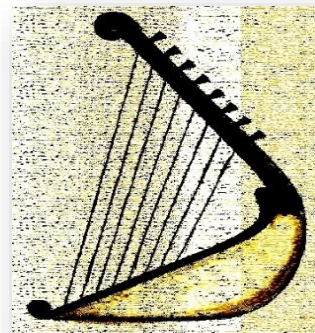


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From the title we learn nothing but the authorship, but this is interesting, and leads us to observe the wondrous operations of the Spirit upon the mind of Israel's sweet singer, enabling him to touch the mournful string in Psalm 22, to pour forth gentle notes of peace in Psalm 23, and here to utter majestic and triumphant strains. When the Lord strengthens us, we can do all things. This sacred hymn was probably written when the Ark of the Covenant was taken up from the house of Obed-edom, to remain within curtains upon the hill of Zion. We will call it **THE SONG OF THE ASCENSION**



Division: the Psalm makes a pair with the fifteenth Psalm. It consists of three parts: first, the glories of the true God, and singing of His universal dominion; second, the true Israel who are able to commune with Him; and third, the ascent of the true Redeemer, who opened Heaven's gates for the entrance of His elect.

A Psalm of David

¹**The earth is the LORD's** / and I hate to interrupt King David, so soon, but what? This place belongs to the LORD? So how are we doing with it?

and all its fullness / this word is: *mlo*; meaning... **all it contains**; all that fills it up. Here, in this first verse, the psalmist says: the whole tamale... belongs to the LORD;

the world, and those who dwell in it / which means everybody; right? What a rebuke this is to any wiseacres who speak ill and despise any other culture that is not theirs. We are all of one blood – Adam. The LORD declares: [All souls are Mine!](#) Is anyone going to argue with Him? Well... I guess everybody does, so I guess I should have asked: Is anybody going to argue with the LORD... and win?

²**For He upon the seas has founded it** / the Creator; and thereby Originator and Owner is very creative; the stormy, roaring seas... what an unlikely foundation, right? But you know, for Someone who can walk on water, it probably ain't a big deal,

and upon the rivers He established it / He established and built up... and made all who dwell on the earth to stand on the seas and the rivers: we first learn about the rivers flowing from Eden, the heart of God.

³**Who ascends the hill of the LORD?**

or who stands in His holy place? / who on this unstable foundation of existence will ascend? Who will say to God, Move over... that's my place? **Not me!** But David provides the quick answer:

⁴**He who has clean hands, and a pure heart;**

who has not lifted up his soul to vanity,

nor sworn deceitfully / like I said, that's not me; nor anybody I know.

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⁵ **He receives the blessing from the LORD** / the only One with clean hands and a pure heart, from Albert Barnes' notes we clearly read: He will bear away a blessing from YHWH,

and righteousness from the God of his safety / Jesus said, [Seek first, the kingdom of God and His righteousness](#)... and all the other little things, the small stuff will be added as needed.

⁶ **This is the generation of those seeking His face** / this is the posterity, the descendants, the children, who pursue... and inquire; who seek the presence of the LORD,

O Jacob / now, for most of his life, Jacob was a **scoundrel**. He was 100 years old when he wrestled with the Lord! Finally, he received the name: **Israel**, **isra = ruled + El = God** ... so the meaning is clear: *someone ruled, or governed by God*.

And the Lord God has used our forefather Israel... as that perfect example for each and all of us to identify with. Most of us can recognize that familial resemblance of **Jacob** in our lives: clearly, *heel grabbing*; cheating fraud, grabbing what isn't his; always working a deal... you know, a scoundrel; what Paul calls: **the old nature** that lives... and wars in every one of us in this very unperfect world.

O Jacob / oh heel-catcher, oh little rascal; oh, big-time crook! You know, some religious folk would never talk to people like that; usually because they are too busy throwing stones... faster than a Nolan Ryan; but to actually talk with heel-catchers, no way! Notice, the Lord talks to him... so stop interrupting!

This is the generation of those seeking His face, O scoundrel Jacob.

Selah. / this word always means: pause... and think about it! This word indicates a little musical interlude; to take a break from the lyrics of the song; and consider what has just been said.

⁷ **Lift up your heads, O gates** / the Hebrew word is: *shaar*; it speaks of the entrance to cities; the entrance to all the holy places of the Old Testament... such as: entrance to the tabernacle and the temple. A gate is the most vulnerable point of the construction... because it is a moving part, so it is exposed... providing easy access... even to the enemy;

Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up ancient doors / the word is: *pethach*; it indicates an opening and entrance way; this word first appears in Genesis, after accepting Abel's offering when the Lord God says to Cain... [if you do well, won't you be accepted? If you do not well, sin waits at the door](#). Doors are last mentioned speaking to the last, poor church in the Revelation, Jesus says: [I stand at the door and knock; whomever will open, I will enter in to dine with him](#); here the psalmist says: Lift up, stand up! Look up! Get your head out of all the gloom and drudgery! Get ready! This could be the day!

→ **Lift up your heads, O gates... and be lifted up,**

ancient doors / he says: throw off the bolts; open the locks; swing wide the doors;

→ **and the King of glory will come in.**

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⁸ **Who is this King of glory?** / apparently, someone doesn't know, but the answer comes quickly...

The LORD strong... and mighty,

The LORD mighty in battle.

For a second time: the thrilling announcement goes out! It's exciting, the mighty King is coming. He is approaching! Are you excited?

→ ⁹ **Lift up your heads, O gates;**

even lift them up, ancient doors;

→ **and the King of glory will come in.**

¹⁰ **Who is this King of glory?** / who is this glorious Commander of heaven and earth; of hosts and gobs of things: animate and inanimate... with all the resources available to Him; with ALL creation at His command?

Still another asks; either, they weren't paying attention; or, they just heard the stirring good news; and got on the page, they too want to know what all the excitement is about! We must be urgent to share... till the last great day... till the last and final hour... because someone will want to know. Can you imagine?

Who is this King of glory?

Be quick to answer...

The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.

Selah. Think about it!

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