

PRAYING PSALM 68

This is Israel's national processional. The journey of the ark of the covenant from Mount Sinai to Mount Zion is seen as symbolizing the march of God to ultimate victory. To the Jewish mind, the ark rightly represents the presence of God. When God moved, the ark moved.

Here is a brief description of the psalm: 1. INTRODUCTORY HYMN (1-6). Let God arise. Let His enemies be scattered. Let the wicked perish at the presence of God. Extol Him who rides on the clouds. 2. THE ARK MOVED FROM SINAI THROUGH THE WILDERNESS (7-10). When You went out before Your people, the earth shook. Sinai was moved at the presence of God. 3. THE ENTRANCE AND CONQUEST OF CANAAN (11-14). Kings of armies flee. The Almighty scattered kings. 4. THE CAPTURE OF JERUSALEM (15-18). This is the mountain which God desires to dwell in. 5. A SONG PRAISING GOD FOR VICTORY OVER THE JEBUSITES (19-23). Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits. To God belong escapes from death. 6. PROCESSION CARRYING THE ARK TO THE SANCTUARY IN JERUSALEM (24-27). They have seen Your procession, O God. The singers went before, the players on instruments followed. 7. JUBILANT THRONG ANTICIPATING THE FINAL VICTORY (28-35). Your God has commanded your strength. Sing to God kingdoms of the earth.

This hymn introduces the past and future victories of God. You can use this as a victory prayer. It proclaims the victory of God before the battles. No matter the number or strength of your enemy, they are no match for the Almighty. When you can't see any hope for the battle at hand, anticipate the final victory, and God will command strength for you. Some battles will not be won, but the war will be. Just ask God to arise and scatter His enemies. Then move forward with assurance that your prayer will ultimately be answered.