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Two interesting features of this psalm:

1) The obviously abrupt shift from God being in the third person (v. 1) to the first person (v. 2) doing the speaking.

   Asaph, as it were, bows out and lets God speak directly.

2) The eschatological content in this psalm.

   This is one of the few psalms given over (almost entirely) to the End Times.

The newly appointed Supreme Court Judge, Clarence Thomas (appointed in Oct., 1991), has awakened our nation's interest in our country's judicial system and the qualifications for such a high office.

Psalm 75 is about a Judge. A Judge, however, that far transcends any earthly Judge. This Judge is the Lord Jesus Christ. Note the key references to God as Judge - v. 2, 7.

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I. The Judge is Near (v. 1)

God's wondrous works reveal His name to be near.

God's name - All that God is and stands for. An idiom for "His person," or "His entire being."

The Lord's coming is certainly near. "The Judge standeth before the door" (Ja. 5:9).

Certain events reveal the end times are near:

1) Israel in her land
2) The New World Order in the making
3) The quest for peace in the Middle East
4) The one-world religion promoted by the RCC
5) The one-world economy

II. The Judge is righteous (v. 2-3)

A. Righteous to remove His congregation before He pours out His wrath (v. 2)

KJV - "When I shall receive the congregation, I will judge uprightly" - "When I seize the appointed" (when I take the elect).

Some interpret the word "appointed" as meaning "the appointed time" (NKJV); I take it to mean the appointed people.

God being a just Judge will not judge His people with the world in the Day of the Lord. But will remove them just prior to His wrath! Scripture teaches a "pre-wrath rapture" of the Church (Lk. 18:26-36).

B. Righteous to repay the world what it deserves (v. 2-3)

As Job testified, This Judge always does what is right!

"In righteousness, He doth judge and make war." (Rev. 19:11-16).

SEE: Is. 11:1-5

"Dissolved" = see: Isaiah 24:17-23 *v. 19

The same Lord Jesus who created the earth is the One who holds the world in position and in place (Col. 1:17).

One day, however, He will upset the present order of things.

III. The Judge is sovereign (v. 4-8)

A. The warning from the sovereign Judge (v. 4-5)

V. 4

To lift up the "horn" (an expression repeated in this chapter, v. 5, 10) - means to raise the head proudly like a horned animal (ram or goat, etc.)

V. 5

"Stiff neck" = a neck that does not bow in humility before God, but straightens itself up in defiance against God.

B. The exaltation of the sovereign Judge (v. 6-7)

V. 6

"Promotion" = self-exaltation.

God omits the reference to the North, since the North is where He is said to reside.

(Is. 14:13 - "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north")

(Ps. 48:2 - "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.")

No world ruler or kingdom comes to power apart from God's sovereign control (Dan. 4).

C. The penalty of the sovereign Judge (v. 8)

The cup of the Lord - SEE: Jer. 25:15-18, 28-33

"The wine is red" = the specified color points to the intoxicating nature of the wine (Prov. 23:31).

The cup represents the delusion/deliriousness; the lostness and drunkenness that the pagan world will find itself in in the day of the Lord because they received not the love of the truth (II Thes. 2:10-12).

The "dregs" - the undiluted remaining portion of the wine that settles at the bottom of the wine skin. This portion will be drained and drunk by the lost world.

A picture of God's undiluted fury - Rev. 14:9-11.

IV. The Judge is honored (v. 9-10)

V. 9

In contrast to the world which will be under divine wrath and eternal torment, the righteous will eternally sing praises to God.

V. 10

This verse is reminiscent of Christ's words: "He who exalteth himself shall be abased, but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

CONCLUSION: