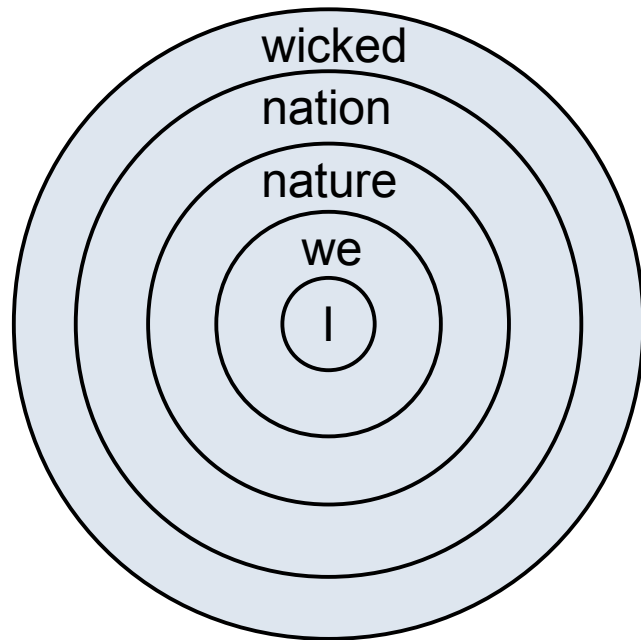


# Treasure Hunt

- In what two ways does Psalm 148 expand the chorus of praise beyond the individual (146) and a group of people (147)?
- With what event is this expansion linked elsewhere in the Bible?
- With what kind of event are dancing and musical instruments (149:3) associated elsewhere in the Bible?
- What unusual instrument of praise does Psalm 149 mention?
- Why is it appropriate for the people in Psalm 149 to use this instrument?
- What is the relation between the “sanctuary” and the “firmament” in 150:1?
- What two categories of praise does 150:2 mention?
- What are some examples of each for which you are thankful?

# Final Hallelujah Psalms

## An Expanding Chorus



Psalm	Distinctive	Nature	Fate of Wicked	Kingship
146	"I" (1p singular)	Passive: created (6)	9 turned upside down	3 Put not your trust in princes 10 the Lord shall reign for ever
147	"We" (1p plural)	Passive: 4-5 counted; 8-9 provided for; 14 prospered; 16-18 ruled	6 cast to the ground 10 ignored 20 not blessed	2-3 builds Zion, restores captives 13-15, sustains society
148	"Inanimate" nature praises	Active in praise	14 dominated	11 kings & princes subject to him
149	Saints judge wicked	(none)	7 avenged by saints	2 be joyful in their king
150	Call, no Cause	(none)	6 praise the LORD	(none)

# Structure of Psalm 148

Psalm 148

All Creation Joins the Chorus

1a, Hallelujah

1b-6, **Heavenly** Praise

2-5a, Call: Praise the Lord ... Let them praise

2, **Sentient** beings (angels)

3-5a, "**Inanimate**" beings

5b-6, Cause

God's creative authority

7-14a, **Earthly** Praise

7-13a, Call: Praise the Lord ... Let them praise

7-10, "**Inanimate**" beings

11-13a, **Sentient** beings (people)

13b-14a, Cause

13b, God's character

14a, God's care for his people

14b, Hallelujah



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Luk 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host **praising God**, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. ... 20 And the shepherds returned, **glorifying and praising God** for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

# 148:7 Praise the Lord ... fire, hail, mountains, trees, ...



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Luk 19:37 ... the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; ... 39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. 40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, **the stones would immediately cry out.**

Psa 96:11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; **let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice** 13 Before the LORD: for **he cometh**, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Psa 98:7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. 8 **Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together** 9 Before the LORD; for **he cometh** to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

# Structure of Psalm 149

Psalm 149

The Nation Praises the Lord

1a, Hallelujah

1b-4, The Nation Joins the Chorus

1b-3, Call to Praise: Timbrel and Harp

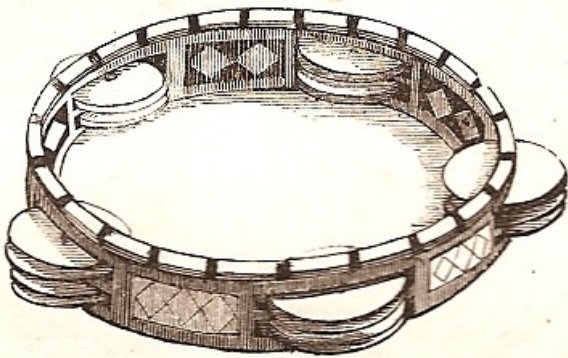
4, Cause for Praise: God's care for his own

5-9a, The Nation Rules for God

5-6, Call to Praise: Sword

7-9a: Purpose for Praise: Ruling according to God's Word

9b, Hallelujah



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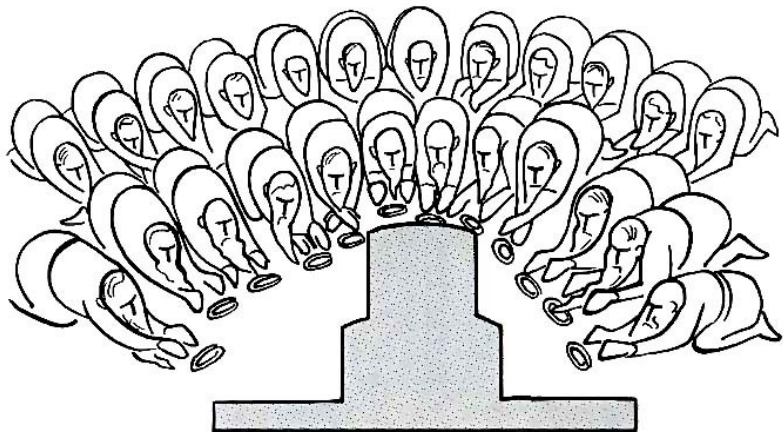
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Rev 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and **they lived and reigned with Christ** a thousand years.



## Heavenly Sanctuary

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Heb 8:1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty **in the heavens**; 2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of **the true tabernacle**, which the Lord pitched, and not man. ... 4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: 5 Who serve unto the **example and shadow** of **heavenly things**, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

Heb 9:1 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and **a worldly sanctuary**. 2 For there was **a tabernacle** made; ... 11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by **a greater and more perfect tabernacle**, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; ... 23 It was therefore necessary that **the patterns** of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but **the heavenly things themselves** with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ is not entered into the **holy places made with hands**, which are the figures of the true; but into **heaven itself**, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

# Structure of Psalm 150

Psalm 150

Every Knee shall Bow

1a, Hallelujah

1b, Where? Sanctuary (earthly and heavenly)

2, Why? God's Acts and Character

3-5, How? Instruments

6a, Who? Even the wicked (!)

6b Hallelujah



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## Earthly Sanctuary

# 150:6 Everything that hath breath ... (כל (ה)נשמה)

Deut. 20:16 But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive **nothing that breatheth:**

Jos. 10:40 So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed **all that breathed**, as the LORD God of Israel commanded.

Jos. 11:14 And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they **any to breathe.**

Phi 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and **things under the earth;** 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

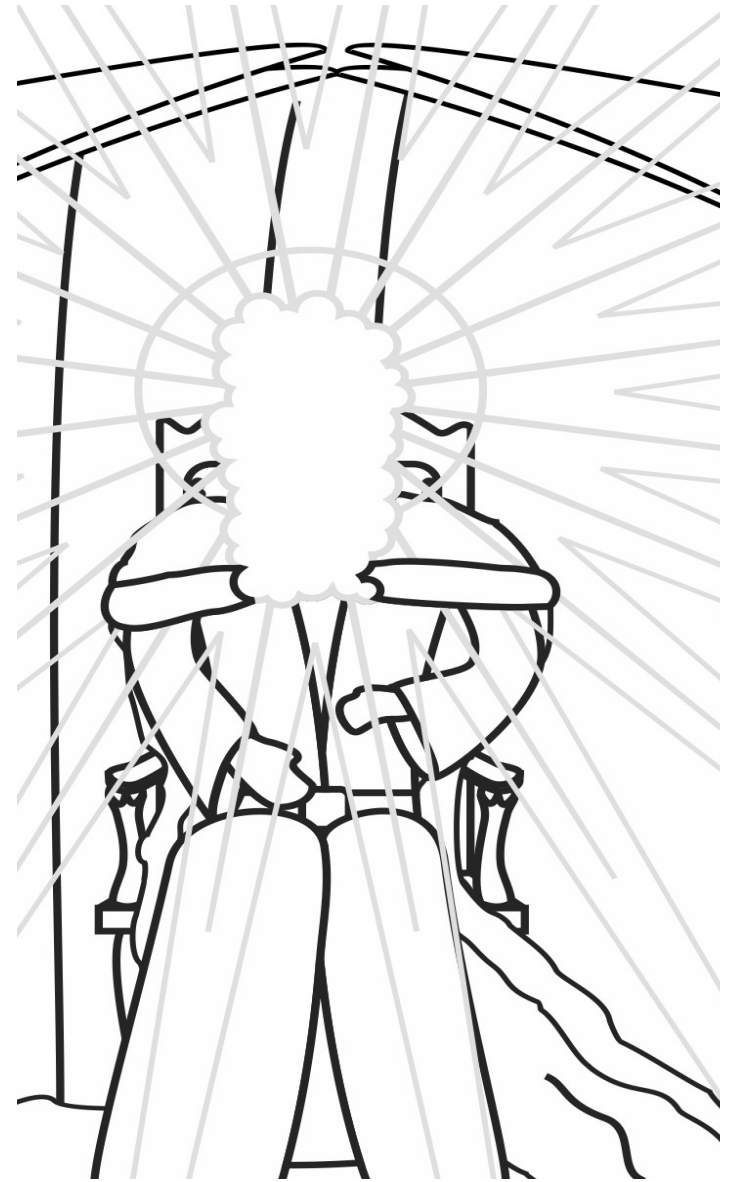
Rev 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, **and under the earth**, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

# The Final Hallelu-Yahs

Rev 19:1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: 2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. 3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. 4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.



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