

## Psalm 128

# "The Blessings of Those Who Fear Yahweh!"

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

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### A1 THE ACQUISITION OF YAHWEH'S BLESSING 128:1

**B1 By Fearing Yahweh:** {1} How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,

**B2 By Walking in Yahweh's Ways:** Who walks in His ways.

### A2 THE EVIDENCES OF YAHWEH'S BLESSING 128:2-4

#### B1 Personal Well-Being 128:2

C1 Self-Sustaining Labor: {2} When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands,

C2 Personal Happiness and Well-Being: <sup>2</sup> You will be happy and it will be well with you.

#### B2 Domestic Bliss <sup>3</sup> 128:3

C1 Loyal, Productive Wife

D1 {3} Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine

D2 Within your house,

C2 Cooperative, Productive Children

D1 Your children like olive plants

D2 Around your table.

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<sup>1</sup> Psalm 128 Superscription - Song of Ascents: See note on Psalm 120.

<sup>2</sup> 128:2 Title - Happiness and Well-Being: Despite what most people think, those who fear Yahweh and walk in His ways in any culture will be happier and lead better lives than those who don't fear Him and who choose not to walk in His ways.

<sup>3</sup> 128:3 Title - Domestic Bliss: "At the religious festivals whole families gathered in Jerusalem. So it is no surprise to see an emphasis in some of the pilgrim psalms on God's blessings in the domestic area of life." Allen P. Ross, "Psalms", *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*.

### **B3 Analysis of Blessing 128:4**

C1 Summary of Blessing: {4} Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed

C2 Reason for Blessing: Who fears the LORD.

### **A3 THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF YAHWEH'S BLESSING 128:5-6**

**B1 The Origin of Yahweh's Blessing:** {5} The LORD bless you from Zion,<sup>4</sup>  
**128:5a**

**B2 The National Sign of Yahweh's Blessing:** And may you see the prosperity of  
Jerusalem all the days of your life. **128:5b**

**B3 The Heritage of Yahweh's Blessing:** {6} Indeed, may you see your children's  
children. **128:6a**

**B4 The Nationalization of Yahweh's Blessing:** Peace be upon Israel!<sup>5</sup> **128:6b**

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<sup>4</sup> Ps 128:5 - Zion: Vv. 5-7 are nationalistic. Zion, Jerusalem, and Israel are all three mentioned by name. It is impossible to divorce Israel, Jerusalem, or Zion from the worship of Yahweh. Note the references to Zion in the Psalms: Psalm 2:6; 9:11; 9:14; 14:7; 20:2; 48:2; 48:11; 48:12; 50:2; 51:18; 53:6; 65:1; 69:35; 74:2; 76:2; 78:68; 84:7; 87:2; 87:5; 97:8; 99:2; 102:13; 102:16; 102:21; 110:2; 125:1; 126:1; 128:5; 129:5; 132:13; 133:3; 134:3; 135:21; 137:1; 137:3; 146:10; 147:12; 149:2.

Psalm 2 begins God's bold claim on Zion. In spite of the opposition and rebellion of the "United Nations," God will install His anointed King, the Messiah, Yeshua, on Mount Zion! Psalm 48 is a strongly Zionistic psalm, as is Psalm 87. However, God's missionary heart is seen in Psalm 87. He will grant "born in Zion" status to believing Gentiles. That is God's heart. "For God so loved the world that He gave His unique Son, so that every one believing in Him might not perish, but might have eternal life." (John 3:16, author's translation.) God is an equal-opportunity Savior! That is ever God's offer: Trust in Me and my appointed Mediator / Ruler, and you will dwell with me forever in the New Zion, the New Jerusalem (see Revelation 21-22)!

<sup>5</sup> Ps 128:6 - Peace be upon Israel: Other prayers in the Psalms for the peace of Israel / Jerusalem:  
(Psa 122:6-9 NNAS) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. {7} "May peace be within your walls, And prosperity within your palaces." {8} For the sake of my brothers and my friends, I will now say, "May peace be within you." {9} For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

(Psa 125:5 NNAS) But as for those who turn aside to their crooked ways, The LORD will lead them away with the doers of iniquity. Peace be upon Israel.

The only way for there to be lasting peace in Israel is for Israel to trust in Yeshua, her Messiah, and for any Gentiles (Nations) who choose to live in Israel also to trust in Jesus, Jerusalem's coming King. Following are some Scriptures which relate to that topic:

**The prediction of the coming Prince of Peace, guaranteed by the zeal of Yahweh of Troops!:** (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.

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**The sure doom and defeat of the United Nations when they attack Jerusalem. This relates to the coming Armageddon!**

(Zec 12:1-3 NNAS) The burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel. *Thus* declares the LORD who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him, {2} "Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah. {3} "It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.

(Zec 12:8-9 NNAS) {8} "In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David *will be* like God, like the angel of the LORD before them. {9} "And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

**Jewish repentance toward and submission to Messiah Yeshua!** (Zech 12:10 NNAS) {10} "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

**The coming Millennial (1000-Year) Reign of Jesus of Nazareth from Jerusalem, in which He rules over the nations of the world, who are believing and cooperative. Only Jesus can bring peace to Jerusalem!.** (Isa 2:1-4 NNAS) The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. {2} Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. {3} And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. {4} And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! (Rev. 22:20 NKJV)