



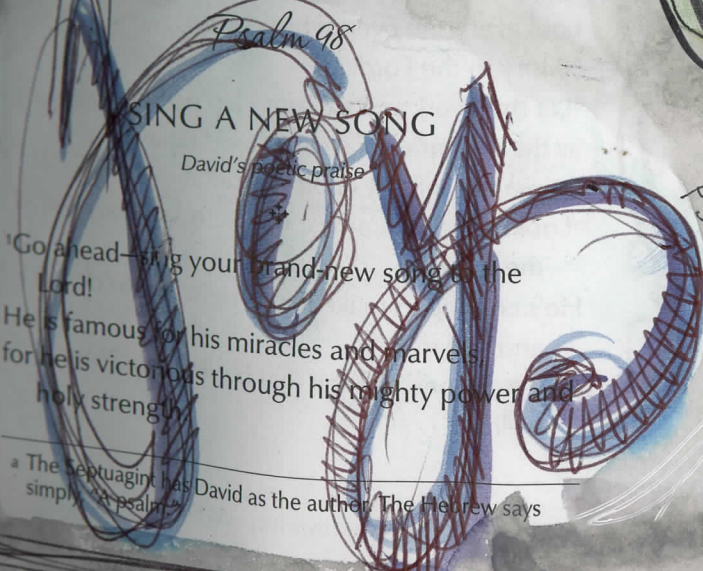
For here he comes, the Lord God,
and he's ready to judge the world.
He will do what's right and can be trusted
to always do what's fair!

Psalm 97

THE LORD RULES OVER ALL
The Lord of David's Kingdom was established
and now reigns as King! Let everyone
know his power!
His rule extends everywhere, even to distant
lands
and the islands of the sea, let them all be glad!
Clouds both dark and mysterious now surround
him.^b
His throne of glory rests upon
a foundation of righteousness and justice.
All around him is a blazing glory-fire
consuming all his foes.
When his lightning strikes, flashing in the skies,
people are wide-eyed as they tremble and shake.
Mountains melt away like wax in a fire
when the Lord of all the earth draws near!
Heaven's messengers preach righteousness and
people everywhere see his glory in the sky!

^a This inscription is from the Septuagint.
^b 97:2 See also Deuteronomy 4:11 and 5:22.

Shame covers all who boast in other gods for
they worship idols.
For all the supernatural powers once worshiped
the true and Living God!
But God's Zion people are content
for they know and hear the truth.
The people of praise rejoice over all your
judgments, O Lord!
For you are King—God, the Most High God over
all the earth.
You are exalted above every supernatural power!
Let all you lovers of God, hate evil,
for God can keep you from wrong
and protect you from the power of wickedness.
For he sows seeds of light within his lovers,
and seeds of joy burst forth for the lovers of God!
So be glad and continue to give him thanks,
for God's holiness is seen in everything he does.



Psalm 98

SING A NEW SONG
David's poetic praise

Go ahead—sing your brand-new song to the
Lord!
He is famous for his miracles and marvels
for he is victorious through his mighty power and
holy strength!

^a The Septuagint has David as the author. The Hebrew says simply "a psalm."



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Psalm 97:11