

Psalm 110

The Davidic authorship, divine inspiration and Messianic meaning of this Psalm is clearly maintained in the New Testament, [Matthew 22:43-45; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42] and given Christological interpretation, [Acts 2:34-35; 1 Corinthians 15:25; Hebrews 1:13; Hebrews 5:6; Hebrews 7:17, 21; Hebrews 10:12-13].

Like all the royal Psalms, while it had fulfilment only in the Messiah, it was a pattern held up before the reigning Davidic king to remind him of the ideal which he was expected to embody.

Psalms 110:1 [New King James] *“The LORD said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’”*

The statement *“the Lord said”* is a very forceful expression, underscoring the importance of the inauguration of David’s Lord, [*“Yehôvâh”* the self-existent or eternal] to the highest place of authority, at Yahweh’s right hand, [**Hebrews 1:3-4**].

Psalms 110:2 [New King James] *“The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!”*

Rulership will be centred on Zion, [**Hebrews 12:22**] and destined to expand, [**Isaiah 9:6-7**] but a present *“in the midst of your enemies”* [compare **Revelation 20:1-6**, Christ’s first rule after His Second Coming, **Revelation 20:7-9** the final earthly expansion of Christ’s rule to all the earth.]

Psalms 110:3 [New King James] *“Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.”*

His people will respond spontaneously [Hebrew *“nâdab”* meaning a volunteer] *“beauties of holiness”* Hebrew *“hâdâr”* meaning excellency.

This is directly referring to those who are reigning as priests [teachers] and judges during the first 1,000 years of Jesus Christ’s reign after His Second Coming to the earth, [Revelation 20:4] excellent teachers of holiness to all who have lived through the tribulation, for them it will be the dawn of a new day and world.

Psalms 110:4-6 [New King James] *“The LORD has sworn and will not relent, ‘You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.’ The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.”*

God the Father gives to Jesus Christ all power and authority, [**Matthew 28:18-20**]. The *“execute kings”* refers to **Revelation 20:7-8**, the human agents of Satan vanquished.

Psalms 110:7 [New King James] *“He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; therefore He shall lift up the head.”*

“Lift up the head” is symbolic of lordship and conquest.