

## PRAYING PSALM 47

“Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples? Shout to God with the voice of triumph! For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth” (Psalm 47:1).

The history of this psalm probably has to do with deliverance of the Assyrians in Hezekiah’s reign. Prophetically it refers to Armageddon and Christ’s triumph. It is used in the synagogues on Rosh Hashana (the Jewish new year celebration). It is a messianic psalm, and it emphasizes the coming kingdom. 1. GOD IS AN AWESOME KING (1-4). He is king over all the earth. He will subdue the nations. He will choose Israel’s inheritance (and ours). 2. GOD IS A TRIUMPHANT KING (5). He ascended into Heaven with a mighty shout, with trumpets blaring. 3. GOD IS THE KING OF THE EARTH (6-9). He reigns over the nations. He sits on His holy throne. His people are the descendants of Abraham (The nation of Israel physically descended from Abraham. The Believers in the Church age are spiritual descendants of Abraham by faith (Galatians 3:7)).

The promise of Psalm 46:10 is fulfilled in 47:7. Sometimes prayer is a celebration. You can clap. You can shout. You can tell God he is awesome and a great King over the earth. Psalm 47 is written in the prophetic present tense. It is written as though the prophecies of Christ’s reign have already been fulfilled. You can celebrate that, because the prophecies have already been fulfilled into the mind of God. That means they are sure! Go ahead and shout!