

Part 2 – The Lord Will Divide the Waters

In chapter one-hundred-fourteen, part 1, we learned this Psalm is still a ‘Great Hallel’ Psalm and the title/subject of it is “*Israel’s Deliverance from Egypt*”, which was when the *first* Passover happened (Ex 13). Naturally, that explains *why* they would have sung this song *before* the Passover. And, even though this Psalm covers some *history* of Israel, it’s also (like many of the Psalms) quite *prophetical* as well. And that’s why, while the Psalmist begins by speaking of the time in *history* when the twelve tribes of Israel ‘went out’ of Egypt, it is a ‘type’ for us today, for we are living in the ‘latter days’ - when slavery will come upon the *entire* world. However, the slavery this time will be *much worse* because it’s fundamentally a *spiritual* slavery to Satan’s lies (2 Thess 2). Yet, our Heavenly Father will still free those who are ‘spiritual’ Israel (i.e. *faithful* Christians) when Jesus Christ returns to depose the wicked ones (including Satan and his fallen angels) and establish His eternal government via those Christians who remained loyal to Him (i.e. didn’t worship Satan).

And then we learned that, after Israel went out of Egypt, Judah ‘*became*’ the Lord’s sanctuary while Israel *became* his dominion. And Judah *became* the ‘sanctuary’ of the Lord (YHVH) because the territory of the tribe of Judah (when they were in the Promise Land) is where God’s ‘sanctuary’ (the Ark of the Covenant) was *moved to* when David was king. Yet, even in the *prophetical* sense, the land of Judah (Jerusalem) will be the Lord’s ‘sanctuary’ because that is where the King of kings (Jesus Christ) will rule *forever* (Isa 24:23, 28:16, 59:20; Joel 2:32; Zech 2:10, 8:3; Ezek 16:60-62). And we also learned that Israel *became* the Lord’s ‘**dominion**’ because the other tribes made up the *rest of the realm* (kingdom) *and* helped David take dominion over the Promise Land. However, in the *prophetical* sense, Israel being the ‘dominion’ also refers to the fact that Joseph’s two sons were promised to have **dominion over the world** (Gen 49: 28:19, 22-26; Deut 33:13-17). And, true to the prophesies (blessings from Jacob/Israel), Ephraim (the younger) truly *did* take *dominion over the world* (during the Christian Era) when Great Britain (Ephraim) indeed became a ‘multitude of nations’. And then later, America (Manasseh) took over dominion of the world when she became a ‘great people’, and even *remains so* to this very day. So, when this Psalm speaks of Judah becoming the ‘sanctuary’ and Israel the ‘dominion’, it’s prophetically speaking of two different *destines* of Israel *after* they split apart. The tribe of Judah brought forth the Messiah and the others took dominion over the world.

Yet, we also learned that (prophetically speaking) it will be ‘*spiritual* Israel’ who will *help* Jesus ‘take dominion’ over the ‘heathen’ *before* Jesus returns. And this is done by all the *faithful* Christians who *take His Word* (specially the Gospel of Jesus Christ) to a world in dire need of it. Thus, when the antichrist (Satan) is on earth ‘treading down’ ‘that holy city’ of Jerusalem (Rev 11:2, 13:3, 2 Thess 2:2-4, etc.), it will be Jesus’ faithful servants (*spiritual* Israel) who ‘take dominion’ (spiritually) by *standing up against* the heathen (those worshiping the antichrist) and

allow the Holy Spirit to speak through them (Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-13, Lk 21:12-19, Rev 11:3-6; Dan 11:32-35), so the Gospel of Jesus Christ *can* go out to the *entire* world, *before* Jesus Christ returns (Matt 24:14; Mark 13:10). And this will truly be the *ultimate* fulfillment of Israel's 'deliverance from Egypt'. Yet, it is also the deliverance for 'whomsoever' will turn their hearts back to the one *true* God (YHVH). And, in this next study, we'll learn more about how the Lord (YHVH) delivered Israel (Jacob) from Egypt, which *still* has a *prophetical* meaning for us living today...

Psalms 114

3 The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

So, the subject of this verse is *still* 'when Israel went out of Egypt' (verse 1). While the word 'sea' does indeed mean *a sea* (or a large body of water, #3220), it's most certainly referring to the **Red Sea** (i.e. 'Reed Sea', #5488) that Israel was *trapped* up against (Ex 13:18; 14:2) when the Egyptian army came against them (Ex 14:5-9). As it is written, *when Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left* (Ex 14:21-22). So, the Psalmist is simply describing this event by saying that when the sea 'saw it' (the Egyptians) then it 'fled' (flit, vanished away, #5127). And the *reason* the sea did this was because the Lord (YHVH) *commanded* it to! For He was the one that brought *a strong east wind*, that *divided the waters*, so that they were *as a wall to Israel, both on their right hand and on their left*. This is one of the *most* amazing acts (miracles) the Lord (YHVH) did when freeing Israel; and likely one of the reasons this Psalmist refers to this event, even though there were many 'mighty wonders' (miracles) the Lord (YHVH) did to free Israel.

Yet, notice this verse (3) also says that "*Jordan was driven back*". So, the Psalmist is actually speaking of two times the Lord (YHVH) parted a 'sea' for Israel. And the second time was not when He delivered Israel from the Egyptians. Rather, it was when Israel was (decades later) *entering* the Promise Land. As it is written...

14 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

*15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water; (for **Jordan overfloweth all his banks** all the time of harvest,)*

*16 That **the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap** very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, **even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off**: and the people passed over right against Jericho.*

17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

Josh 3:14-17

So *again*, the Lord (YHVH) parted the waters but, this time it, was the River Jordan. And what's even more amazing about this is that, Jordan was actually *flooding* at the time this happened! Yet still, the waters that came from upstream stood and rose up upon an heap while the water going downstream were 'cut off', leaving Israel a path to go over. But notice that (as with the Red Sea), the children of Israel *again* went over on dry land. Also note how the priests that bare (carried) the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord (YHVH) stood firm on dry ground till **all** of Israel had *totally* passed over (on dry land). So, while during the time of the Red Sea, it was Moses who God used to give Israel 'visual aide' of His parting the waters, during this event it was the priests (who carried the Ark of God's Covenant) He used to give them a 'visual aide' for His parting the River Jordan. Thus, this Psalmist (in Ps 114:3) makes the point that, the waters of the Red Sea 'fled' (because they were *parted*) while at the Jordan River they were 'driven back' *because* they were stopped (from upstream) and cut off (from downstream), thus making a path for Israel to go over. And *both* times, it was *another miracle* in itself that Israel was able to go over on dry land. And even the priests who held the Ark of God's Covenant – *and* who were standing close to the waters – stood on *dry* land! Things like this don't just 'accidently' happen. And while many dismiss these accounts as 'impossible', the fact is that the Lord (YHVH) is our *Creator*. Therefore, He is well able to do what He wants with His Creation. So, it was *no problem* for Him to 'part' the Red Sea nor to 'hold back' and 'cut off' the Jordan River. Just because we cannot understand *how* He did it, doesn't mean He did not!

But, *why* would the Psalmist speak of these two times God 'parted the water' when this Psalm's subject is 'Israel's Deliverance from Egypt'? After all, there were *many* miracles He did to free Israel. And there were yet *more* miracles during their time in the wilderness (such as the earth opening up and swallowing Korah's group, Num 14) *and* when He helped Israel inherit the Promise Land (such as the wall of Jericho falling down *flat*, Josh 6:20). The answer lies within what Paul told us in 1 Cor 10:11-12, where he said: *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth **take heed lest he fall***. So, just as we learned how the Psalmist used the term 'Israel' in the first verse - to refer to how *spiritual* Israel will come out of *spiritual* bondage to the 'antichrist' (Satan) in these 'latter days' - and just as we learned how spiritual Israel will 'take dominion' during the 'great tribulation' (by sharing God's Word, as He gives us unction to do)... this too is an 'ensample' (example) given to teach **us** what *will* happen in these 'latter days', *upon whom the ends of the world are come*...

So, what ‘sea’ or ‘flood’ will the Lord (YHVH) part during the ‘great tribulation’ (Mth 24:21)? Well, in Rev 12:7-17 we are told that Satan (also called the dragon, serpent and the devil, vs 2) will *literally* be cast out of heaven (*to the earth*) with his fallen angels. And when he’s here, the ‘dragon’ *will* persecute ‘the woman’ (Rev 13:13), which is symbolic of *spiritual* Israel (i.e. faithful Christians who don’t ‘bow a knee’ to Satan). But, the woman will be given ‘two wings’ (possibly referring to the two witnesses of Rev 11, Zech 4) so she can ‘fly’ into the wilderness where she’s nourished for the rest of tribulation (vs 14). And while we’re not told *exactly* where (or what) this ‘wilderness’ is, we can be assured this is not any sort of ‘rapture’, for the woman *remains on earth*, not taken out of the earth [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/334>]. [Further, Jesus prayed to the Father that His ‘elect’ (faithful servants) would not be taken out of the world, but that they would be protected from the evil, which *absolutely* includes *the* evil ‘one’, Satan (John 17:15)]. And we know the ‘woman’ remains on earth **because** we’re told *the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood* (Rev 12:15). And this ‘flood’ that comes out of the serpent’s mouth is most certainly not physical water! No, this water is a ‘flood of lies’, which Dan 7:8, 20 and Rev 13:5 describe as ‘great things’ because of the *great* (as in terrible) *blasphemies* he will speak against our Heavenly Father (YHVH, God Almighty), His Tabernacle, and those in heaven (Rev 13:5-6).

So, the serpent (Satan) casts out of his mouth a great ‘flood of lies’ in order to cause the ‘woman’ to be ‘carried away’, which means he’s trying to get her to turn against the *true* God (YHVH) – and the *true* Jesus Christ – and *worship him instead*, i.e. Satan will try to get all those who refuse to worship him to *apostatize* [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/499>]. And this is why Jesus used the flood of Noah as a warning to us, about Satan’s coming ‘flood of lies’, as it is written...

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matt 24:37-39

So, just as those who lived during Noah’s day did *not* listen to his warnings there would be a great flood (2 Pt 2:5), and were thus *totally* carried away by it (causing their physical death), so too will it be like *shortly before* Jesus Christ returns. Except, this time, the flood is *spiritual*, that’s why it’s a ‘flood of lies’ we must be on guard for! And, as the Lord (YHVH) promised, in Isa 59:19, *when the enemy shall come in **like a flood**, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him*. That’s why Rev 12:16 says that *the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth*. What can ‘swallow up’ a flood of lies? Only **the truth** can (1 Cor 15:54; 2 Cor 5:4; Job 6:3)! And God’s Word IS the truth (John 17:17). And there are many Scriptures which speak of a ‘flood’ in a

symbolical way (Jer 46:7-8, 47:2, Dan 9:26, Dan 11:22, Amos 8:8, Amos 9:5) as well as ‘waters’ (Ps 69:1-2, Isa 8:6-7, 17:12-13, 28:2, 17, Amos 5:24), which *confirms* these ‘waters’ that come out of Satan’s (the serpent, dragon, devil) mouth are indeed a ‘flood of lies’ he uses to try and get God’s faithful servants to *apostatize* by worshipping him. But, the flood of Noah is not the only time Jesus spoke of a flood, to warn us of the coming ‘flood of lies’ that Satan will ‘cast out of his mouth’. Consider the following...

46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

*47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, **and doeth them**, I will shew you to whom he is like:*

*48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and **when the flood arose**, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.*

*49 But he that heareth, **and doeth not**, is like a man that without a foundation built an house **upon the earth**; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and **immediately it fell**; and the ruin of that house was great.*

Luke 6:46-49

So, Jesus gave us a parable to explain Satan’s coming lies, *in a way that we could understand*. For most all people understand that a physical house *needs* a good foundation in order for it *not* to fall when storms come. Likewise, if we don’t have our spiritual house (heart and mind) laid firmly upon *the* Rock (God Almighty, Deut 32:4 and Jesus Christ, 1 Cor 10:4) then we *will* indeed be ‘swept away’ by it! So, when this Psalmist speaks of the Red Sea fleeing, and the Jordan River being ‘driven back’ by our Heavenly Father (YHVH), **this is a promise to us that, the Lord (YHVH) will help us to divide the great (terrible) ‘flood of lies’ that is soon to come out of Satan’s wicked mouth**. As Jesus said in Luke 21:15, *I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist*. Of course, He was specifically speaking of when His servants will be delivered up to counsels, Synagogues and other rulers during the ‘great tribulation’ (Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-13, Lk 21:12-19). And at that time, we’re not to worry (or even pre-mediate) about what we’ll say *because* the Holy Spirit will speak through us, so long as we **let Him** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/409>]. But even before God’s faithful servants (‘elect’) are ‘delivered up’, they can (and should) still use the truth to divide the lies that come against (or to) us. As Col 4:5-6 tells us, we should walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. And let your speech be alway with grace, **seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man**. So, let’s not forget how to ‘divide’ the lies when they come against us, for *the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God*, is our *only* offensive weapon (Eph 6:17)!

I God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

*7 **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.** Selah.*

Ps 46:1-7

We'll pick this up in part 3...

AMEN.