

"A New Song"

- **Opening Announcements**
- **Opening Prayer**
- **God Sightings**

Q: Who likes music? Why do you like it?

Q: Do you think music is powerful? Why?

Q: Where do you believe music comes from?

Table Time....

READ: Isaiah 42:10 "Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants."

Q: According to this verse, what is the "content" of this "new song"?

Q: What does the "sea and all that fills it" and the "coastland and their inhabitants" mean?

READ: Isaiah 42: 11-12 "Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the habitants of Sela sing for joy let them shout from the top of the mountains. 12 Let them give glory to the LORD, and declare his praise in the coastlands."

Q: Just like the "sea" and "coastlands" above, how does verse 11 continue the theme?

NOTE: "Kedar" was the name of a nomadic tribe of Northern Arabian desert. "Kedar" was one of the 12 sons of Ishmael, so Abraham's grandson by Hagar. "Sela" was a place. Most likely in Edom (SE of the Dead Sea). A mountain city famous for many temples (where the famous city of "Petra" is today and possibly the area where Job lived).

Q: According to verse 12, "what" are they supposed to "give"?

Q: BTW...these are most likely NOT talking about Israelites! What would THAT mean to understanding this "new song" idea?

READ: Psalm 98:1-3 "Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. 2 The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God."

Q: In this "new song", what are the themes? Why are those worthy of praise?

READ: Psalm 98:4-6 "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! 5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! 6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!"

Q: What is the command of verse 4? And, "who" is supposed to "make it"?

Q: According to verses 5-6, what instruments are mentioned?

READ: Revelation 5:8-10 "And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Q: In this scene of The Revelation of Jesus, according to verse 9-10, what's the new song about?

Q: According to verse 9, "WHO" is the song about?

Q: According to verse 8, what are the saints adding to this scene?

READ: Revelation 5:11-14 "Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" 14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped."

Q: According to these verses, what are the responses to this song?

Q: Overall...WHAT is the purpose of "new songs" and what's the response?

Big Group Debrief:

Q: What are some takeaways from our "new songs"?

Q: What's are some of the "themes" of these "new song" examples?

Q: How might YOU sing a "new song" today? In the days to come? And why do it?