INTRO: This psalm was probably written by King Solomon on the occasion of the dedication of the temple, as recorded in 2 Chron. 6.

I. DAVID ERECTED A TABERNACLE TO HOUSE THE ARK OF THE COVENANT, & HAD THE ARK INSTALLED IN IT, vs. 1-7.
So they brought the ark of the LORD, AND set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. (2 Sam. 6:17).

NOTE: He later desired to build a temple, a permanent dwelling place for God, but God did not permit him to do so.

And David said to Solomon: "My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the name of the LORD my God; but the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood & have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight. Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace & quietness to Israel in his days. He shall build a house for My name, & he shall be My son, & I will be his Father; & I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.' (1 Chron. 22:7-10).

II. IN TIME, SOLOMON BUILT THE TEMPLE THAT HIS FATHER DAVID HAD HOPED TO BUILD.

But the LORD said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well in that it was in your heart. Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall build the temple for My name.' "So the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke, and I have filled the position of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised; and I have built the temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel. 11And there I have put the ark, in which is the covenant of the
LORD which He made with the children of Israel." (2 Chron. 6:8-11)

NOTE: Solomon, in his wisdom, realized that God could not literally be contained in a physical building.

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!


III. THE MESSIANIC PORTION OF THE PSALM, vs. 10-18.

A. The temple was a type, the church is the antitype.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Cor. 3:16).

B. Verses 10-12 are partially fulfilled in Solomon, thus Solomon becomes a type, Jesus the antitype.

"Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. (Acts 2:29-33).

C. In verses 13-15, literal Zion becomes a type, Christ’s church the antitype.

But you have come to Mount Zion & to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, (Heb. 12:22-23).
D. The OT priesthood finds fulfillment in the NT principle in which every Christian is a priest, vs. 16.

You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. (1 Peter 2:5, 9-10).

E. Jesus is the horn of David & the light of the world, vs/17-18.

"Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited & redeemed His people, & has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David, As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, who have been since the world began. (Luke 1:68-70).

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