

## **A Study of the Wisdom Literature** **(OT Survey Lesson 251—Psalms 97-98)**

**Introduction:** These psalms, along with Psalm 96, might be regarded as **Messianic** since they celebrate the reign of God. The hope aroused by such psalms found its complete fulfillment in the kingdom of Jesus, God incarnate.

**Lesson aim:** To encourage the student to celebrate the reign of God in the world.

### **A psalm celebrating the reign of God and urging all to worship Him—Psalm 97:1-12**

1. What fact about God served as the basis for this psalm? (v. 1) What was the earth and islands urged to do?
2. What principles are the foundation of God's throne? (v. 2)
3. What natural phenomena served as symbols of God's judgment? (v. 3-5)
4. What did the psalmist affirm about God? (v. 6)
5. In the second strophe, the psalmist declared God's superiority over what? (v. 7-9) What did he urge the idolater to do? The gods?
6. What did the psalmist urge those who loved the Lord to do? (v. 10) Why?
7. What did the psalmist say God "sowed" for the righteous person? (v. 11) Consequently, what were they urged to do? (v. 12)

### **A psalm urging all to praise God, the righteous judge—Psalm 98:1-9**

1. What did the psalmist urge the worshipper to do? (v. 1) Why?
2. List the various ways the psalmist describes God's saving activity (v. 1-3)

3. What did the psalmist urge all the earth to do? (v. 4) What instruments were to accompany these praises of God? (v. 5-6)
4. What else did the psalmist urge to join in the chorus of praise? (v. 7-8)
5. What fact about the Lord serves as the basis for the call to praise Him? (v. 9)