Treasure Hunt

- What theme is Paul discussing in the context of his citation of Ps 68:18?
- How does each clause of the verse he cites relate to his theme?
- What distinctive name for God unites Exodus 15, Psalm 68, and Psalm 118?
- What two roles for the divine hero are combined in all three of these passages?
- What are the three things Paul wants the readers of Ephesians to know?
- How do these relate to the OT picture of the divine warrior and builder?
- Why does Paul repeat the themes of conquest (God's power against Satan's empire) and Christian unity (the temple Christ is building) in Eph 1-3 and again in Eph 4-6?

Paul's Citation of Ps 68:18 in Eph 4:8

	Eph 4:7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith,
Psa 68:18 Thou hast ascended on high,	When he ascended up on high,
thou hast led captivity captive:	he led captivity captive,
thou hast received gifts for among men;	and gave gifts unto men.
	9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Structure of Psalm 68

Psalm 68, God Acquires Zion

1-4, Opening Hymn

5-10, Exodus and Wilderness

11-23, Wars of the Lord

11-13, Opening Oracle

14, Defeat of the kings

15-19, Preparation of the sanctuary

20-21, Defeat of the enemies

22-23, Closing Oracle

24-31, Worship in the Sanctuary

24-25, The Procession

26-28, Israelite Worshippers

29-31, Gentile Worshippers

32-35, Closing Hymn

Exod 15, God gives Victory over the Nations, and establishes his sanctuary

1, **Summary** Declaration

1a, Praise

1b, Narrative

2-5, Conquest and Sanctuary

2-3, Praise: Desire for Sanctuary

4-5, Narrative: Pharaoh's host drowned

6-10, Detail at the Red Sea

6, Praise

7-10, Narrative: How it happened

11-17, Conquests and Sanctuary

11, Praise

12-17, Narrative: Philistia, Edom, Moab,

Canaan → God's Sanctuary

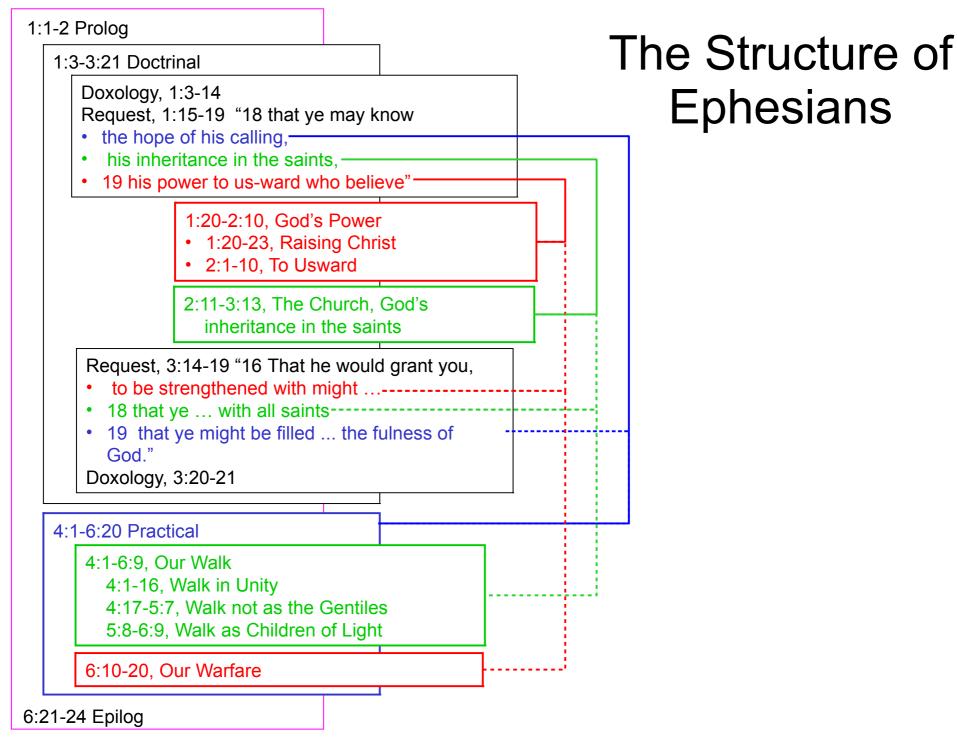
18-19, Concluding Summary

18, Praise

19, Narrative

Structure of Exodus 15 Cycles of Praise and Narrative

The Structure **Psa 118** 1 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is of Psa 118 good: because his mercy endureth for ever. 2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever. 3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever. 4 Let them now that fear the LORD say, that **his mercy** *endureth* for ever. 5-18 Israel confesses God's mercy in giving victory in battle **Israel**: 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD: House of Aaron: 20 This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter. Israel: 21 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. 22-27 The House of Aaron confesses God's mercy in completing the temple 28 Israel confesses God's mercy 29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.



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