PSALM

97
XCVII

Theophanic Declarative Praise

Writer not named · Book IV · The LORD Reigns

PICTURE WORD
Wax

IN ONE SENTENCE

The LORD reigns over all the earth in righteousness, idols are shamed, and light is sown for those who love him.

Remember it: Ninety-seven: mountains melt like wax, but light is sown for the righteous.

MEMORY VERSE

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of Yahweh, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

Psalm 97:5 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

כַּדּוֹנַג

"wax" · verse 5

In the Psalms: three times, in 3 psalms

דּוֹנַג is wax, the soft substance that melts near a flame. It appears only a few times in the Bible, always for something that cannot hold its shape before heat. Even the mountains, the firmest thing people know, melt like wax at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–5	The LORD reigns; fire and lightning go before him, mountains melt.
6–9	Idol worshipers are shamed while Zion rejoices.
10–12	Those who love the LORD hate evil and receive light.

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Psalm 97 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at **ispress.de/psalms/97**.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

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FILL IN THE BLANKS

The LORD reigns over all the earth in _____, _____ are shamed, and light is _____ for those who love him.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What is around the LORD?

- (A) Clouds and darkness
- (B) Angels and trumpets
- (C) Gold and jewels
- (D) Rivers and trees

2. Who is shamed?

- (A) Those who mourn
- (B) Those who serve engraved images
- (C) Those who sing
- (D) Those who fast

3. What are those who love the LORD told to do?

- (A) Build altars
- (B) Leave Zion
- (C) Hate evil
- (D) Make vows

TALK IT OVER

1. How do fire, lightning, and melting mountains describe God's presence?

2. What does it mean that righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne?

3. Verse 11 says light is sown like seed. How have you seen God's light grow slowly in hard places?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 97 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
- ☐ I can say verse 5 by heart
- ☐ I can say what it teaches
- ☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: righteousness · idols · sown · Check yourself: 1. A (v. 2) · 2. B (v. 7) · 3. C (v. 10)