

Psalm 117

[1] **praise** YHWH, all nations

[2] **extol** Him, all peoples

[3] because, **is being great**
upon us, His lovingkindness

[4] and faithfulness of
YHWH (**is**) to forever

[5] **praise** YH!

This is a translation and a study of Psalm 117. This work presents the possible presence of a literary numbering system in Psalm 117 (as it were, original Bible verse numbers). Following the PebbleCounting hypothesis, this numbering system appears to be inherent in the Ancient Hebrew of Psalm 117, as it is in other Psalms and books of Scripture. © Steve, 2024. This study is freely available at pebblecounting.com.

This shortest of psalms is a single fivefold literary half-set. In it, the personal, relational-covenantal name YHWH is aligned with the worship of the global community. Israel's covenantal God has given Himself to the nations. Such an immeasurable gift may be underscored by the literary half-set, which can indicate a hand extended to give a gift. Some of God's most precious attributes are mentioned in this concise rendering: His lovingkindness and His faithfulness, both of which are prominently featured in His goodness toward His covenant people. The literary half-set can also indicate a change: in this case, God expanding His relational welcome from just Israel to all the nations and peoples of earth. The psalm appears to be cast in an eschatological light, due to the literary elements for the nations being blended with the literary elements for the divine subject, all in the same subject column. This is an eschatological scene of worship: God's people in His immediate presence.