

Part 2 – When God is in the Midst

In part 1 we learned that this Psalm was written by Hezekiah during the time when the Assyrians were about to besiege Jerusalem. The Assyrians had already taken the ten northern tribes captive, as well as all other fortified cities in the southern kingdom of Judah. Only Jerusalem was left and the Assyrian army had come against it, and were trying to get the military men guarding the city walls to surrender. Rabshakeh (the delegate for the king of Assyria) not only ridiculed the weakness of their army, and king (Hezekiah), but He also blasphemed their God (YHWH) by claiming that He could *not* save them. Of course, the Lord (YHWH) did save Jerusalem, because of this slander against Him (He killed off 185,000 Assyrians in just one night!), and they went back to Assyria like dogs with their ‘tails between their legs’. So, this is why Hezekiah began this Psalm (which is a Psalm speaking of the ‘Help of the Deliverer’) by declaring that God was their strength, refuge and speedy help when they were in trouble. And he went on to state how they wouldn’t be afraid no matter how the Assyrians raged with their mouths against them; and he used an analogy of how waters can roar and swell around, and how the mountains shake, to explain how intense the raging words of from the Assyrians were.

And so, while this Psalm has a physical (historical) application to it, it’s also prophetic of Jesus Christ being our Deliverer too. Thus, our God (Creator) is also our refuge and our strength for He shelters us from the *lies and deceit* of the wicked ones – even today - by helping us to understand His Word, which feeds us the truth we need to live spiritually. And the truth (God’s Word and His Holy Spirit, John 6:63) is what strengthens our ‘inner man’ so that we can make it through the hard times *and* resist all temptations to sin. And so, we don’t need to be afraid of anything. Not even when people harass us with lies, pressure us to sin, or to believe in lies; and not even when things in the world seem to be going to ‘hell and a handbasket’. We can have peace of mind, and joy in our heart, when we understand *and trust* in His written Word. *Because*, when we understand His Word (truly) *then* we’ll also act in obedience to it, the best we can (sincerely). And that’s what brings blessings (both physical and spiritual) from our Heavenly Father. So, no matter how hard things get – even when Satan is on earth pretending to be God and trying to seduce the Body of Christ into worshiping him (apostatizing) - our Heavenly Father will still be our strength and refuge *when* we keep our faith in Him *firm* and *continue* to serve (follow) Jesus Christ till He returns.

Now, let’s also remember that the last verse we covered ended with a ‘Selah’, which means to ‘stop and think’ about what *has been said* (in vs 3) with what is *about to be said* (in verse 4 which we are about to study). So, the connecting thought is how the roaring waters (symbolic of the reproaches of the Assyrians) are (vs 3) in comparison to the silent flowing waters (vs 4) in the rock-cut channels beneath Zion (that Hezekiah re-directed, 2 Chron 32:2-4). So this contrasts the boastings of the enemy with the ‘secret purposes of God’ - meaning God’s Word (Will) that will

happen regardless of how many lies Satan and his followers tell! Therefore, we can have peace of mind, and joy in our heart, regardless of what the wicked ones do to us. For, just as Jerusalem had peaceful waters flowing under it when the Assyrian's were raging (with their mouths) against them, we too have the peaceful waters of the Holy Spirit, and Word of God, *within us* which gives us the strength and protection we need to resist all temptations and endure the hard times, no matter how hard they get. So, without any further a due, let's look at verse 4...

Psalm 46

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.

This verse is historically referring to the constantly flowing river (#5104) beneath Zion (in Jerusalem). 2 Chron 32 tells us how, before the Assyrians came to besiege Jerusalem, Hezekiah worked with his princes and 'mighty men' (other leaders of the nation) to *stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city* as well as *the brook that ran through the midst of the land* (vs 2-4) - so that the Assyrian's could not get to any water, but Jerusalem would have a *continuous* water source. 2 Kings 20:20 also says *he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city*. So, in other words, they changed the course of the waters by rock-cut channels that went beneath the city and they even had a 'pool' for public use (so the people could get water for daily use) that the conduit (rock cut channels) *continued* to supply. The *Companion Bible* says this is likely the same 'pool' (of Siloam) that Jesus told the blind man to go wash in to get his sight restored (John 9:7-11). And that's why Hezekiah writes that this river would make the 'city of God' (which was Jerusalem) 'glad' (blithe or gleesome, #8055). And the 'Holy place' he's speaking of is simply the Temple of God that was in Jerusalem at this time; it was the same one Solomon built. Now, the title 'God' here is again '**Elohiym**' (#430), which means *the Supreme God*, who is our *Creator*. But, the title 'Most High' is '*Elyown*' (or '*Elyon*') (#5945) and means ***an elevation***, i.e. (adj.) ***lofty*** (compar.); as title, ***the Supreme***. '*Elyown*' ('*Elyon*') is not the title for the powerful Creator, but the '***possessor of heaven and earth***'. Hence, the name is associated with Jesus Christ as the Son of 'the Highest' (Lk 1:35). '*Elyown*' ('*Elyon*') is the possessor of the earth, Who divides the nations 'their inheritance' (Deut 32:8) and in Ps 83:18, He is 'over all the earth'. The first time it was used was in Gen 14:18 -with El, - and is rendered 'the Most High (God)...

*18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the **priest of the most high God**.*

*19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, **possessor of heaven and earth**:*

20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

Gen 14:18-20

To learn more about Melchizedek, the High priest of the Most High God ('Elyown or 'Elyon), check out this special study: [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/485>].

And prophetically, this verse speaks of how the Living Water of the Holy Spirit flows continuously within our own soul. And indeed, just as it made Jerusalem (where the physical Temple of God was) glad to have those precious waters flowing under the city (especially when they were about to be besieged by the Assyrians), so too does it make us (who are the *spiritual* Temple of God, 1 Cor 3:16-18, 1 Cor 6:15-20, 2 Cor 6:14-18) glad to have the Living waters (the Word of God = the Holy Spirit) flowing within us! As Jesus Christ told the woman at the well (in John 4), physical water cannot quench our spiritual thirst for truth. In verse 4 He said: *whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but **the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life***. Jesus was quoting from Isaiah 12, which says...

2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

*3 Therefore **with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.***

Isa 12:2-3

But, this 'well of salvation' is also written of elsewhere...

*1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, **come ye to the waters**, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.*

*2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? **hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.***

*3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: **hear, and your soul shall live**; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.*

Isa 55:1-3

*And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and **satisfy thy soul in drought**, and make fat thy bones: and **thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.***

Isa 58:11

And the very first Psalm also spoke of this...

1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

*2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
3 And he shall be like a tree **planted by the rivers of water**, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

Ps 1:1-3

When we partake of God's Word (and thus have the Holy Spirit within us) our spiritual thirst is delightfully quenched because the *truth satisfies our soul and spirit*. But, we must *continue* to partake of it (study God's Word) for the Word of God (the Living Waters) is what gives life to our soul and spirit. As Jesus said in John 6:63: *It is the spirit **that quickeneth** [makes alive]; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they **are spirit**, and they **are life***. And future to us today (speaking of eternity) is another promise concerning waters...

*1 And he shewed me **a pure river of water of life**, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*

*2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, **was there the tree of life**, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and **the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations**.*

*3 And **there shall be no more curse**: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:*

4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

Rev 22:1-6

It will be at this time that Isa 11:9 is also fulfilled: *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for **the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea***. So, the Living Water (the Holy Spirit) that flows *within us* will be readily available to us far into the future (as in forever); so long as we cleave to our Heavenly Father (God's Word), and continue to follow Jesus Christ, we'll *always* have access to this most blessed living water!

Psalm 46

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

Now, the subject here is still the 'city of God' and both of the times 'God' is used here it's '**Elohiym**' (#430), which (again) means *the Supreme God*, who is our *Creator*. And Hezekiah said that God (our Creator) was in the midst of 'her' (Jerusalem) because the Temple (where the Ark of the Covenant was, which God's Holy Spirit dwelt at times) was in the midst of Jerusalem. And that's why Hezekiah was assured that she 'Jerusalem' would not be '**moved**' which means **to**

waver; by implication *to slip, shake, fall* (#4131). Had the Assyrian's been successful in invading Jerusalem, it's likely they would have torn down (or damaged at least) the Temple in Jerusalem. [Just think of how many times Muslims converted Churches into Mosques when they conquered lands]. And, Hezekiah's saying that's why the God (our Creator) helped (meaning to surround, protect and/or aid, #5826) 'her' (meaning, again, Jerusalem) when the Assyrians were ready to besiege Jerusalem. And the word '**right**' means *to turn*; by implication, *to face*, i.e. *appear, look*, etc. (#6437); and the word '**early**' means *dawn* (as the breaking of the day) and generally speaking *the morning* (#1242). So, the words '**right early**' could also be rendered as *the dawning of the morning*. And this verse thus gives us strong indication as to *when* this Psalm was written by Hezekiah. Let's look again at some Scriptures from this time period. The following is the message that Isaiah sent to Hezekiah, *after* the Lord spoke to Isaiah – *in response to* (as in 'an answer' to) Hezekiah's prayer in in earlier verses in 1 Kings 19...

32 *Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall **not** come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.*

33 *By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.*

34 *For **I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.***

35 *And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and **when they arose early in the morning,** behold, they were all dead corpses.*

36 *So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.*

37 *And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.*

2 Kings 19:32-37

Indeed, it was in the morning that the Assyrian's woke to find a *massive* amount of dead people amongst their army – 185,000! And that scared them enough to quickly move out and go back home! And notice also that the Lord (YHVH) said He would defend the city – and save it – for *His own sake* and that of His servant David... just as this verse 5 declares. So, that's the historical application of this verse. But, as usual, there's also the spiritual. For, as 1 Cor 3:16-18, 1 Cor 6:15-20, 2 Cor 6:14-18 all profess, when we have the Holy Spirit (the Word of God) within us, then **we** are the Temple for the Lord (YHVH). And, just as He protected His Temple in Jerusalem, for His own sake, so too will He protect those who are part of the Body of Christ. As Jesus Christ Himself has said...

12 *But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.*

13 *And it shall turn to you for a testimony.*

14 *Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:*
15 *For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.*
16 *And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death.*
17 *And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.*
18 *But there shall not an hair of your head perish.*
19 *In your patience possess ye your souls.*
20 *And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.*
21 *Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.*
22 *For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.*
Luke 21:12-22

While Jesus warned that there will be some who witness for Him that will be put to death, He still promised that not even a hair of your head ‘perish’. This can be understood when we realize that the word ‘**perish**’ here means *to fully be destroyed* (#622). What this means, therefore, is that: even if we lose our flesh body, due to standing firm for Jesus Christ (which we should not be afraid to do if we really love our Heavenly Father, Mth 16:24-28) we will *never* lose our *spiritual* life. The same word for ‘perish’ here in Luke is the prime root for the word ‘perdition’ – as in the ‘son of perdition’ - used in 2 Thess 2:3 to describe Satan. It’s also the prime root for another one of Satan’s names, Apollyon, in Rev 9:12. Apollyon in the Greek is #623 *Apolluon* and it means *a destroyer* (i.e. **Satan**); and it is an active participle of #622. Further, the word ‘perdition’ in 2 Peter 3:7 - *But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment **and perdition of ungodly men*** - also comes from #622. So, just as God protected His physical Temple in Jerusalem at the time of Hezekiah, so too does He protect all of His faithful children in whom His Holy Spirit dwells. And while our flesh body might get beaten up – some even having to be martyred for the sake of Jesus Christ (Rev 6:11) – our soul and spirit will always be protected. Our ‘intercessor’, who is Jesus Christ, will make sure we are not deceived into worshiping the antichrist (Satan) nor even fall back into rebelling against God (apostasy) [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/499>].

Psalms 46

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

Now Hezekiah speaks of the ‘raging’ (#1993, great commotion, tumult, rage, war, moan, clamor) of the ‘heathen’ (#1471, a foreign nation) Assyrians and how so many other kingdoms at that time had been conquered by them. The word ‘**moved**’ is the same as in verse 5 and means to *waver*; by implication *to slip, shake, fall* (#4131). Indeed, all the nations the Assyrian’s attacked

had fallen to them. That point they made clear to Hezekiah when they then foolishly claimed that the Lord (YHVH) could not save Jerusalem. The second part of this verse describes God's response to the 'heathen' Assyrians 'raging' against Him. The word '**melted**' can mean *to melt* but it figuratively means *to fear* or *faint* (#4127). And without a doubt, after the Lord's Angel killed off 185,000 of the Assyrian's *in one night*, their hearts did 'melt' from fear! That's why they quickly fled back to their homeland in Assyria. And once again, this is just the historical application of this verse. Back in Psalms 2 we learned of the 'heathen' raging's against God...

*1 Why do the **heathen rage**, and the people imagine a vain thing?*

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,

3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

Ps 2:1-4

Indeed, now – as back then – the heathen continue to rage (slander and speak bad about) our Heavenly Father (and His Son). And they have long sought a 'new world order' (think about the tower of Babel in Gen 11). But, just as the Lord stopped them back in the days of Genesis – and all throughout time since then – so too will He put an end to Satan's ruling the world.

Remember what the Lord's response to their raging and plotting against Him was (and is)?

4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Ps 2:1-7

Our Heavenly Father just laughs at the attempts of the wicked ones to rule the world *without Him*. He has *already* declared that His Son, Jesus Christ, will rule the world *forever* (in righteousness) and He will send Jesus Christ back to the earth after allowing Satan to come to earth, and organize the kings of the earth, to try and fight against Him. But, just as Ps 2:5 says, He will indeed *speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure*! As He said in Mic 5:15: *And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard*. And while there are so many Scriptures that speak of the 'day of Vengeance', consider what He said in one place in the book of Isaiah...

1 Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

2 For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

3 *Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.*

4 ***And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.***

5 ***For my sword shall be bathed in heaven:*** behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

6 ***The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.***

7 *And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.*

8 ***For it is the day of the LORD's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.***

Isa 34:1-8

And in Isa 63:4 He tells us that this ‘day of vengeance’ is *very* dear to His heart because it’s also the time when He will redeem His faithful servants from the hands of the wicked. As Isaiah 61:2 also tells us, the day of vengeance is also what comforts those who mourn for all the wickedness that is happening on earth (i.e. the Body of Christ). Further, Jesus also spoke about this ‘day’...

20 *And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then **know that the desolation thereof is nigh.***

21 *Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.*

22 ***For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.***

23 *But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! **for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.***

24 *And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*

25 *And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;*

26 *Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: **for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.***

27 *And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

28 *And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; **for your redemption draweth nigh.***

Luke 21:20-28

So, Jesus Christ also reiterated to us that the ‘day of Vengeance’ (which is poured out on God’s enemies, not those who are loyal to Him) is what ‘redeems’ us from the wicked ones. So, when we see Satan on earth fooling most everyone into worshiping him because they think he is ‘God’ and has come to ‘save us’ (which will be grievous to see; we will mourn for those who are sucked into the apostasy - 2 Thess 2), we should remember that the time is coming *very* soon for the *true* Jesus Christ to return and ‘utter His Voice’ to which all on the earth will spiritually melt, as it is written...

*17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and **the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.***

18 And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

*19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the **LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.***

20 In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

*21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, **for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.***

22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

Isa 2:17-22

*12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, **there was a great earthquake;** and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;*

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

*15 And **the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;***

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

*17 **For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?***

Rev 6:12-17

Rev 18:8-21 (as well as Jeremiah 51) also give a very vivid depiction of the fear the heathen will have, and the desolations of their wicked worldwide government (the beast) they loved so much. As Rev 18:10 says, for *in one hour is thy judgment come* and in vs 19 it says *in one hour is she made desolate*. It won’t take long for Jesus Christ and His holy angels to take over all the earth and fully destroy Satan’s wicked beast system (Rev 10:11-21, 2 Pt 3:10-12, Isa 24, 34, etc.). So, while the wicked ones (heathen) who raged against God Almighty (YHVH) and His Son (Jesus

Christ) – and even tried to take over His ‘holy hill’ (Jerusalem) when Satan and his fallen angels were cast out to earth – they will be ‘melted’, just as the Assyrian army were back in Hezekiah’s day. But to us who remain faithful to Jesus Christ, we’re told in Rev 18:20, to rejoice over this destruction because *God hath avenged you on her...*

31 What shall we then say to these things? ***If God be for us, who can be against us?***

32 *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*

33 ***Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect?*** *It is God that justifieth.*

34 ***Who is he that condemneth?*** *It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

35 ***Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?*** *shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

36 *As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*

37 *Nay, **in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.***

38 *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,*

39 *Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Rom 8:31-39

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

AMEN.