
PSALMS | AMEN Bible Study 2018-19
Covenant Blessings to the Nations
Psalm 67
March 21, 2019

- I. Observations
 - A. Three sections
 - 1. Vv. 1-2
 - 2. Vv. 3-5
 - 3. Vv. 6-7
 - B. Three subjects
 - 1. May GOD
 - 2. May the PEOPLES
 - 3. May the EARTH
 - C. Three surprises
 - 1. "His" in v. 1 to "Your" in v. 2
 - 2. Connecting words in vv. 2, 4, and 6
 - 3. "Bless US" (vv. 1 and 6)
- II. Interpretation
 - A. The baby beginnings of blessing (67:1-2)
 - 1. Gen. 1:26-28 (Adam)
 - 2. Gen. 12:1-3 (Abraham)
 - 3. Num. 6:24-26 (Aaron)
 - B. The Great Commission (67:3-5; cf. Mt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)
 - 1. Ex. 19:4-6
 - 2. Ps. 113:2-3; Hab. 2:14
 - 3. Isa. 26:16-18; 45:23; 49:5-6
 - C. The cosmic conclusion of blessing (67:6-7)
 - 1. May the earth flourish (cf. Rom. 4:13; 8:22-25)
 - 2. Through fruitful filling (cf. Gen. 1:2, 28; Rev.22:1-2)
 - 3. Through fearful forming (cf. Gen. 1:2, 28; Rev. 22:3-4)
- III. Applications
 - A. **Believe** the gospel! (Gen. 27 & Isaac; Gen. 48-49 & Jacob; Lev. 9:22-24; Lu. 18:15-17; 24:50-53; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 1:3)
 - B. **Share** the gospel! (Mt. 5:13-16; Rom. 10:14-15; 1 Pet. 3:1, 15)
 - C. **Expect** the gospel! (Tit. 2:11-14; Rev. 7:9-10)

Discussion Questions

OBSERVATIONS

1. What clues do you see in this psalm to help you determine where the section breaks are or where the paragraphs fall?
2. Would you say that the main message of this psalm is contained especially in the beginning (a topic sentence), in the middle (the core of the composition, central to it), or at the end (the climax of the psalm) and why?
3. What word is repeated most frequently in your translation of this psalm?

INTERPRETATION

4. After re-reading verses 1-2, read Genesis 1:26-28; 12:1-3; and Numbers 6:24-26. Why do you think that many commentators refer to the cross-references in Genesis and Numbers to explain the first two verses of this psalm?

5. Unlike Christianity and Islam, Judaism today does not evangelize to find new converts. It is clear from Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8 that the people of God in the New Testament are to make disciples of all the peoples of the earth. What evidence do you see in the following verses that bringing the rest of the world to worship the one, true God was also the mission of the people of God in the Old Testament?

Exodus 19:4-6
Psalm 113:2-3
Habakkuk 2:14
Isaiah 26:16-18
Isaiah 45:22-23
Isaiah 49:5-6
Psalm 67:3-5

6. Do you think that the harvest picture in verses 6-7 is literal, figurative, both or neither? What other verses of Scripture lead you to your answer?

APPLICATION

7. **Believe the gospel:** Read one of the following accounts of blessing in Scripture (Genesis 48:14-20 or Genesis 49:22-26). Picture your father or your grandfather placing his hand on your head and pronouncing a word picture over you that was a clear indication of his pleasure in you and a desirable future for you.

- a. Did that ever happen for you?
- b. Do you believe today that God is putting his hand on your head and blessing you as his dearly loved child in the gospel (Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 4:4-7; 1 John 3:1-2)?

c. If you did believe that good news, what do you think would be the evidence of that belief in your life today?

8. **Share the gospel:** Since God has blessed you so that you will be a blessing to others in your sphere of influence (Psalm 67: 1-2; Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:29), how might you share the gospel that has saved you with those in that sphere (Psalm 67:3-5)?

Through deeds (Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Peter 3:1)?

Through words (Romans 10:13-15; 1 Peter 3:15)?

Today, this week, or this month?

9. **Expect the gospel:** If you are truly expecting the gospel to prove true in the end (Psalm 67:6-7), should that expectation change anything today about your life? Read Titus 2:11-14 and Revelation 7:9-10. Choose at least one of the following.

a. Attitudes?

b. Words?

c. Actions?

d. Priorities?