

## God Shall Scatter His Enemies [Messianic] (c. 997 BC)

## Psalm 68

*For the choir director.*

**A Psalm of David. A Song.**

- 1 Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered,  
And let those who hate Him flee before Him.
- 2 As smoke is driven away, *so drive them away*;  
As wax melts before the fire,  
So let the wicked perish before God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before God;  
Yes, let them rejoice with gladness.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to His name;  
Lift up *a song* for Him who rides through the deserts,  
Whose name is the LORD, and exult before Him.
- 5 A father of the fatherless and a judge for the widows,  
Is God in His holy habitation.
- 6 God makes a home for the lonely;  
He leads out the prisoners into prosperity,  
Only the rebellious dwell in a parched land.
- 7 O God, when You went forth before Your people,  
When You marched through the wilderness, *Selah*.
- 8 The earth quaked;  
The heavens also dropped *rain* at the presence of God;  
Sinai itself *quaked* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You shed abroad a plentiful rain, O God;  
You confirmed Your inheritance when it was parched.
- 10 Your creatures settled in it;  
You provided in Your goodness for the poor, O God.
- 11 The Lord gives the command;  
The women who proclaim the *good* tidings are a great host:
- 12 “Kings of armies flee, they flee,  
And she who remains at home will divide the spoil!”
- 13 When you lie down among the sheepfolds,  
*You are like* the wings of a dove covered with silver,  
And its pinions with glistening gold.
- 14 When the Almighty scattered the kings there,  
It was snowing in Zalmon.
- 15 A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan;  
A mountain *of many* peaks is the mountain of Bashan.
- 16 Why do you look with envy, O mountains with *many* peaks,  
At the mountain which God has desired for His abode?  
Surely the LORD will dwell *there* forever.
- 17 The chariots of God are myriads, thousands upon thousands;  
The Lord is among them *as at* Sinai, in holiness.
- 18 You have ascended on high, You have led captive *Your* captives;  
You have received gifts among men,  
Even *among* the rebellious also, that the LORD God may dwell *there*. [[Eph 4:7–10](#)]
- 19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burden,

The God *who* is our salvation. *Selah*.

20 God is to us a God of deliverances;  
And to GOD the Lord belong escapes from death.

21 Surely God will shatter the head of His enemies,  
The hairy crown of him who goes on in his guilty deeds.

22 The Lord said, "I will bring *them* back from Bashan.  
I will bring *them* back from the depths of the sea;

23 That your foot may shatter *them* in blood,  
The tongue of your dogs *may have* its portion from *your* enemies."

24 They have seen Your procession, O God,  
The procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary.

25 The singers went on, the musicians after *them*,  
In the midst of the maidens beating tambourines.

26 Bless God in the congregations,  
*Even* the LORD, *you who are* of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is Benjamin, the youngest, ruling them,  
The princes of Judah *in* their throng,  
The princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.

28 Your God has commanded your strength;  
Show Yourself strong, O God, who have acted on our behalf.

29 Because of Your temple at Jerusalem  
Kings will bring gifts to You.

30 Rebuke the beasts in the reeds,  
The herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples,  
Trampling under foot the pieces of silver;  
He has scattered the peoples who delight in war.

31 Envoys will come out of Egypt;  
Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to God.

32 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth,  
Sing praises to the Lord, *Selah*.

33 To Him who rides upon the highest heavens,  
which are from ancient times;  
Behold, He speaks forth with His voice, a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe strength to God;  
His majesty is over Israel  
And His strength is in the skies.

35 O God, *You are* awesome from Your sanctuary.  
The God of Israel Himself gives strength and power to the people.  
Blessed be God!

### The Siege of Rabbah in Ammon (c. 997 BC)

2 Samuel 11:1	1 Chronicles 20:1a
<p>1 Then it happened in the spring, at the time when kings go out <i>to battle</i>, that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all Israel, and they destroyed the sons of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem.</p>	<p>1a Then it happened in the spring, at the time when kings go out <i>to battle</i>, that Joab led out the army and ravaged the land of the sons of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem.</p>

**David Commits Adultery with Bathsheba and Murders Uriah the Hittite (c. 997 BC)**

2 Samuel 11:2–27

2 Now when evening came David arose from his bed and walked around on the roof of the king's house, and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful in appearance.

3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

4 David sent messengers and took her, and when she came to him, he lay with her; and when she had purified herself from her uncleanness, she returned to her house.

5 The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, "I am pregnant."

6 Then David sent to Joab, saying, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." So Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 When Uriah came to him, David asked concerning the welfare of Joab and the people and the state of the war.

8 Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and a present from the king was sent out after him.

9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.

10 Now when they told David, saying, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?"

11 Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in temporary shelters, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? By your life and the life of your soul, I will not do this thing."

12 Then David said to Uriah, "Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you go." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next.

13 Now David called him, and he ate and drank before him, and he made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his bed with his LORD's servants, but he did not go down to his house.

14 Now in the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah.

15 He had written in the letter, saying, "Place Uriah in the front line of the fiercest battle and withdraw from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

16 So it was as Joab kept watch on the city, that he put Uriah at the place where he knew there *were* valiant men.

17 The men of the city went out and fought against Joab, and some of the people among David's servants fell; and Uriah the Hittite also died.

18 Then Joab sent and reported to David all the events of the war.

19 He charged the messenger, saying, "When you have finished telling all the events of the war to the king, 20 and if it happens that the king's wrath rises and he says to you, 'Why did you go so near to the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?'"

21 Who struck down Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman throw an upper millstone on him from the wall so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?'—then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.'"

22 So the messenger departed and came and reported to David all that Joab had sent him *to tell*.

23 The messenger said to David, "The men prevailed against us and came out against us in the field, but we pressed them as far as the entrance of the gate.

24 Moreover, the archers shot at your servants from the wall; so some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is also dead."

25 Then David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab, 'Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another; make your battle against the city stronger and overthrow it'; and so encourage him."

26 Now when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

27 When the *time of* mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house and she became his wife; then she bore him a son. But the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the LORD.

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