

Psalm 149ⁱⁱⁱ

Hallelujah!

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

²Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

³Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.

⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

⁶Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

⁷To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

⁸To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;

⁹To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.

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ⁱⁱⁱ **About Psalm: Psalm 149 - The Sword of Song**

This psalm is a hymn of triumph celebrating God's mighty deeds in Israel's salvation history and imagining the establishment of justice on earth. It is most probably postexilic. The psalmist does not mention David as the king of Israel, possibly because Israel had already gone through the "death" of the exile and had already "ascended" up God's holy hill. The

martial images of verses 5-9 indicate the execution of God's judgment and the establishment of justice. Praise is still important in this new era.