

Royal Blessing

Psalms of Solomon · Book II · Royal Psalms

"By Solomon."

IN ONE SENTENCE



prayer for the king to rule in justice, defend the poor, and reign from sea to sea, blessing all nations.

Remember it: Seventy-two: the King comes down like rain and rules from sea to sea.

MEMORY VERSE

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.

Psalm 72:8 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

וְצִדְקָתְךָ

"your righteousness" · verse 1

In the Psalms: 34 times, in 23 psalms

וְצִדְקָה, "righteousness," means doing what is right, especially setting things right for those who cannot defend themselves. The prayer asks God to give the king "your righteousness." A good king does not invent his own justice; he receives God's and uses it for the poor.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1-7 A prayer for the king to judge justly and refresh like rain.

8-11 May he rule from sea to sea as kings bow.

12-17 He rescues the needy, and his name endures forever.

18-20 Praise to the God of Israel; David's prayers end.

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 72 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/72.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

The King & the Messiah

Justice on the Wicked

The LORD Reigns

FILL IN THE BLANKS

A prayer for the king to rule in _____, defend the _____, and reign from sea to sea, blessing all _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. The king will come down like rain on what?

(A) The dry desert

(C) The olive trees

(B) The mown grass

(D) The city streets

2. How far will the king's dominion reach?

(A) From sea to sea

(C) To the Jordan

(B) From Dan to Beersheba

(D) To the walls of Jerusalem

3. What will be precious in the king's sight?

(A) Sheba's gold

(C) His own name

(B) The kings' gifts

(D) The blood of the poor

TALK IT OVER

1. What does this king do for the needy and the poor in verses 12 to 14?

2. Why do Christians read this royal psalm as a picture of Jesus' reign?

3. If God's king cares this much for the poor, what does that ask of his people?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 72 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say verse 8 by heart

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: justice · poor · nations · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 6) · 2. A (v. 8) · 3. D (v. 14)