount Zion.

Ezekiel 28:14-16 instructs us that Lucifer (taken from Isa. 14:12, literally "Star of the Morning" and "Son of the Dawn") was originally created as a holy and trusted angel who served God even within God's holy mountain of fire, the seat of His government, up in heaven. It is my belief that that mountain is heavenly Mount Zion, of which earthly Zion is an imperfect copy. In Rev. 14:1 Mount Zion is located in heaven.

In Christ's Millennial Kingdom, He will reign from the "mountain of the house of the Lord" (Mount Zion / Moriah) (Isa. 2:1-4) over a redeemed and protected Israel (Isa. 4:2-6).

After God has destroyed this present universe, corrupted as it is by sin and decay and death, He will create a new heavens and a new earth (Rev. 21:1). The holy city, New Jerusalem, will come down from heaven to or in proximity to the new earth. This will be God's (and Christ's) permanent identification with man, taking up residence with mankind on a pristine earth with holy people (Rev. 21:2-8). The dimensions of the New Jerusalem are staggering, 1500 miles in length, in width, AND IN HEIGHT (Rev. 21:16)!

Why is New Jerusalem so high? Because it is the seat of God's eternal government, Mount Zion! The psalmist was absolutely correct when he said that those who trust in the Yahweh are as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever (Ps 125:1)!

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**B3 The Impermanence of the Rule of the Wicked 125:3**

- C1 The Demise of the Rule of the Wicked over Israel: {3} For the scepter of wickedness <sup>3</sup> shall not rest upon the land <sup>4</sup> of the righteous,
- C2 The Elimination of Temptation for the Righteous in Israel: So that the righteous will not put forth their hands to do wrong.

**A2 THE DIFFERING DESTINIES IN ISRAEL OF THE RESISTANT RIGHTEOUS AND THOSE WHO PURSUE THE EVIL OF THEIR FOREIGN DESPOTS 125:4-5**

**B1 The Plea to Yahweh to Bless the Righteous in Israel 125:4**

- C1 The Good: {4} Do good, O LORD, to those who are good
- C2 The Upright; And to those who are upright in their hearts.

**B2 The Assurance of the Demise of Apostates in Israel 125:5a**

- C1 Their Practice -- Imitating the Evil of Their Foreign Conquerors: {5} But as for those who turn aside to their crooked ways,
- C2 Their Doom -- Judgment along with Their Evil Foreign Conquerors: The LORD will lead them away with the doers of iniquity.

**B3 The Prayer for Peace upon Israel: Peace be upon Israel.<sup>5</sup> 125:5b**

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<sup>3</sup> 125:3 - scepter of wickedness: Evidently Israel was occupied by a godless foreign nation at this time, as has been true repeatedly through her history. When Israel has forsaken her God, she has been disciplined by foreign domination. That is true even today, when Israel is so occupied by foreigners that Israelis cannot even erect their own temple on the temple mount and worship there. Furthermore, Israel today is so dependent on her major ally, the United States, for funding that she cannot do anything that does not meet the approval of the American President and Congress. So if the United States and the European Union demand Israel gives up the land God has given to her, Israel helplessly submits.

<sup>4</sup> 125:3 - land: Lit., lot. Meaning = "the land allotted to the righteous" -- their inheritance.

<sup>5</sup> 125:5 - Peace be upon Israel: Application: Ultimately, peace will come upon Israel as she acknowledges her Messiah, Yeshua, and upon those who are rightly related to Israel through her Messiah, Yeshua.

See (Isa 9:6-7 NNAS) For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. {7} There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

Expanded Analysis of Psalm 125

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