

## PSALM 67

### *The Nations Exhorted to Praise God*

#### INTRODUCTION.

- A. To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song. "Prophecy of the Salvation of the Gentiles"
- B. It seems surprising how many commentaries do not see or mention God's "salvation among all nations." (67:2) It is a psalm of praise, but the focus seems to be on the praise of the nations as well as God's own people of Israel.
- C. Anthony Ash suggests that a bountiful harvest may be the occasion for the praise, as at the Feast of Tabernacles, especially since the first verse is a typical priestly blessing used in the Temple worship. Regardless of which of these characteristics is the chief focus, we see a mention of the Gentiles in almost every verse.

#### THE TEXT.

- 67:1** God be gracious to us and bless us,  
And cause His face to shine upon us-- Selah.
- 2** That Your way may be known on the earth,  
Your salvation among all nations.
- 3** Let the peoples praise You, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise You.
- 4** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy;  
For You will judge the peoples with uprightness  
And guide the nations on the earth. Selah.
- 5** Let the peoples praise You, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise You.
- 6** The earth has yielded its produce;  
God, our God, blesses us.
- 7** God blesses us,  
That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

#### COMMENTS.

- A. **[v1]** We have already noticed that this is typical of the priestly blessings. In fact, the entire psalm could be considered an expansion of the Aaronic blessing. See Num. 6:24-26.
- B. **[v2]** Here God's "way" and "salvation" is to be known among "all nations." This certainly seems to be a prophecy of the universality of the gospel.
- C. **[v3]** This praise seems to be for the "salvation" mentioned in the previous verse.
- D. **[v4]** Here God's righteous judgment and rule is the basis of joy and singing.
- E. **[v5]** This is a refrain of verse 3.
- F. **[v6]** Since the previous verses have been praising God for His salvation among all nations, the increase of the earth may be those redeemed from the nations.
- G. **[v7]** "...and all of the ends of the earth shall fear Him." seems to confirm that the increase of "the earth" in 67:6 refers to those who receive the "salvation among the nations" in 67:2.