**Psalm Sixty-Seven**

***“Cause His face to shine upon Us”***

**Introduction**

T

he LORD promised His blessings on the seed of Abraham and all nations as Moses declared, saying, “*Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed*” (Gen. 12:1-3). The words of the psalmist take the reader full circle, from the beginning of Jehovah’s spiritual and physical promises to Israel, through to the nations, and unto all the earth with Millennial blessings. Human history is about the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant! In the big picture of life, the vicissitudes of the rise and fall of Gentile nations is secondary to the fulfillment of the divine promises culminating in the Cross of the descendent of Abraham and of the son of David, the precious Lord Jesus Christ. To be sure, the fallen world needs to have the face of the Lord *“to shine upon”* each individual of each nation (Num. 6:24-26). In the flow of the canonical order of these psalms, it seems that David gave a glorious overview of divine providence with him back in the rightful kingship at Jerusalem (I Chr. 14:17).

**Outline**

Permeating the psalm are the “blessings” (vv. 1, 6, and 7) from the Lord and the *“praise”* (vv. 3[2x] and 5[2x]) from man. The short psalm has a simple chiastic structure.

A. The Divine Blessings upon Israel (v. 1)

B. The Divine Blessings upon Nations (vv. 2-6)

A.’ The Divine Blessings upon Israel & Nations (v. 7)

**Future for Jewish and Gentile Saints**

1. Salvation of OT saints in Sheol moved to New Heavens (Jn. 19:30; Heb. 6:19-20; 9:11-14, 24)

2. NT Saints will be resurrected at *Rapture* (I Thes. 4:16-17); OT Saints will be resurrected at end of Tribulation in the *Revelation* (Dan. 12:1-2; Rev. 19:14, 19).

3. Jewish and Gentile Saints surviving Tribulation (Ezk. 20:34-38; Mt. 25:31-46) will be regenerated (in dwelt) at outset of Millennium (Joel 2:28 ff.) and Resurrected at end of Millennium (Rev. 20:4-6).

4. All resurrected saints will live in the New Jerusalem as the Bride forever (Rev. 21:1-2, 12, 14)

**Exegesis**

**A. The Divine Blessings upon Israel (v. 1)**

1. The Musician (v. 1a) > on stringed instrument as Psalm or Song

2. The Mercy (v. 1b) > mercy (*chanan*)

a. Praise > blessing (*barac*)

b. Person > LORD’s Face > Aaronic blessing (Num. 6:24-26)

*Selah*

**B. The Divine Blessings upon Nations (vv. 2-6)**

***1. Praise for People’s Healing (v. 2)* >** On Bodies

a. Physically > on bodies > healing (Rev. 22:2; Isa. 65:20-25)

b. Spiritually > Joel 2:28 ff.; Mt. 25:31-46

***2. Praise of People (vv. 3-4a)* >** Isa. 60:1-9

***3. Praise for Policy (v. 4b)***

a. In General > Rod of Iron > Ps. 2:9; Rev. 2:27; 12:5; 19:15

b. In Specific > Egypt > Zech. 14:16-19

***2.’ Praise of People (v. 5)>*** See above

***1.’ Praise for Produce Healing (v. 6)*** > On Bounty > Isa. 4:2; 65:21; Ezk. 36:35; Joel 2:3

.

**A.’ The Divine Blessings upon Israel and the Nations (v. 7) >** Ps. 22:27;33:8; Rev. 15:4

**CONCLUSION: Jehovah has a plan to bless all of Adam’s race, especially those who receive the salvation of Abraham’s descendent, the Lord Jesus Christ!**