

Part 2 – Our Guide Forever, Even Over Death

In part 1 we saw Hezekiah praise the Lord (YHVH) and that He did so by praising Jerusalem - where God's Temple was at the time - because, that's where they were *supposed* to worship from *back then*. However, we also learned that we are *now* to praise and worship our Heavenly Father *wherever we are* by putting, and keeping, His Words in our heart and mind and allowing His Holy Spirit to abide in our soul, so He can guide us in our daily life. But again, because they were supposed to worship at the Temple in Jerusalem back in those days, Hezekiah greatly glorified the city because the Lord showed He was still with them by saving them from the Assyrians. Which shows that our Heavenly Father is *still* our 'refuge' when we're in trouble, because He's truly the *only* one who can save us out of *any sort* of trouble. And that's why Hezekiah praised the Lord so much in this Psalm, for our Heavenly Father sent an 'Angel' that killed off 185,000 Assyrians *in one night*. But there were not just normal soldiers killed; all the mighty men, leaders and captains had also been killed, which effectively destroyed the Assyrian army. The fact that there were *thousands* of dead corpses in the morning, when they woke up, would have been very troubling indeed; but then, as they moved around the camp to see *who* was dead, they discovered that the *best* of their army had been killed... which caused fear that was so *intense* that Hezekiah likened it to the pain a woman has in childbirth. And this intense fear caused them to leave Jerusalem *that very day*; and they even left *all* of the southern kingdom, for their entire army (what was left of it) fled back to their homeland in Assyria. So, we'll pick up in this Psalm with the thought of how our Heavenly Father fights against the enemy in order to protect us, which is what makes Him our refuge in all times of trouble...

Psalms 48

7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

After explaining how the Lord (YHVH) put the 'fear of God' into the Assyrians – which caused them to leave Jerusalem and flee back to Assyria – Hezekiah now explains another mighty act of our Heavenly Father. The word '**breakest**' means **to burst** (#7665) and '**Tarshish**' was a place on the Mediterranean and, hence, **the epithet of a merchant vessel** (as if for, or from, that port - #8659). So, Hezekiah's simply saying that our Heavenly Father even broke the backbone of the Assyrian's economic might, for ships have long been (and still are today) the backbone of trading among nations far apart. And the Assyrians, having already conquered so many lands, had apparently had control of their ports too. That was, until the Lord annihilated their army and sent them running back home to Assyria. And the 'east wind' in the area of Palestine is a hot and dry wind (Jonah 4:8, Hab 1:9) which can be quite destructive, *especially* if the Lord is 'driving it'. Moreover, Ezekiel 27 speaks of the ships of Tarshish being quite closely connected to Tyre (a.k.a. Tyrus), which was commercial city of Phoenicia, on the coast of the Mediterranean. Part of the city was on a rocky island, hence the name for 'Tyre' (a.k.a. Tyrus) because it means 'rock' (#6865). And, as Ezekiel 28 explains, Tyre's economic system was so closely patterned after Satan's economic system (in the first earth age) that the chapter uses the 'price' and 'king' of Tyrus (Tyre) as metaphors *for Satan himself*. Hence, while the chapter is addressed to the king and prince of Tyrus (Tyre), it's truly speaking about Satan's power structure in the first earth

age, which is still used in this earth age. If you'd like to get more documentation, and explanation for this, check out the following studies...

3 World Ages - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/190?single>
Exalted, The Inside Scoop - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/192?single>
Builders of Cities and a Good Repentance - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/304>
Pride, The Number One Sin - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/308>
Ezekiel 27 - https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Ezekiel/491
Ezekiel 28 - https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Ezekiel/525

Psalms 48

8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah.

Back in Psalms 44 (another Psalm of Hezekiah from around the same time period), Hezekiah spoke of how they (who were living in his days) had been heard about what God did for their ancestors when He brought them into the Promise Land by His own powerful 'right hand' (i.e. the Angel of God -<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/485>). Thus, Hezekiah was telling the Lord (via the Psalm) that he knew our Heavenly Father has the power to deliver us from our enemies. And, at the time that Psalm (44) was written, they were surrounded by the Assyrians; and Hezekiah was thus calling on the Lord (YHVH) for help, which is why the Psalm was titled 'the cry for a Deliverer'. And now, in this Psalm, Hezekiah is acknowledging, again, how they (he and the people in his time) had heard of the great things the Lord (YHVH) had done for Israel in their history. But in this verse, he's now proclaiming that they (he and those with him in Jerusalem) have seen *with their own eyes* the Lord's salvation because He literally saved them from the Assyrians (which was an answer to Hezekiah's pleas in Ps 44).

Notice also how, in this verse in Ps 48:8, Hezekiah again uses a phrase 'the Lord of hosts', just as he did back in Ps 46:7 and 11. As we learned when studying that chapter, The word '**Lord**' here is God's Sacred Name [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>], **Yehovah** (#3068), which means (the) **self-Existent** or **Eternal**. And the word '**hosts**' is *tsaba'* or (feminine) *tseba'ah* which means **a mass of persons organized for war**, which essentially means **an army**. Apx 4 II in the *Companion Bible* points out that **this is one of 'Yehovah's titles'**, which means it's when the Sacred Name of God (*Yehovah*) is combined with another word. And it's used to indicate a specific characteristic trait about our Heavenly Father. In this case, **it denotes the God of Israel as the Lord of all the hosts (armies) in heaven and earth**. This phrase is also used in 1 Sam 1:3 where the *Companion Bible* has notes about this special 'title' of the Lord (Yehovah = YHVH).

Also used (twice) in this verse 8, is the word 'God', which is the 'title' '**Elohiym** (#430), meaning *the Supreme God*, who is our *Creator*. '**Elohiym** (or '**Elohim**) is God the Creator putting His omnipotence ('*El*) into operation. And that's why Hezekiah goes on to say that 'God' will establish Jerusalem *forever*. Though it felt like Jerusalem would be established forever when Hezekiah saw God destroy the Assyrian's, the city of Jerusalem would later (much later) be

invaded by the Babylonians and eventually destroyed. Even the Temple of God was looted and burnt by the Babylonians (2 Chron 36:17-19) while the remaining people were carried away to Babylon. This was done, as God forewarned, because the people in Jerusalem had become so wicked that they had to be punished. 2 Chron 36:12-16 explains this well and also points out that: even though God sent prophets to warn them (such as Jeremiah), they refused to repent - so God allowed *even His Temple* to be destroyed because, quite frankly, His own people had long defiled it with their idolatry (Jer 7:4-15). So, this part of Psalms 48:8, where Hezekiah said that God would establish Jerusalem *forever* can truly only apply *prophetically* to when our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ returns. As we've learned, Jesus Christ will clean Jerusalem *thoroughly* – both physically and spiritually (Mth 24:2, Mk 13:2, Lk 21:6, 2 Pts 3:10-12) – before establishing His righteous government (the Body of Christ) in Jerusalem *forever*. Indeed, at that time Jerusalem will be 'established' (set up, #3559) *forever*. As Isaiah prophesied...

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isa 9:6-7

Indeed, Rev 19:16 tells us that Jesus Christ will be *KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS* and Rev 11:15 tells us that, when Jesus Christ returns, *the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever*. Now, this verse also ends with a 'selah', which always means to stop and think about what *has been said* (in vs 8) with what's *about to be said* (in vs 9). So, this 'selah' is connecting the petition of Ps 46:10 (to 'be still' and exalt Yehovah) with the 'rest' that verse 9 speaks of, which is the thought of His loving-kindness's. It also connects the thought of (here in Ps 48:4-8) God's power shown in Jerusalem's establishment forever with the favor Jerusalem will be shown forever, brought out in verse 14. In other words, the Lord (YHVH) *will* be exalted and *because* of that, we (who are faithful to Him) *will* enjoy rest and peace *because* of His favor given to us for being faithful....

Psalms 48

9 We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

Hezekiah's now declaring that they (who were saved by God, from the Assyrians) 'thought' (considered, #1819) of God's lovingkindness (kindness, #2617) which came forth from the midst of His Temple - which is referring to the Ark of the Covenant that was indeed deep inside the Temple. In other words, the Lord's kindness came from the midst of His Temple because *that is where He was*, because the mercy seat (which set upon the Ark of the Covenant) *was His throne* (Num 7:89). The *Companion Bible* also has a note saying that the word 'thought' here could also be rendered as 'been silent', or 'stood still' (as Ps 46:10 called for) and rested in thought. In other words, they silently meditated on all that the good Lord (YHVH) had done for them; in saving

them from the Assyrians. And this is an *excellent* thing for us to do as well. David also pointed out that this is an integral part of worshiping our Heavenly Father in Ps 143:5 when he wrote: *I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands*. And, in another Psalm by Hezekiah, he often pointed out that meditating (thinking deeply in silence) about God's Word (all He has done for us, even before our days) is part of worshiping Him (Ps 119:15, 23, 48, 78, 148) and *that* is a big part of helping us through the hard times (Ps 119:52). This is something Paul pointed out too. He told his protégé, Timothy, to meditate on the things that Paul had taught him (from God's Word) and to give himself wholly to them (1 Tim 4:15). And in his letter to the Philippians, Paul explained how important it is that we not worry but rather, pray to our Heavenly Father (in Jesus' name) for help and to re-direct our minds to God's Word, and think about the truths within it (Phil 4:6-8). *That's* what gives us comfort in all our times of trouble, as well as giving us the strength to resist temptations to sin.

Psalms 48

10 According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

'According to thy name' means ***an appellation*** [an identifying name or title], as ***a mark or memorial of individuality***; by implication ***honor, authority*** and character (#8034). In other words, God's names (and different 'titles') explains His different characteristics. The word 'God' here is again '***Elohiym***' (#430), which means *the Supreme God*, who is our *Creator*. So, Hezekiah is explaining that, just as the title 'Elohiym declares that Yehovah is the Supreme God, so the whole world knew (became aware) that He (YHVH) is the *Supreme God* and that His right (strong) hand **is** full of righteousness. Israel's God (YHVH) showed His mighty strength when He plagued Egypt until they finally let Israel go. They were the mightiest nation at that time but the Lord (YHVH) destroyed their wealth with all the plagues. Likewise, did He do to the mighty Assyrians when He killed off 185,000 of them *in just one night*, even targeting their *mightiest* fighting men and leaders! And, just as 'word' got around to all the other nations after the Lord freed Israel from the Egyptians, so too did word get around to all the other nations that their God smote the Assyrians. That's why no one dared attack them until years later when Hezekiah died and the nation fell back into apostasy. Also to note is that Jesus Christ is at God's right hand in heaven right now (Ps 110:1, Matt 26:64, Acts 2:32-36, Acts 7:55-56, Rom 8:34, Eph 1:20-23, Col 3:1, Heb 1:1-3, Heb 8:1, Heb 10:10-13, Heb 12:3, 1 Peter 3:21-22). But, He has long been our Heavenly Father's 'right hand', as the study on ***Was Christ Here On Earth Before His Birth*** explains, with documentation [check it out: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/485>].

Psalms 48

11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

Mount Zion was a mountain of Jerusalem (#6726) where the Temple of the Lord (YHVH) was located. And the 'daughters' of Judah is a figure of speech (*Metonymy*, apx 6) that refers to the smaller towns in the southern kingdom of Judah. This is a terminology used fairly often in God's Word, especially in the prophets. So, Hezekiah is simply pointing out how all the people in the

southern kingdom of Judah rejoiced, and were glad, because of the judgments the Lord (YHVH) had enforced upon the Assyrians – i.e. when He killed off most of (and the best of) their army and sent them feeling in great fright back to Assyria. And let us never forget the dire situation they were in. **All** of the southern kingdom of Judah had been overtaken by the Assyrians and they had surrounded their capital, Jerusalem. So, the Lord (YHVH) did what the southern kingdom (put together) could *never* have done; and He did so in *just one night*! Therefore, all the cities in the southern kingdom of Judah had *great* cause for rejoicing, for they were now free from the Assyrians who captured them (Isa 36:1).

Psalms 48

12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

So, Hezekiah now told the people to go ahead and walk around Zion because *they were now free to do so*. When the Assyrians surrounded Jerusalem, no one dared to leave the city walls and the people were likely even afraid to leave their homes much of the time. Life was not normal at that time but, now that the Lord (YHVH) had freed them from the Assyrian's, they were free to go back to living life as normal. The cities could now freely trade and visit each other. The word 'tell' here means to **recount** or even to **celebrate** but it can also mean **a rostrum**, which is a podium or stage of sorts (#5068). So, Hezekiah's simply saying to get this information to the public to they knew the city was now free!

Psalms 48

13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.

The word 'mark' means **to place** (#7896) and the word 'well' means **the heart** - the feelings, will and even the intellect (#3820). And the word 'bulwarks' means **an intrenchment** (#2430) and it's referring to *the outer walls* or ramparts of the city. And the word 'consider' means to **contemplate** (#6448) while the word 'palaces' means to be **elevated** or a **citadel** (#759) and the word 'tell' means the same thing as it did in the last verse: **to intensively recount** or **celebrate**, even **to inscribe** (write it down, as he did here in this Psalm) (#5608).

So, Hezekiah's saying to look *carefully* at Jerusalem; at her high city walls and the beautiful Temple of the Lord (YHVH) – and to mark it in their heart so they can explain, in detail, to future generations what it was like when the city stood strong against the Assyrian's. And the next verse tells us *why* the city stood strong, even when the mightiest nation at the time (the Assyrians, of course) threatened to besiege it. But, before we move on to the next verse, let's take a look at this verse in a prophetic sense. For, when 'New Jerusalem' is established, her foundations and walls are indeed going to be quite beautiful; *much more* so than the Temple in Hezekiah's day was....

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and **shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,**

11 **Having the glory of God:** and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

12 And **had a wall great and high,** and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

14 And **the wall of the city had twelve foundations,** and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

18 And **the building of the wall** of it was of jasper: and **the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.**

19 And **the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones.** The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

21 And **the twelve gates were twelve pearls;** every several gate was of one pearl: **and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.**

22 And **I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.**

23 And **the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.**

24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Rev 21:9-27

So, 'New Jerusalem' will indeed be *much more* beautiful than Solomon's Temple ever was. It will be adorned with *many* precious gems, gold, pearls and 'transparent glass' and be lighted by the glory of God (i.e. Jesus Christ) *forever*. And, at that time, when we get to look and see that beautiful Temple, we will be *more* in awe of the beauty of it than Hezekiah was after looking at Jerusalem back in his days. And, just as this next verse tells us *why* the city stood strong back in

Hezekiah's day, even when the mightiest nation at the time (the Assyrians, of course) threatened to besiege it, so too will it tell us how 'New Jerusalem' will stand strong *forever*...

Psalms 48

*14 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even **unto** death.*

Both times the word 'God' is used here in this verse are '**Elohiym** (#430), which means *the Supreme God*, who is our *Creator*. '**Elohiym** (or '**Elohim**) is God the Creator putting His omnipotence ('**El**) into operation. So, Hezekiah's putting great emphasis on the fact that **THIS** God (who just destroyed the Assyrian army) is *their* God and will be 'forever and ever'. For Hezekiah and the people in Jerusalem, the Lord (YHVH) would undoubtedly be their God for the rest of their lives. But, future generations would not be loyal to Him. But, when New Jerusalem comes, God's people will indeed be loyal to Him forever and ever. And then Hezekiah says something that seems really odd: *he will be our guide even **unto** death*. This is why it's so import to have a *Strong's Concordance* [<https://t.me/BestStudyBible/46>], because you can look up the English words and see what they mean in the *original* manuscripts; because the translations are not always accurate, as is the case here. The word '**unto**' here is a preposition (#5921) and can be translated *many* ways, such as - above, according to (-ly), after, (as) against, among, and, as, at, because of, beside (the rest of), between, beyond the time, both and, by (reason of), had the charge of, concerning for, in (that), (forth, out) of, (from) (off), (up-) on, **over**, than, through (-out), to, touching, with.

So, in the context of this verse, it really would be better translated as: *he will be our guide even **over** death*. And the word '**guide**' means *to drive forth* (a person, an animal or chariot), i.e. **lead**, **carry away**; reflexively, **to proceed** (i.e. impel or guide oneself); also (from the panting induced by effort), **to sigh** (#5090). And the word '**death**' itself is also interesting because it's a combination of two words (#4191, meaning to kill – and #1121 meaning son) and it means "**To die for the son**", which was probably the title of a popular song at the time (#4192). But this shows us that our God guides us *over death*. At the time of Hezekiah, the Lord (YHVH) their God (the Supreme God who is our Creator) did indeed guide them *over death* because He drove out those who were literally seeking to kill them. However, this verse *prophetically* looked forward to the death of God's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ! As the book of Hebrews so beautifully explains...

*14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil**;*

15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

*17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, **that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people**.*

18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Heb 2:14-18

So, our God (our Creator, our Heavenly Father) came to earth incarnated as Jesus Christ (who is His only begotten Son). John 1:1 says that the God is the Word and verse 14 tells us that the Word became flesh. In those who verses alone we are clearly told that God came to earth incarnated as Jesus Christ. But Heb 1:3 also tells us that Jesus Christ is the ‘express’ image of God, which means an *exactly* copy of Him. Col 1:15 also tells us that Jesus Christ *is the image of the invisible God*. Jesus Himself also said: *I and my Father are one* in John 10:30 and in John 14:9 He told Philip: *he that hath seen me hath seen the Father*. 2 Cor 5:19 also tells us that *God was in Christ* and 2 Cor 4:4 says that *Christ is the image of God*. And the Old Testament confirms this too. In Isa 9:6-7 we’re told that a child would be born, which was Jesus Christ, who would be the Prince of Peace but that He is also the Mighty God and the Everlasting Father. Isa 45:21-22 says *there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; **there is none beside me***. Isa 43:10-11 reiterates this as well when it tells us that the Lord (YHVH) is the *only* God and that He is our only Savior as well. [Learn more: <https://t.me/BestStudyBible/228>].

And when God incarnated (Jesus Christ) died for our sins, He destroyed him who has power over death, *which is the Devil* (i.e. Satan – Rev 12:9, 20:2). Jesus’ destroying Satan’s power over us is twofold. First off, because Jesus Christ shed His precious blood to atone for our sins, Satan no longer can accuse us for the *sins we’ve repented* for because we are *totally* forgiven for them, when we repent *sincerely* and truly believe in Jesus’ atoning blood is able to cover our sins. And we should be aware that Satan *does* accuse us in heaven before God. As Rev 12:10 tells, us Satan *does* accuse God’s children ‘day and night’. And Job 1:7-11 tells us he *especially* likes to accuse God’s *faithful* servants like Job was. But secondly, after Jesus Christ died for our sins, God then sent His Holy Spirit to whomsoever believes upon Jesus Christ *sincerely* (Acts 2:33). This can’t be a shallow, or short-lived, ‘belief’ to get the Gift of the Holy Spirit - for Jesus Christ said the Comforter (the Holy Spirit) is given to *those who obey His Commandments* (John 14:15-16) as does Acts 5:32. So, if we continue to study and obey His Word, *then* we are His disciples *and* the Holy Spirit is given to us to help us understand the truth (John 6:63). And, it is the **truth** that sets us free from the bondage that Satan has over us through lies (John 8:31-32, Acts 26:18, Rom 6). And the Holy Spirit also help us with our weaknesses (Rom 8:26) so that we can resist all temptations to sin, even when we’re weak (2 Cor 12:10) so long as we remain firmly committed to following serving Jesus Christ. And sim studying God’s Word *daily* is a critical part of following Him because we *must* know *what to do* in order to follow and serve Him. As Heb 2:18 (above) said, Jesus Christ knows how to help us with all temptations (and hard times) because He’s lived in this life and knows how to overcome all things (He lived life *without* sinning in body, mind or heart - Heb 4:15, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Peter 2:22, 1 John 3:5).

And so, while we have not yet had a ‘great deliverance’ as Hezekiah, and Jerusalem, did when God delivered them from the Assyrians, we can *still* say that the Supreme God is our Creator and He will be our guide even over death *because* the Lord (YHVH) Himself has come to earth

(incarnated as Jesus Christ) to die for our sins. And that great price He paid at calvary gives us the *most powerful* spiritual weapon of war ever: the Holy Spirit (Lk 10:19). And with the Holy Spirit (and the Word of God) within us, we indeed will overcome death spiritually, just as Hezekiah and those in Jerusalem overcame it in a physical sense when they were being threatened by the Assyrians.

Now, there *will* come a day when our God does indeed give us a ‘great deliverance’ – *even more* so than Hezekiah and Jerusalem had! And it very likely will be in our lifetime (depending on how old you are), because we’re living in the ‘generation of the fig tree’ [which you can learn more about here: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/295>] that Jesus told us about in Mth 24:32-34, Mth 13:28-30, Lk 21:29-32). That deliverance is, of course, the day that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ *finally* returns to this earth at His Second Advent. As Jesus told us...

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matt 24:29-31

So, while we will still be on earth when Satan is cast out of heaven, to earth, with his fallen angels (Rev 12) - and we’ll have to endure all his lies, and see so many Christians fall for his deceptive lies - *it won’t last forever* [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/489>]. Our Savior Jesus Christ will help us through that time, so long as we keep our faith *firm* in Him and follow the guidance of His Word and Holy Spirit through those trying days. As Paul so beautifully says...

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.

Rom 8:31-34

However, we must prepare for that time *now*. Because, as the parable of the ten virgins warns us, if we don’t have our vessels filled with oil (truth) by the time ‘the call’ is made at midnight, we won’t be accepted into spiritual wedding with Jesus Christ. [Learn more in the special study: **Oil Needed; Be Sure You’re Ready** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/286>].

To the chief Musician,

This chapter ends with a ‘subtitle’ we’re quite familiar with by now. It means ‘to He that has the victory’ or ‘to He that gives the victory’ – which, of course, is Jesus Christ (apx 64). While it was written by Hezekiah, of course, after the Lord (YHVH) had saved them from the Assyrians (2 Kings 19:35-37, 2 Chron 32:21), it was handed over for public use in the Temple Worship. And in Isa 38:20 we see Hezekiah say: *The LORD was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD*. Indeed, Hezekiah did sing (and write) songs (Psalms) to the Lord (YHVH) all the days of his life and thank God He did so, because we still have those precious Psalms to learn from today. And they remind us that, *no matter how dire our situation seems* – even when the whole world is whoring after the antichrist (Satan) and we stick out like a ‘hair in a biscuit’ *because we refuse not to...* our God is *still* our God and He is the *true* and Living God *forever and ever*. And He’ll *always* be our guide, even over Satan himself when he’s literally on earth trying to deceive us into apostasy. So long as we don’t forsake the Lord (YHVH/Jesus Christ), He’ll never forsake us (Heb 13:5-6) ...

32 *The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.*

33 *The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.*

34 **Wait** [6960] on the LORD, and **keep** [8104] **his way**, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: **when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.**

Ps 37:32-34

AMEN.