

Treasure Hunt

- What is the relation between war and the temple in Psalm 68?
- In what ways does the opening of the Psalm recall the Exodus?
- How might this account for the dedication to the Chief Musician “upon Shoshannim”?
- Which of Israel’s wars are recalled in this Psalm?
- Who is being addressed in v. 18?
- What event is in view there?
- What parallel does the NT draw with this event?
- How does David give us an example for using the bounty that the Lord allows us to gain?

Psalms 61-71, Dialog of the Kings

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61-64, **Laments**

61, Separation from the **Sanctuary**

62, Patience before the **Wicked**

63, Seeking God in the **Sanctuary**

64, Judgment on the **Wicked**

65-68, Praise and Thanksgiving: **Song-Psalms**

65, Praise in the **Sanctuary**

66, Deliverance from the **Nations**

67, the **Levitical** Blessing

68, Victory over the **Nations**

69-71, **Laments** with **Imprecations**: LORD

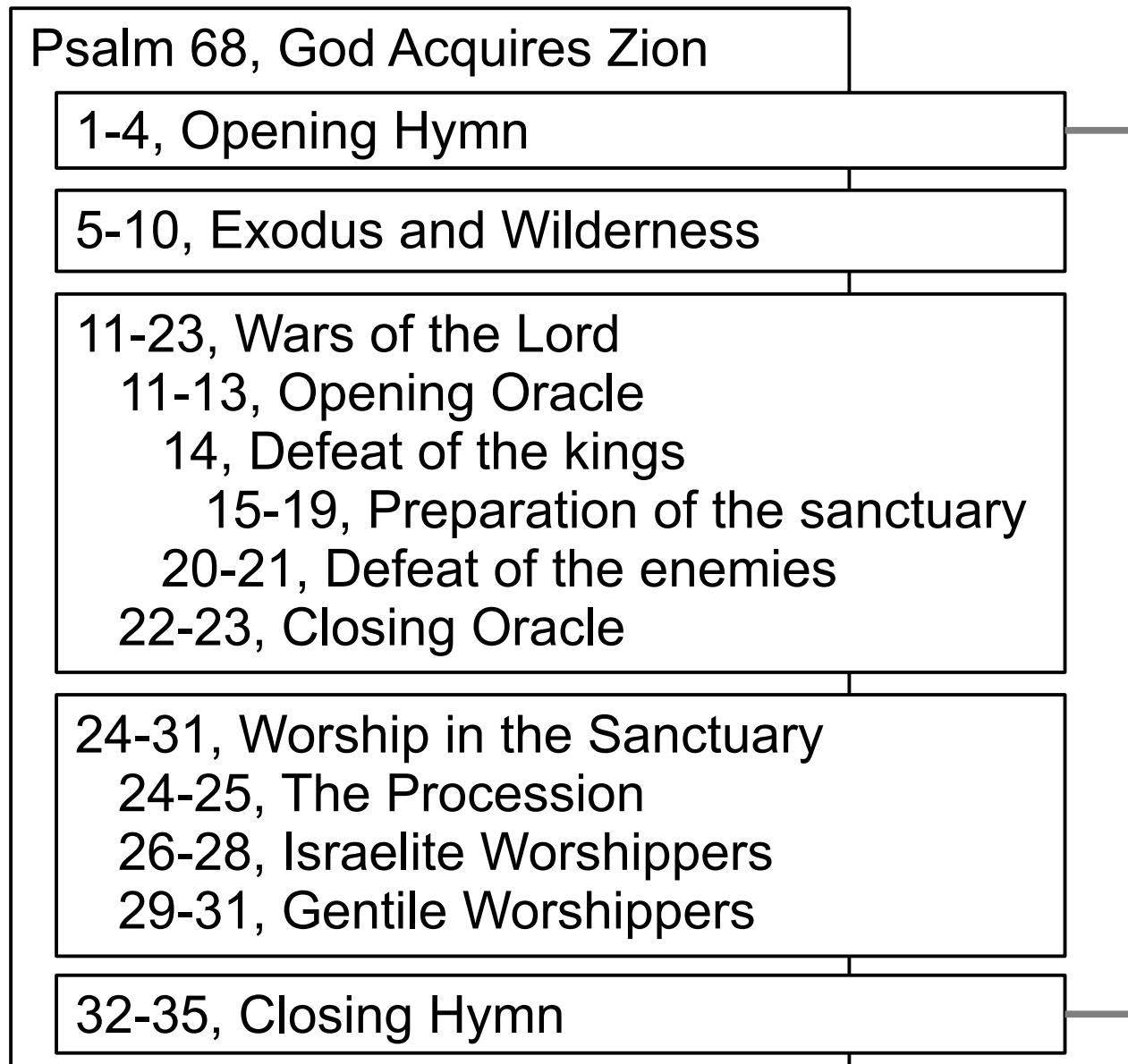
Echoes of 34-41, Songs of the Sufferer

69, Because I suffer for the Lord

70, Cry for Rapid Help (= 40:13-17)

71, Because I am aged

Structure of Psalm 68



The Enclosing Hymn

1 **Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.** 2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. 3 **But let the righteous be glad;** let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. 4 **Sing unto God, sing praises to his name:** extol **him that rideth upon the heavens through the deserts** by his name **JAH**, and rejoice before him.

32 **Sing unto God**, ye kingdoms of the earth; **O sing praises unto the Lord**; Selah: 33 **To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens**, which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice. 34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds. 35 **O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places:** the God of Israel is he that **giveth strength and power unto his people**. Blessed be God.

Num 10:35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, **LORD [Yah]**, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

Deu 33:26 There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who **rideth upon the heaven** in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.

Parallels to Judges 4-5

Psalm 68	Judges 4-5
<p>7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah: 8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.</p>	<p>5:4 LORD, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water. 5 The mountains melted from before the LORD, even that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel.</p>
<p>12 Kings of armies will flee apace: and she that tarried at home will divide the spoil.</p>	<p>5:30 Have they not sped? have they not divided the prey; to every man a damsel or two; to Sisera a prey of divers colours, a prey of divers colours of needlework, of divers colours of needlework on both sides, meet for the necks of them that take the spoil?</p>

More Parallels to Judges 4-5

Psalm 68	Judges 4-5
<p>13 Though ye have lien among the pots שפְּתִים</p>	<p>5:16 Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds מִשְׁפָּתִים, to hear the bleatings of the flocks?</p>
<p>21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.</p>	<p>Jdg 4:21 Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.</p>
<p>27 There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.</p>	<p>Jdg 5:14 Out of Ephraim was there a root of them against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people; out of Machir came down governors, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer. 15 And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; even Issachar, and also Barak:</p>

The Purpose of David's Conquest

Ps 68:18 thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD [YAH] God might dwell שכן (Strong 7931) among them.

Exo 25:8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell שכן (Strong 7931) among them.

Bringing the Ark to Zion

Ps 68:24 They have seen thy goings, O God; even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary. 25 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the damsels playing with timbrels.

2Sa 6:5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.