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Suggested notes

Psalm 72

Background to the chapter

This Psalm was written by David who was king of Israel. It talks of a special royal son.

What we will see in this chapter:

- What the world would be like ruled over and judged by this special son

1 Read the chapter

2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 and 2 <i>Text note: Righteousness is God's moral rightness.</i>	1. How will this special son judge people?	He will judge with God's moral rightness and the poor with justice.
3 to 7	2. What else will he do for our world?	He will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ bring prosperity ➤ save needy children ➤ destroy oppressors
8 to 11 <i>Text note: Tarshish, Sheba and Seba were nations remote from Israel.</i>	3. Who will he rule over?	He will rule over all nations.
12 to 14	4. How will he treat those who need help?	He will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ deliver when they cry ➤ deliver those who have no helper ➤ have pity and save the needy
15	5. How will the nations react?	They will appreciate him, giving their wealth and honour to him.
16	6. What will the food supply be like?	Crops will be abundant.
17 to 20	7. What else are we told about him?	His reign will not end. All will benefit from his blessings. All will acknowledge the blessings of his reign.

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3 Related theme: *God's special person would improve our world.*

Have a look at these related verses and see how the rule of this person would improve our world.

Make a note of the main point(s) in the verse(s).

Verse(s)	Main point(s)
Isaiah 9 v 6 and 7	This son will have a strong, endless, just government.
Isaiah 11 v 2 to 4	Having the Lord's influence, his rule will be wise, and considerate of the needy.
Micah 4 v 2 to 4	People will want to know God's way of living. His just judgements will result in peace and security.