Joy to the World Psalm 72, Isaiah 11 & Psalm 89 December 18th, 2023

| 72:1-4 - A request for |
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| 72:1 - We observe Solomon's desire that God would give His to the king. Why? Because God's justice is perfect. |
| 72:2 - We observe what will happen if God grants this request: the King will judge people righteously, which includes bringing justice for people. |
| 72:3 - We observe that this is the Writing a few centuries later, Isaiah the prophet provides a similar description in his 11th chapter. |
| 72:4 - We observe that justice is not only bringing the oppressed out of oppression, but includes dealing with the themselves. Here, Solomon wants the king to "crush" the oppressors. Since God's justice is perfect, His timing and His methods are also perfect. |
| Justice implemented by humans will always be imperfect, but we should still seek justice. Believers will never live perfect lives, but we should still seek to be perfect, just as our heavenly father is perfect (Matt. 5:48) |
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| 72:5 - We observe the request for the king to reign as long as the are shining. Who wouldn't want this kind of just king to rule forever? |
| 72:6-7 - We read a request for prosperity and |
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| 72:8-14 - As with any realm, this kingdom not only has a Ruler, it has |

| 72:9 - We see that this future King's rule will be It will encompass not only a restored Israel within her God-given borders, but it will extend to the | | |
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| 72:10-11 - sounds a lot like description of the future rule of the Messiah from Zion. Israel's current birth pains remind us that something glorious is going to be born. Maranatha! | | |
| Psalm 72:12-17 - A Request for a righted | us, and eternal rule. | |
| Psalm 72:18-20 - Response to the assurance of future fulfillment:! | | |
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