

THE SAINTS WITH SONGS AND SWORDS

PSALMS 149

Introduction:

The exact historical setting for this Psalm is uncertain. It may have been written in celebration of the restoration of the people to their land and temple after the exile.

There is a messianic element in the Psalm. The focus is on the King who is enthroned. The saints, who are the people of the King, the sons of Zion, have a song on their lips and a sword in their hand.

How are we to understand this?

I. A METAPHOR—OUR PRESENT.

1. We have the King.
2. We have been saved.
3. We have a sword—the sword of the Spirit.
4. We have an assignment.

II. A PROPHECY—OUR FUTURE.

1. We will participate with the King.
2. He will triumph by the use of judgment.
3. The victory will be complete.

It is our “honor” to be on His side both now and in the future. The glory of the saints is to sing His praise, and to participate in His victories.