

Psalm 114 The Power of God Manifested

1 When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; 2 Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

The psalmist is here giving a song of exposition of the greatness of the power of God upon the earth. This is for us today; a song of the greatness of the salvation of God's people on the earth. He reminds Israel of what God has done for them, and that it proves the divine authority of God upon the earth. God delivered Israel from Egypt from a people that spoke a different language. Egypt spoke the language of idolatry. They did not know our great and mighty God until he put on display his great power. The world at large today is speaking in the language of "the love of money" and idolatry. It would have God's people forsake the language of God's mercy and grace, and take up its language. Praise the Lord for the scripture that says: ***Mr 13:22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.*** Aren't you glad that you hear and understand that the grace of God saves sinners from the eternal judicial judgment of God?

"Judah was his sanctuary" Judah was the son, through whom the lineage of Christ was to come, and upon whom God laid the government of his people. See: ***Ge 49:8-12; 8 Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. 9 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? 10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. 11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: 12 His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.***

"and Israel his dominion" Israel was the chosen people of God over whom he ruled and led about in the world. The ones to whom he gave the sacrificial and ceremonial law service, which pointed to the coming of Christ incarnate into the world.

This is a picture of how God chose a people to be his own and how he would rule over them in this age of Salvation by Grace. We, today, have one King and Lord, who is our federal head, and under his authority; we are united into one people, the Church of Salvation by Grace, established by Jesus Christ, on earth, in time.

Judah is a prophetic picture of Christ, upon whom God laid the government of all his people. When we are born again, we are delivered from the language of the world, which is the lust of the flesh and the pride of life, and we are enlightened to the understanding of the universal language of God's people, for we can now hear and understand the Voice of God.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs. 5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back? 6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs? 7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob; 8 Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

Here is a reference; to the descending of God to the earth and the giving of the law in Sinai. Remember, when God descended upon the mountain, the mountain shook and the earth trembled at the presence of their creator? Seen in: ***Ex 19:18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.***

However, it wasn't the mountain only that trembled: ***Ex 19:16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.*** We

see that the chosen people of God did tremble before the very sight and the voice of God sounding forth. This is the voice of the creator, and their deliverer, that brought great fear upon them.

The psalmist also reminds them of the parting, of the Red Sea and the Jordan River, so that their passage was on dry ground. This brings to mind some scripture found in: ***Re 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*** The waters of the earth are waters of separation of different lands and peoples. In the eternal heaven there will be no separation of lands and peoples, for we shall be one people, united under God in our newly prepared abode.

The psalmist points out; the bringing forth of the waters of salvation from the rock, for the preservation of the lives of God's people on earth in their wilderness journey. This, for us today, is a picture of the waters of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which are the waters of preservation of our lives here in time. These gospel waters come forth from our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ, the Rock of Salvation.

Now let's take all these thoughts and make application to them in our own lives. When we are born again, we are delivered from Egypt, the bondage of our sins and the stranglehold of satan, and we are led out of this bondage on a journey to the Land of Promise. When we are out of Egypt and brought to the mount Sinai, we understand that the penalty of the law brings to us death and eternal damnation, therefore, we, like Israel, tremble before the sight of our God and the emblem of his eternal wrath, the fire, and the sound of the voice of our creator. By this deliverance and the giving of the new birth, we can now follow the leading of God's Holy Spirit and behold the wonders of God's delivering power continue in our lives, filled with not a destroying fear but a reverential fear of God.

We understand that the parting of the waters is for our benefit. You see, we could not take the bloody path of the cross of Christ, and bring about our own salvation. It was necessary that the power of God bring this to fruition; so that we may have forgiveness of sins in the presence of God the Father.

This new birth gives us the ability to drink the waters of salvation from the stream of the gospel of Jesus Christ, which flows out from the throne of God, unto God's people on earth to sustain their life on earth in time.

Ultimately, this all is a prophetic picture of the end of time and the final deliverance of God's people from sin and satan. What a glorious thought, that God not only provides for us here, but will in the eternal day provide for us, forever, freedom from all the burdens and bondages of life in time. Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

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