

Psalm 68

A Song or Psalm of David

King James Version (KJV)

68 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. (Almost the exact words of Moses)

²As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. 2Peter-3:10

³But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

⁴Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him. (Jah= YAH – the saacred name of God) (rideth= as in a chariot)

⁵A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation. (Father of all, defender of the helpless)

⁶God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

⁷O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah: (Exodus from Egypt – Cloud by day, pillar of fire by night)

⁸The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel. (heavens also dropped - God provides the rain for prosperity and for protection) See Judges-5:4-5 as second witness. (Sinai - when God gave Moses the 10 commandments)

⁹Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

¹⁰Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

¹¹The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it. (published= publish and also announce publically)

¹²Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil. (Kings of the heathen armies did flee, did flee -> twice for emphasis... true translation) (she – the wife of the victor)

¹³ Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold. (lien among the pots-> area between the brick kilns in Egypt. To lay there in a dirty place, God cleans you and glorifies you as the dove example)

¹⁴ When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was white as snow in Salmon. (Salmon- a hill near Shechem) (When the Kings fled, they dropped everything and ran. The spoil looked like snow on the ground)

¹⁵ The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan; an high hill as the hill of Bashan. (Bashan symbolic of big)

¹⁶ Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell in it for ever. (Zion, where God dwells, is higher than the hills of Bashan)

¹⁷ The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place. (Also see 2Kings-6:17 – when Elisha asked God to open the heavens and reveal His army to Elisha’s armor bearer when they were surrounded by the enemy.)

¹⁸ Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them. See 1Peter-3:19

¹⁹ Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah. (benefits= gifts, blessings)

²⁰ He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death. (issues= deliverance)

²¹ But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses. Genesis-3:15 (hairy scalp – means an arrogant, egotistical crown on the head of His enemies)

²² The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea: (my people – added by the translators. It doesn’t belong.) (The Hebrew verse really means – I will bring my enemies from the depths of the see <for judgement>. There is no place for them to hide)

²³ That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies, and the tongue of thy dogs in the same. (thy- the elect of God)

²⁴ They have seen thy goings, O God; even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

²⁵ The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the damsels playing with timbrels. (When they brought the Ark into Jerusalem) 2Samuel-6 (David also danced)

²⁶ Bless ye God in the congregations, even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel. (from-> Ye that are of) (Fountain- could be the twelve patriarchs of Israel)

²⁷ There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali. (The farthest south and the farthest north – means ALL of Israel)

²⁸ Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

²⁹ Because of thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee. Revelation-21:20-24

³⁰ Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people that delight in war. (company of spearmen-> beasts of the reeds <Egypt> ... Bad translation)

³¹ Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God. (in prayer)

³² Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; Selah:

³³ To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice. 2Peter-3:5-6 (In the first age)

³⁴ Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds. (Praise God for His might – Moffet) (clouds= heavens)

³⁵ O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.
(terrible= awesome)

To the chief musician upon Sho-shan-nim -Lillies

This Psalm was sung at Passover

When David brought the Ark up from Kirjath Jarim to Jerusalem