

Sing to the LORD, All the Earth (c. 998 BC)

Psalm 96		1 Chronicles 16:23–33	
1	Sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth!	23	Sing to the LORD, all the earth!
2	Sing to the LORD! Praise his name! Announce every day how he delivers!		Announce every day how he delivers!
3	Tell the nations about his splendor! Tell all the nations about his amazing deeds!	24	Tell the nations about his splendor, tell all the nations about his miraculous deeds!
4	For the LORD is great and certainly worthy of praise; he is more awesome than all gods.	25	For the LORD is great and certainly worthy of praise, he is more awesome than all gods.
5	For all the gods of the nations are worthless, but the LORD made the sky.	26	For all the gods of the nations are worthless, but the LORD made the heavens.
6	Majestic splendor emanates from him; his sanctuary is firmly established and beautiful.	27	Majestic splendor emanates from him, he is the source of strength and joy.
7	Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the nations, ascribe to the LORD splendor and strength!	28	Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the nations, ascribe to the LORD splendor and strength!
8	Ascribe to the LORD the splendor he deserves! Bring an offering and enter his courts!	29	Ascribe to the LORD the splendor he deserves! Bring an offering and enter his presence!
9	Worship the LORD in holy attire! Tremble before him, all the earth!		Worship the LORD in holy attire!
10	Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! The world is established, it cannot be moved. He judges the nations fairly."	30	Tremble before him, all the earth!
11	Let the sky rejoice, and the earth be happy!		The world is established, it cannot be moved.
	Let the sea and everything in it shout!	31	Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be happy! Let the nations say, 'The LORD reigns!'
12	Let the fields and everything in them celebrate! Then let the trees of the forest shout with joy	32	Let the sea and everything in it shout! Let the fields and everything in them celebrate!
13	before the LORD, for he comes! For he comes to judge the earth! He judges the world fairly, and the nations in accordance with his justice.	33	Then let the trees of the forest shout with joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth!

Give Thanks to the LORD, for He is Good (c. 998 BC)

Psalm 106		1 Chronicles 16:34–36	
1	Praise the LORD! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, and his loyal love endures!	34	Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good and his loyal love endures.
2	Who can adequately recount the LORD's mighty acts, or relate all his praiseworthy deeds?		
3	How blessed are those who promote justice, and do what is right all the time!		
4	Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people! Pay attention to me, when you deliver,		
5	so I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, rejoice along with your nation, and boast along with the people who belong to you.		
6	We have sinned like our ancestors; we have done wrong, we have done evil.		
7	Our ancestors in Egypt failed to appreciate your miraculous deeds, they failed to remember your many acts of loyal love, and they rebelled at the sea, by the Red Sea.		
8	Yet he delivered them for the sake of his reputation, that he might reveal his power.		
9	He shouted at the Red Sea and it dried up; he led them through the deep water as if it were a desert.		
10	He delivered them from the power of the one who hated them,		

- and rescued them from the power of the enemy.
- 11 The water covered their enemies;
not even one of them survived.
- 12 They believed his promises;
they sang praises to him.
- 13 They quickly forgot what he had done;
they did not wait for his instructions.
- 14 In the wilderness they had an insatiable craving for meat;
they challenged God in the desert.
- 15 He granted their request,
then struck them with a disease.
- 16 In the camp they resented Moses,
and Aaron, the LORD's holy priest.
- 17 The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan;
it engulfed the group led by Abiram.
- 18 Fire burned their group;
the flames scorched the wicked.
- 19 They made an image of a calf at Horeb,
and worshiped a metal idol.
- 20 They traded their majestic God
for the image of an ox that eats grass.
- 21 They rejected the God who delivered them,
the one who performed great deeds in Egypt,
amazing feats in the land of Ham,
mighty acts by the Red Sea.
- 22 He threatened to destroy them,
but Moses, his chosen one, interceded with him
and turned back his destructive anger.
- 24 They rejected the fruitful land;
they did not believe his promise.
- 25 They grumbled in their tents;
they did not obey the LORD.
- 26 So he made a solemn vow
that he would make them die in the desert,
make their descendants die among the nations,
and scatter them among foreign lands.
- 28 They worshiped Baal of Peor,
and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.
- 29 They made the LORD angry by their actions,
and a plague broke out among them.
- 30 Phinehas took a stand and intervened,
and the plague subsided.
- 31 This brought him a reward,
an eternal gift.
- 32 They made him angry by the waters of Meribah,
and Moses suffered because of them,
- 33 for they aroused his temper,
and he spoke rashly.
- 34 They did not destroy the nations,
as the LORD had commanded them to do.
- 35 They mixed in with the nations
and learned their ways.
- 36 They worshiped their idols,
which became a snare to them.
- 37 They sacrificed their sons and daughters to demons.
- 38 They shed innocent blood—
the blood of their sons and daughters,
whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan.

<p>The land was polluted by bloodshed.</p> <p>39 They were defiled by their deeds, and unfaithful in their actions.</p> <p>40 So the LORD was angry with his people and despised the people who belong to him.</p> <p>41 He handed them over to the nations, and those who hated them ruled over them.</p> <p>42 Their enemies oppressed them; they were subject to their authority.</p> <p>43 Many times he delivered them, but they had a rebellious attitude, and degraded themselves by their sin.</p> <p>44 Yet he took notice of their distress, when he heard their cry for help.</p> <p>45 He remembered his covenant with them, and relented because of his great loyal love.</p> <p>46 He caused all their conquerors to have pity on them.</p>	
<p>47 Deliver us, O LORD, our God! Gather us from among the nations! Then we will give thanks to your holy name, and boast about your praiseworthy deeds.</p> <p>48 The LORD God of Israel deserves praise, in the future and forevermore. Let all the people say, "We agree! Praise the LORD!"</p>	<p>35 Say this prayer: "Deliver us, O God who delivers us! Gather us! Rescue us from the nations! Then we will give thanks to your holy name, and boast about your praiseworthy deeds."</p> <p>36 May the LORD God of Israel be praised, in the future and forevermore. Then all the people said, "We agree! Praise the LORD!"</p>

Arrangements for Regular Worship at Jerusalem (c. 998 BC)

1 Chronicles 6:31–49; 16:37–42

Asaph Cares for the Ark in Jerusalem

16:37 David left Asaph and his colleagues there before the ark of the LORD's covenant to serve before the ark regularly and fulfill each day's requirements,

38 including Obed-Edom and sixty-eight colleagues. Obed-Edom son of Jeduthun and Hosah were gatekeepers.

Zadok Cares for the Tabernacle at Gibeon

39 Zadok the priest and his fellow priests served before the LORD's tabernacle at the worship center in Gibeon,
40 regularly offering burnt sacrifices to the LORD on the altar for burnt sacrifice, morning and evening, according to what is prescribed in the law of the LORD which he charged Israel to observe.

David's Music Ministers

41 Joining them were Heman, Jeduthun, and the rest of those chosen and designated by name to give thanks to the LORD. (For his loyal love endures!)

42 Heman and Jeduthun were in charge of the music, including the trumpets, cymbals, and the other musical instruments used in praising God. The sons of Jeduthun guarded the entrance.

Ancestry of David's Music Ministers

6:31 These are the men David put in charge of music in the LORD's sanctuary, after the ark was placed there.

32 They performed music before the sanctuary of the meeting tent until Solomon built the LORD's temple in Jerusalem. They carried out their tasks according to regulations.

33 These are the ones who served along with their sons: From the Kohathites: Heman the musician, son of Joel, son of Samuel,

34 son of Elkanah, son of Jeroham, son of Eliel, son of Toah,

35 son of Zuph, son of Elkanah, son of Mahath, son of Amasai,

36 son of Elkanah, son of Joel, son of Azariah, son of Zephaniah,

37 son of Tahath, son of Assir, son of Ebiasaph, son of Korah,

38 son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, son of Israel.

39 Serving beside him was his fellow Levite Asaph, son of Berechiah, son of Shimea,

40 son of Michael, son of Baaseiah, son of Malkijah,

41 son of Ethni, son of Zerah, son of Adaiah,

42 son of Ethan, son of Zimmah, son of Shimei,
 43 son of Jahath, son of Gershom, son of Levi.
 44 Serving beside them were their fellow Levites, the descendants of Merari, led by Ethan, son of Kishi, son of Abdi, son of Malluch,
 45 son of Hashabiah, son of Amaziah, son of Hilkiyah,
 46 son of Amzi, son of Bani, son of Shemer,
 47 son of Mahli, son of Mushi, son of Merari, son of Levi.

Distinction Between Levites and Priests Maintained

48 The rest of their fellow Levites were assigned to perform the remaining tasks at God's sanctuary.

49 But Aaron and his descendants offered sacrifices on the altar for burnt offerings and on the altar for incense as they had been assigned to do in the most holy sanctuary. They made atonement for Israel, just as God's servant Moses had ordered.

Michal Accuses David of Acting Shamefully (c. 998 BC)

2 Samuel 6:19b–23

19b Then all the people went home.
 20 When David went home to pronounce a blessing on his own house, Michal, Saul's daughter, came out to meet him. She said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself this day! He has exposed himself today before his servants' slave girls the way a vulgar fool might do!"
 21 David replied to Michal, "It was before the LORD! I was celebrating before the LORD, who chose me over your father and his entire family and appointed me as leader over the LORD's people Israel.
 22 I am willing to shame and humiliate myself even more than this! But with the slave girls whom you mentioned let me be distinguished!"
 23 Now Michal, Saul's daughter, had no children to the day of her death.

1 Chronicles 16:43

43 Then all the people returned to their homes, and David went to pronounce a blessing on his family.

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