





# The Enchanted Forest

Acer Rubrum – Red Maple – IF *Forests SING*Red Maples would be the choirs

Red Maples – most widespread deciduous trees of eastern/central North America

U.S. Forest Service - MOST ABUNDANT native tree in eastern North America

Psalm 96 begins w "*SING*"

**Red Maple** 

**Most ABUNDANT?** 

from O.T. thru N.T. no "worship"

without SONG

## Sing God's Glory

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, ALL the earth.
- 2-3 Sing to the LORD ... Declare His glory....

**Charles Spurgeon in a sermon on these verses:** 

All ye, who love the Lord, give vent to your heart's emotion by holy song....

What a noble instrument the human voice is! What a compass it has! Its low, soft whispers, how they can hold us spellbound....

I ... [am] compelled to admit that ALL the instruments that were ever devised by men, however sweetly attuned, are harsh & grating compared with the unparalleled sweetness of the human voice.





- 1-3 Sing God's Glory
- 4-6 Sing God's Majesty
  - 7-9 Sing God's Worth
- 10-11 Sing God's Righteous Judgment Part 1
- 12-13 Sing God's Righteous Judgment Part 2

Hebrew experts see FIVE Six-line stanzas

You may SEE these as "orders" or "requests" or "pleas"

Yet a higher way is to SEE these as an "overflow" or or a post-victory "Celebration" of "GRATITUDE"

LESS ordered force & MORE a release of ADORATION

LESS from Duty & MORE from the HEART



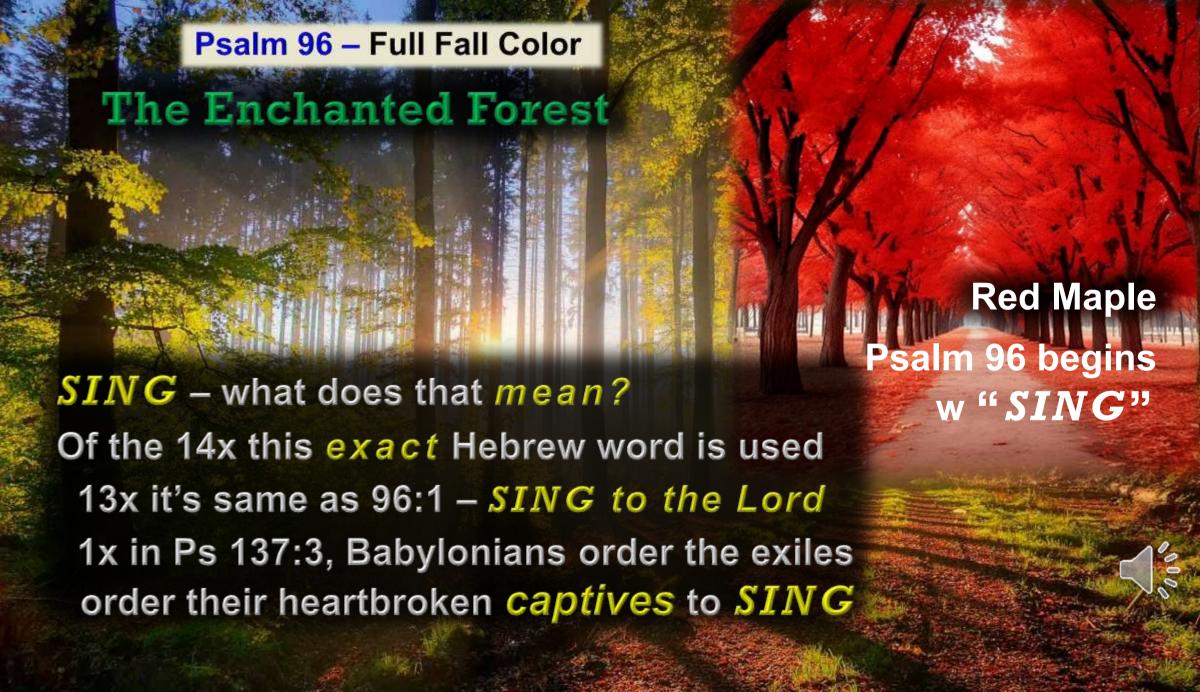
Psalm 96 – Full Fall Color

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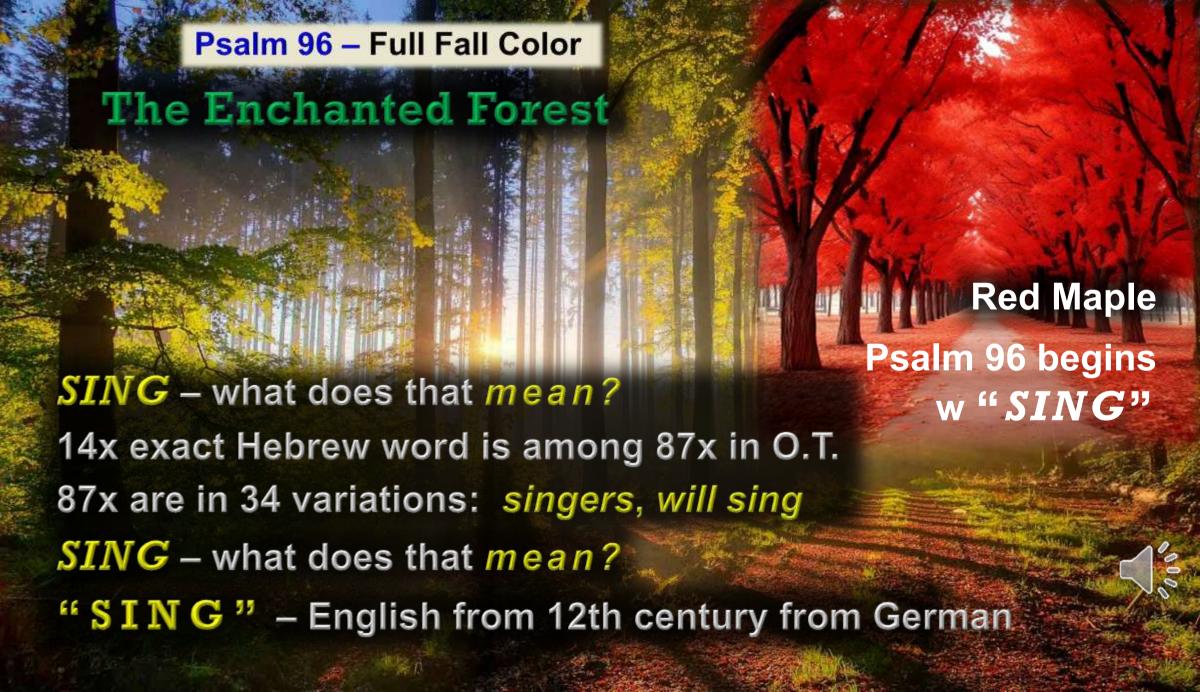
SING - what does that mean?

I worship your Holy Name SING like never before













SING - make melody in any language

From our YOUTH we have SONG in heart

- Imbedded in our spiritual DNA
- Ingrained under the skin of our SOUL
- ✓ Implanted within our inner SPIRIT

WHEN tied to a crisis—woven into our very personhood

- ✓ Surgically matrixed into the fiber of our psyche
- ✓ Psychologically mated to our Spirit & Soul FOREVER

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w "*SING*"

#### Psalm 96 LINKED to the ARK of Covenant

- 1 Chronicles 13, after great victories, King David rents a U-Haul
- 1 Chron 13:7-8 <sup>7</sup> They moved the ARK of God from Abinadab's house on a new cart, with Uzzah and Ahio guiding it.
  - 8 David and all the Israelites were celebrating with

# **ALL THEIR MIGHT before God**

with songs and with harps, lyres, timbrels, cymbals, trumpets. Whole Uzzah reached to steady the ARK – God killed Uzzah!

- 1 Chron 14, David sends to King of Tyre for supplies to build palace in Jerusalem, David takes more wives and defeats Philistines
- 1 Chron 15, King David pitches a tent for ARK in Jerusalem ...
  elaborate plans to BRING the ARK into Jerusalem
  King David assembled vs 3 "all of Israel in Jerusalem"
  King David asks Levites to appoint MUSICIANS

Psalm 96 LINKED to Ark of Covenant

1 Chron 15:29,
as ARK was entering Jerusalem
[David's wife] Michal daughter of Saul
watched from a window....
saw King David dancing ...

saw King David dancing ...
she despised him in her heart.

Despite the fact that she had her reasons, David Dances ...

David has made elaborate, detailed, scrupulous preparations for His

# PARADE



#### Psalm 96 LINKED to the Ark of Covenant

1 Chron 16 ARK is placed in tent with Burnt & Peace Offerings
Detailed list of musical instruments to be played
1 Chron 16:5-6 "lyres & harps, Asaph ... on cymbals,

Benaiah & Jahaziel ... blow the trumpets

regularly before the ark of the covenant of God."

- 1 Chron 16:7 "That day David first appointed Asaph and associates to give praise to the LORD in *THIS MANNER:*
- 1 Chron 16:8-36 which is a Psalm itself ... and our POINT
- 1 Chronicles 16:23-33 is almost word-for-word Psalm 96

Moreover, Psalms 96-98 are also considered Messianic that is, points to Israel's God as MORE than just for Israel that is, link Isaiah 40-66 to Psalm 96 in pointing to Christ

## Sing God's Glory

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, ALL the earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.
- 3 Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among ALL peoples.



Have you never seen the [dry] brooks... of the summer? You wonder whether there is any streamlet there at all.

go ... among the rounded stones ... scarcely find a trace of water.

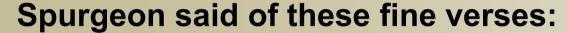
How different after the snows have melted, or the mists upon the mountain brows have turned to showers!

then, then ...



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THEN the water comes rushing down like a mighty torrent....

There is a religion a ... miserable, ordinary Christianity which is not worth the name it bears....

The cross reveals the hearts of men ... their true character.

Till the cross ... Joseph of Arimathaea was scarcely known....

But when the cross was lifted up,

Joseph went BOLDLY in for the body of Christ





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Spurgeon said of Psalm 96, in all caps, that:

It is a grand MISSIONARY HYMN





## Sing God's Majesty

4 For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above ALL gods.

Psalm 95:3 similar, "Great God above ALL gods" Spurgeon links Psalm 95 to Psalm 96

- 5 For ALL the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
  - 6 Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in His sanctuary.

As Spurgeon opined: NO corner of the world is to be discordant, no race of heathen to be dumb....

As the sun shines on all lands, so are all lands to delight in the light of the Sun of Righteousness.

E Pluribus Unum, out of many ONE song shall come forth.





#### Psalm 96 – Sing God's Worth

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- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the splendor/beauty of His holiness; tremble before him, ALL the earth.

Spurgeon quotes Congregational Pastor Edward Payson (1783–1827):

During every day & every hour ... debt has been increasing; for every day & every hour ALL men OUGHT to have given unto Jehovah the GLORY WHICH IS DUE TO HIS NAME.

But NO MAN has ever done this FULLY....

difference between the tribute which men *OUGHT* to have paid ... and that which they *ACTUALLY* have paid....

How vast, then, how incalculable is that DEBT!



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Spurgeon said: This is the only BEAUTY which he cares for ... is one for which no other can compensate.

Beauty of architecture & apparel he does not regard; moral & spiritual beauty is that in which His soul delighteth.

Worship must not be rendered to God in a slovenly....

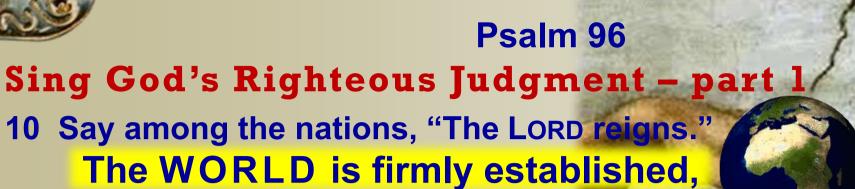
Purity is the white linen of the Lord's choristers,

Righteousness is the comely garment of his priests,

Holiness is the royal apparel of his servants.







it cannot be moved;

HE WILL JUDGE the peoples fairly / righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, let the EARTH be glad; let the SEA resound, and ALL that is in it.

ALL of the EARTH ... do NOT miss "THE WORLD" that

# HE WILL JUDGE the WORLD

Here – a Messianic PROMISE ... from the O.T. thru the N.T. MOST of ALL – another reason to SING – PRAISE – WORSHIP

God DOES have the WHOLE WORLD in His HAND

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- ✓ Closest star to our Sun is Proxima Centauri,4.2 Light-Years away
- Launched 48 years ago, by June 2025, Voyager 1 at 38,000 mph has travelled 15.5 billion miles
- ✓ 1.3B miles SHORT of a Light-Day @ 16.2B miles
- ✓ At 4.2 LYs, Voyager has OVER 1,533 Light-Days to go to reach Proxima Centauri
- 1,533 Light-Days x 48 years = 73,584 YEARS to go before it reaches the CLOSEST star to us in in our Milky Way

World is firmly establish it cannot be moved

The closest star to the Sun is
4.2 Light-Years away. Voyager
launched 48 years ago, and
it hasn't even traveled
one light-day yet.

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12 Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let ALL the TREES OF THE FOREST SING for joy.

13 Let ALL creation rejoice before the LORD, for HE COMES,

He comes to JUDGE the earth.

He will JUDGE the world in righteousness

and the peoples in His faithfulness.

Spurgeon quoted François Vatable, aka "Vatablus" (–1547) famous for teaching & bringing a Hebrew expertise to France

Vatablus remarks that "to judge" is the word used instead of to reign ... because judges in the early days of the Holy Land exercised the power both of kings & m

The Lord COMES to be to ALL nations a wiser judge a greater champion than Samson, a mightier deliverer than Gideon.







