

Psalm Chapter 114 - Review

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 (and worldwide) 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 (YHWH) 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).

In part 2 we saw the Psalmist speak of two times the Lord (YHVH) parted a 'sea' for Israel. And the second times was not when He delivered Israel from the Egyptians. Rather, it was when Israel was (decades later) *entering* the Promise Land. And from this we learned how these accounts were *physical* examples (types) for us to learn from (1 Cor 10:11). For they warn us what is *soon to come*, which is a *great* (as in terrible) 'flood of lies' that will come out of Satan's wicked mouth, as he *blasphemes* our Heavenly Father (YHVH, God Almighty), His Tabernacle, and those in heaven (Dan 7:8, 20; Rev 13:5-6). And Satan (a.k.a. dragon, serpent, Devil) *will* cast this 'flood of lies' out of his filthy mouth to try and cause the 'woman' (God's faithful servants) to be 'carried away', which means he'll try and 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*. And it is *that* 'flood of lies' the Lord (YHVH) will 'part' during the 'great tribulation' (Mth 24:21) by giving His faithful servants *the truth* to speak, which will 'swallow up' (Rev 12:16) Satan's 'flood of lies' (Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-13, Lk 21:12-19).

And, we also learned of several times Jesus warned us about the coming flood. Not only to teach us *how many* people will indeed be spiritually 'carried away' by it (Matt 24:37-39), but also to warn us that we must *keep* our spiritual house (heart and mind) *firmly* planted (founded) upon *the* Rock (God Almighty, Deut 32:4 and Jesus Christ, 1 Cor 10:4) so we don't get 'swept away' by Satan's 'flood of lies' (Luke 6:46-49)! And we also learned that, even before God's faithful servants ('elect') are 'delivered up' (Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-13, Lk 21:12-19), they can (and should) still use the truth to divide (part) the 'waters' (lies) that come against (or to) us (Col 4:5-6), which the Lord (YHVH) will still help us learn (and be able) to do. For it is He that gives us our spiritual 'sword' (the Word of God, Eph 6:17) that 'cuts down' (parts/divides) the lies (flood waters) that come against us, *even today*

In part 3 we learned of a *different* historical account that happened after the children of Israel were freed (delivered) from Egyptian bondage. And the Psalmist used analogies (the mountains skipping like rams and the little hills like lambs) to explain *how* greatly Mount Sinai (and the surrounding hills) quaked (shook) when the Lord (YHVH) descended upon the mountain. And, by this analogy, the Psalmist us a *very vivid* 'image' of just *how* strongly that mountain was shaking – *so much so* that, even the *smaller* hills around it shook. Yet, we also learned why Mount Sinai (and the surrounding hills) quaked so much; it was because our Heavenly Father (and His holy angelic army) had descended upon it in their amazing flying vehicles. And these vehicles are *incredibly* powerful, so much so they can cause the earth to quake (tremble) as

David also found out when the Lord (YHVH), and His holy angelic army, fought *for* David (and the Israelite army) at times (2 Sam 5:23-25). And then we learned how the Psalmist used to ‘rhetorical’ questions to point out (emphasize) *God’s power* to free Israel from Egyptian bondage. So, when the psalmist asked the waters, and mountains/hills, *why* they reacted the way they did (shaking greatly and the waters parting), the obvious answer is that they did so *because* of God’s command. In other words, the *power* of the Lord (YHVH) *caused* these miraculous events. And we also learned this is a ‘type’ for how the power of the Lord (YHVH) will also free *spiritual* Israel from the coming ‘flood of lies’ *and* protect them; even throughout all the coming ‘signs and wonders’ - both which the *false* Christ (Satan) will do *as well as* the ones the Lord (YHVH) will do through His two witnesses (Rev 11, Zech 4).

And then we saw the Psalmist call for the earth to tremble *before the Lord*, who is the God of Jacob. And, rather than using God’s Sacred (and covenantal) name, Yehovah (i.e. YHVH), the Psalmist used two ‘titles’ for the Lord (YHVH) to point out that the Lord (YHVH) is *not only* the *Living* God but also the *Sovereign Ruler* on earth (via Jesus Christ). And he did so to declare God’s *power* on earth (over His creation) *and* to call people to *worship Him* rather than false gods and idols. Yet, we also learned that it won’t be the earth *only* that trembles at the presence of the Lord (YHVH), so will the people also do. Not only because of the ‘great earthquake’ that will precede the return of Jesus Christ (Rev 6:12, 11:13, 16:18) but also, because our Heavenly Father’s magnificent flying vehicle has *a lot of power*, as the account of Mount Sinai (which we learned of earlier) revealed (Ex 19:16-18). And this quaking is *compounded* when the Lord (YHVH) has His ‘army’ of holy angels with Him - as Deut 33:2 and Ps 68:17 tell us, the Lord (YHVH) came to Mount Sinai with *with ten thousands of saints*! And, this is *exactly* how He will return to the earth as well. And we also learned that David also described *how the earth reacts* (to the Lord’s mighty vehicle’s which He, and His holy angels, literally ride in, in Psalm 29. So, this knowledge (of the Lord’s mighty flying vehicles He, and His holy angels ride in) was well known at the time this Psalm was written. Therefore, just as the mountains, and smaller hills, shook greatly when the Lord (YHVH) descended upon Mount Sinai (with his mighty army of holy angels) during the days of Moses, so too will Jesus Christ return *in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory* (Mth 24:30). So, this warning is given *because* the Lord (YHVH) *will return*, as Jesus Christ, with His holy angels (in those amazing vehicle’s), to take vengeance upon His enemies and reward those who remained faithful to Him. Of course, this will only happen *after* the false Christ, who is Satan, comes to earth (with his fallen angels, who will also be in amazing flying vehicles) to try and deceive the *entire* world into worshiping him and his wicked ‘beast’ governing system.

And then we saw the Psalmist continue to speak of God’s power by reminding us of a couple *more* miracles He did for Israel, while they were in the wilderness. For twice did the Lord (YHVH) *miraculously* provide water for Israel in the wilderness (*both* times were called Meribah because of the chiding of Israel, Ex 17 and Num 20). And we looked at Psalms 78 too because it

gives us *many* more details of these accounts; explaining that the Lord (YHVH) *gave them drink as out of the great depths...* and *He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers* (Ps 78:15-16). And a few verses later (Ps 78:20) we're told that when Moses smote the rock, that *the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed*. So, it wasn't like the water just *trickled* out of the rocks, they *gushed out* and *flowed forth so much* they became rivers and streams for Israel (and their flocks) – who numbered in the millions of people – to drink out of, for *months on end*! So, these were *definitely* two more *amazing* miracles the Lord (YHVH) did for Israel in the wilderness, *despite* their consistent unbelief *and* rebelliousness. So, while the Lord (YHVH) can cause the waters to 'divide' (Ps 114:3, Ex 14:21, Josh 3:13), He can also cause them to flow mightily, in the middle of a dessert!

And we also learned that this teaches us something important about the coming 'great tribulation' (Mth 24:21). For while Satan will cast out of his filthy mouth a 'flood of lies', our Heavenly Father will also cause waters to go forth. Only His waters are the '*Living Waters*' that will stem from His Holy mouth (i.e. God's Word, Jer 2:13, 17:13, John 4:10-24). So, we can be assured that, just as God caused the waters to flow out of 'the rock' (Deut 32:4, 1 Cor 10:4), so too will we be given the "Living Waters" we need to make it through the 'great tribulation'. But the Living Water will *also* be given to us so that the Gospel can be shared (poured out to) the *entire* world (before the true Jesus Christ returns). And this is something we must *never* forget. For the days ahead will surely be difficult, both in the spiritual sense *and* in the physical sense. But, just as the Lord took care of Israel (as they wandered in the wilderness) – and just as He took care of *so many others* during the hard times (David, Elijah, Jesus, Paul and more) – so too will he take care of us as He delivers us out of this latter day 'bondage' to the *false* Christ (Satan)...

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

2 Peter 2:9

9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

Ps 9:9-10

AMEN.