## **PSALM 117 vs 1**



Psalms 113 – 118 are known as: The Great Hallel

The middle verse of the Bible, this Psalm which is very little in letter, is exceedingly large in its spirit; for bursting beyond all bounds of race or nationality, it calls upon all mankind to praise the name of the Lord. — Charles Spurgeon.

Psalm 117 is found at the center page of Scripture; and it has been sung for the past 3,000 years; certainly facts that should not be overlooked. Its truth is echoed by prophet Malachi, From the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same My name will be great among the nations; says the Lord of hosts. And it makes you sort of wonder, when is that going to happen among all the nations?



Isaiah wrote: For your Maker is your husband; your Redeemer, the Holy One of those ruled by EI; the God of all the earth He is called.... and all your children will be taught of the Lord; and great will be the peace of your children. And again, when is that going to happen among the nations?

Starting with Psalm 113 the Hallel, or Hallelujah, was sung at their three solemn festivals;

Psalm 113, he sang praise to Him who redeems from the lowest depth

Psalm 114, he sang praise to Him who once redeemed Israel, and will redeem Israel again

Psalm 115, he sang praise to Him who is Sovereign over all the idols of the world

Psalm 116, he sang personal thanks and praise to the Lord

Psalm 117, he sang praise to Him among the great congregation

Well, let's do it then:

Praise the Lord all nations -gentiles / in Hebrew: halal... this word means: shine, brag, boast. This very holy word was first used in Genesis 12, when Abraham and Sarah went to Egypt, he said: I know you are a fair woman to look on -- Sarah was a blond?! And the Egyptians princes saw the woman, and commended her before Pharaoh. It's sort of funny, those young Egyptians started singing a hallelujah in the presence of the Pharaoh -- Genesis 12:15.

**Praise the LORD** / in Hebrew: **YHWH**... this name is the words: Jehovah; or Yahweh meaning the LORD. If anyone's name lights up the advertisements and billboards... it should be: the LORD's!

So what is the point? The word of God tells us that it is okay to whistle, and whoop and holler about the LORD. Brag about Him, Boast about Him. Sing His praises... if you can't sing, at least make a joyful noise about Him. He doesn't mind.

**who stills the tribes:** / this is one Hebrew word: shabach... it means: **to silence**. We read: who stills the roaring of the seas -- Psalm 65:7; when its waves rise, you still them -- Psalm 89:9:

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<sup>2</sup> For great is His mercy toward us / gabar: in Genesis 7, we read repeatedly, the flood waters prevailed -- same word. As frequent as the troubled waters prevail in our lives, likewise His mercy prevails touching us:

**truly faithful, the LORD endures forever** / truly reliable is YHWH; in Hebrew: owlam = **forever** and ever! Our merciful Lord **continues**. He does not give up easily; He just won't quit!

And for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time: halal... whistle, whoop and holler... brag, and boast, and praise;

Praise the LORD / JAH a short version. The 2 Hebrew words: HALAL+JAH = HALLELUJAH.

So let's put it together!

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<sup>1</sup>O Praise the LORD, all nations:

who stills all humanity.

<sup>2</sup> For great toward us is His mercy:

truly faithful, the LORD endures forever.

## Praise the LORD.

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