

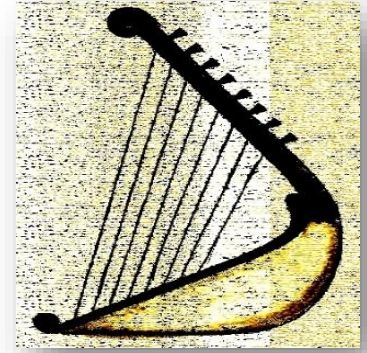
PSALM 68 vs 1

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Title: For the Chief musician, enough has been said dealing with these Psalms. A Psalm or Song. Psalm 65 and Psalm 66. The present is obviously a song to be sung at the removal of the Ark and was rehearsed when David conducted it with holy joy from the house of Obed-edom to the place prepared on Mount Zion – so wrote Charles Spurgeon

Division:.. Perhaps, some history Mr. Spurgeon knew made it obvious to him. Three Selahs are given this Psalm; and Spurgeon adds 5 additional breaks helping this procession of the Ark to be told. We will leave the verses to tell the story; Spurgeon's comments follow the conclusion of the Psalm.



For the Chief musician,

A Psalm of David, a Song.

¹ O God arise, and Your enemies will scatter: those who hate Him flee His presence,

² as smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melts before the fire, so let the wrongdoer vanish before God.

³ But the right ones be glad; they lift up and rejoice before God: they rejoice exceedingly.

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to His name: make a way for Him who rides through the desert; His name is Jah; rejoice in His presence,

⁵ A father of the fatherless, and a defender of the widows, God is in His holy dwelling.

⁶ God makes a home for the lonely: He leads the prisoners to prosper: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

⁷ O God, when You went before Your people, You marched through the wilderness;

Selah: Think about it: God the Eternal, leads the way, and His people follow; whether the Red Sea or the burning sand lay in the way, it does not matter. The pillar of cloud and fire always led them the right way. He was the Commander-in-chief of Israel, from whom they received all orders; and so the march was therefore His march.

⁸ The earth shook, the heavens showered manna before God: even Sinai was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹ You O God, sent plentiful rain, mana and quail, You confirmed Your inheritance when it was parched.

¹⁰ They settled in it: when You provided from Your goodness for the poor O God.

¹¹ The LORD gave the word: **and the women who proclaimed it were a massive host.**

¹² Kings and armies run, they flee; and she who stays at home divides the victor's spoil.

¹³ When you rest among the sheepfolds, yet you are like the wings of a dove covered with silver, and its feathers with glistening gold.

¹⁴ When the Almighty scattered the kings there, it was like snowflakes in Zalmon.

¹⁵ A mountain of God is Mount Bashan -- a mountain of many peaks is Mount Bashan.

¹⁶ Why do you look with envy you mountain peaks? at mount where God desires to dwell / the Mountains of the northern 10 tribes were greatly bless, with all the promises given Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, yet they envied the Mount in Judah, Mount Zion; Yes, the LORD will live there forever.

¹⁷ The chariots of God are myriads, thousands upon thousands: the LORD is among them as in Sinai, in the holy place.

¹⁸ You ascended on high, You captivated the captives: You received gifts among men; Yes, from the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

¹⁹ Take the knee, to the LORD, who daily carries us, even the God of our **salvation**.

Selah, pause and think about it: **The God of our Yeshua**; of Jesus the Messiah. Remember Paul tells us of Sinai in Arabia. **We are grateful to God that the Saudi govt has preserved the Mountain of Moses.**

²⁰ Our God is the God who delivers; to God the LORD belongs escape from death.

²¹ But **God shatters the head of His enemies**, even the old man still stepping over the line.

²² The LORD says, I will bring them back to Bashan; from the depths of the sea of humanity:

²³ that your foot may crush them in blood, and the tongues of your dogs have their share of your enemies.

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

²⁵ **The singers led the way**, then the musicians; among them were young women playing tambourines.

²⁶ In the assembly, kneel and adore God the LORD, the fountain of **Israel**.

²⁷ There is little Benjamin their leader, the princes of **Judah** and their company, even the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali / leaders from the northern tribes wake up.

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28 Your God has ordered your strength: O God, who shows Himself strong, who acts for us.

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

30 Rebuke the beasts of the reeds, the herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples; those who trample pieces of silver: scatter those who delight in war.

31 Envoys come from Egypt; Ethiopia quickly stretches out her empty hands to God.

32 You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the LORD;

Selah, pause and think about it: After God leads the way -- even in battle, then He sends the singers but no soloists, next to be in the target of the enemies missiles; followed by the real, non-vocal musicians, including women, they can be a valuable part of the battle, too.

33 To Him who rides the highest heavens from old times; see, He speaks with a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe strength to God: His majesty is over Israel, and His strength is in the clouds.

35 O God, more awesome than Your holy place: O God of Israel who gives strength and power to His people. Kneel and adore our God.

Think about it: Our God is more awesome than any brick or stone building. Remember: His chariot is the multiplied thousands upon thousands of messengers He continues sending out to the world.

Roughly, Charles Spurgeon thought this psalm enacted the moving of the Ark from the house of Obededom to the place prepared on Mount Zion. The assembly is exhorted to begin their joyous songs. The glorious march of the Lord leading in the wilderness is sung: His victories in war are celebrated. The joyous shouts are louder as Zion comes in sight, and the ark is borne up the hill. On the summit of the mount the priests sing a hymn concerning the goodness and justice of the Lord; the safety of His friends, and the ruin of His foes. In the meanwhile the procession is described as it winds up the hill. The poet anticipates wider conquests, and concludes with a noble burst of song to the Lord.

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