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Christ in Every Chapter

#MC33

Psalms 1 - 20

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CHAPTER 1

Verses 1-3: **“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”**

No man has ever followed the above formula better than Jesus Christ. Consequently, the three verses match Jesus’ declaration of Himself from John 14:6: **“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”** Psalm 1:1 matches Jesus as “the way” because it speaks of the blessed man not standing in “the way” of sinners. Verse two speaks of “the law of the LORD,” which corresponds to Jesus Christ as “the truth.” Then verse three speaks of a fruitful tree, which matches Christ as “the life.”

CHAPTER 2

This is the first Psalm that is classified as a “messianic Psalm,” so it’s naturally loaded with material regarding Jesus.

Verse 2: **“The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed . . .”** The LORD’s “anointed” is Christ. In fact, that’s what the word means. This verse has reference to both Calvary and the Second Coming because at both times kings of rulers oppose Christ.

Verse 6: **“Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.”** God’s King is none other than Jesus Christ, and His “holy hill of Zion” is “mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King” (Psa. 48:2; Mat. 5:35). This is the headquarters of Christ’s millennial kingdom.

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Verse 7: **“I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.”** Obviously a reference to Jesus, the verse has two fulfillments. Jesus was begotten when He was born physically (Heb. 1:5-6), and He was begotten when He arose from the dead (Acts 13:33).

Verse 8: **“Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.”** So the Father gives to Jesus all those that are saved throughout the earth (John 17:11, 24).

Verse 9: **“Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”** The verses refers to the Second Advent of Christ.

Verse 12: **“Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.”** We kiss Him spiritually today by putting our trust in Him, as the verse says, and we'll have the opportunity to kiss Him literally when we bow before His feet at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

CHAPTER 3

Verses 1-8: The Psalm isn't classified as a messianic Psalm, but it probably should be. One can easily see Christ at Calvary in verses one through four. Then His burial and resurrection is in verse five. Finally, verses six through eight (especially verse seven) speak of His Second Coming.

CHAPTER 4

Verses 7-8: **“Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased. I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.”** This is the testimony of anyone who has truly been born again by putting their trust in Christ.

CHAPTER 5

Verses 11-12: **“But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.”** Today, that would

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be those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ and are enjoying the security and joy that only He can provide. The “shield” is the shield of faith of Ephesians 6:16.

CHAPTER 6

Verses 4-5: **“Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake. For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?”** Here Christ is pictured in the grave, in hopes of a resurrection, much like Psalm 16:9-10.

Verse 8: **“Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity . . .”** The words are quoted verbatim by Jesus in Luke 13:27.

CHAPTER 7

Verse 6: **“Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded.”** Anytime we see the phrases like “Arise, O LORD” or “Let God arise” (Psa. 68:1) we are dealing with descriptions of the Second Coming of Christ. Isaiah 2:19 is a good example: **“And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.”**

CHAPTER 8

Verses 5-6: **“For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:”** Christ will be crowned with glory and honour, and He will have dominion over the works of God’s hands since all things will be put under His feet (I Cor. 15:25).

CHAPTER 9

Verses 19-20: **“Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight. Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah.”** This is obviously another Second Coming reference.

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CHAPTER 10

Verse 16: **"The LORD is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land."** Such will be the case when Christ rules as King of Kings in the millennium.

CHAPTER 11

Verse 4: **"The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men."** The expression **"his eyelids try, the children of men"** is a perfect match for the description of Christ in Revelation 1:14: **"... his eyes were as a flame of fire."** Fire is for trying and refining, so the eyes of Christ will try men at His holy judgment.

CHAPTER 12

Verse 5: **"For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him."** So Christ arose to set those in safety who trust in Him, and He will arise at the second advent to scatter His enemies and deliver His saints (Psa. 68:1; 7:6).

CHAPTER 13

Verses 1-4 contain several elements of Christ on the cross. **"How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?"** is very similar to Jesus' words in Matthew 27:46: **"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"** The psalmist words about **"having sorrow in my heart daily"** match Jesus' being **"a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief"** (Isa. 53:3). The words **"how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?"** match Christ as well, for it appeared that Satan had won, and still does when one considers the increasing wickedness in the world. Verses 3 and 4 have Christ praying in spirit for the resurrection: **"Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved."** This is similar to Psalm 16:9-10 where Christ is confident of His resurrection. **"Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."**

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CHAPTER 14

Verse 7: **“Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.”** The verse is obviously a second coming reference.

CHAPTER 15

Verses 1-5: **“LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.”** No one meets to conditions more than Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 16

Verses 9-11: **“Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”** The passage is speaking on the resurrection of Christ, according to Peter’s comments in Acts 2:25-32.

CHAPTER 17

Verse 3: **“Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.”** No man could qualify for such a confession more than Jesus Christ. Pilate said, **“... I find no fault in him”** (John 19:6).

Verse 7: **“Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.”** Jesus sits at the “right hand” of the Father, and it is He who saves.

Verse 15: **“As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.”** In the resurrection, we will awake with the likeness of Jesus Christ (I John 3:2).

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CHAPTER 18

Verse 2: **"The LORD is my rock . . ."** Obviously a reference of Christ (I Cor. 10:4; I Pet. 2:4-6).

Verses 4-5: **"The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me."** This is Christ on Calvary bearing the sin of the world.

Verses 19-21: **"He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me. The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God."** So the Christian will be brought into a "large place" in the Rapture, and he will be "rewarded" at the Judgment Seat of Christ, if he has "kept the ways of the LORD."

Verse 50: **"Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore."** David is a type of Christ, God's anointed and God's King.

CHAPTER 19

Verses 4-6: **"Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof."** Christ is the "bridegroom," and He is like the sun in the Scriptures (Mal. 4:2; Rev. 1:16).

CHAPTER 20

Verse 6: **"Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand."** Jesus is God's anointed, and He is always heard of the Father.

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CHAPTER 21

Verses 3-6: **“For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head. He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days for ever and ever. His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him. For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.”**

The passage is referring the “the king” of verse one, and no king matches the words more than Jesus. The “crown of pure gold” speaks of His deity. The “life” and “length of days for ever and ever” refer to Jesus coming up from the grave to never die again. The whole passage refers to the “most blessed” life that one enjoys only in Christ, here and hereafter.

CHAPTER 22

The next three chapters deal with Christ’s past, present, and future work. Psalm 22 speaks of Christ the suffering Prophet. Psalm 23 gives us a glimpse of His present work as our High Priest. Then His future role of King is covered in Psalm 24. In perfect correspondence with this, one could say that He is the “good shepherd” in Psalm 22 (John 10:11), the “great shepherd” in Psalm 23 (Heb. 13:20), and the “chief shepherd” in Psalm 24 (I Pet. 5:4) since the context of each of those references speaks of one of Christ’s respective offices.

Verse 1: **“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?”** The reference is to Christ on the cross in Matthew 27:46.

Verse 6: **“But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.”** On Calvary, Jesus paid the price that you and I should have paid for our sins, and that payment is connected to a “worm.” Mark 9:44 says that hell is a place **“Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.”** In fact, Jesus being lifted up on the cross was like Moses lifting up the *serpent* in the wilderness (John 3:14-15). So we have the imagery of Christ on the cross being like a serpent or a worm. At *least*, the picture here is that of Jesus taking the place of a base sinner that is no better than

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a “worm.” At *most*, we have a picture of Jesus taking the place of a degenerating soul in hell, a soul that has lost its arms, legs, eyes, ears, and mouth, and has degenerated back to where it began, a worm-looking sperm cell. The rest of the body is perishable (Mat. 10:28), but not the undying worm. If this turns out to be the case, then Darwin’s evolution is a bigger joke than ever because it is *reverse* evolution that ends up being the sinner’s reality.

Verse 8: **“He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.”** That’s what they said about Jesus at Calvary (Mat. 27:43).

Verses 16-18: **“For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.”** The passage is loaded, as you can see. The “dogs” are the unsaved and unclean sinners that assembled together against Jesus. The words **“they pierced my hands and my feet”** speak of His crucifixion, a Roman death, as opposed to a Jewish stoning. This is because a stoning would have broken some bones, and a perfect sacrifice could have no broken bones (Exo. 12:46). Consequently, the passage says, **“I may tell all my bones.”** That is, none were broken or unaccounted for. As verse eighteen says, they also gambled over Jesus’ garment (John 19:24).

Verses 30-31: **“A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.”** The “seed” would be you and I. It’s a regenerated seed, an “incorruptible” seed (I Pet. 1:23) that gives to us the new birth. Jesus even rebuked Nicodemus for not knowing “these things” in John 3:10.

Psalms 22 has more to offer, but we’ll leave that for the reader’s own gleaning and move onward.

CHAPTER 23

Verse 1: **“The LORD is my shepherd . . .”** This shepherd is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ: **“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.”** (John 10:11) Hebrews 13:20 and I Peter 5:4 are also good references.

Verse 3: **“He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.”** This is precisely what Jesus does in the life of the believer.

Verse 6: **“. . . I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.”** The Christian is eternally secure in Christ.

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CHAPTER 24

Verses 3-4: **“Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.”** Who qualifies more than Jesus? In fact, Jesus is the only man to ascend (go up by one’s own power), according to John 3:13.

Verses 7-10: **“Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.”** The reference is to the Second Coming when Jesus will enter the eastern gate into Jerusalem (Ezk. 44:1-2).

CHAPTER 25

Verse 15: **“Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.”** So it was with Christ and the heavenly Father.

Verses 19-20: **“Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.”** Christ had enemies that hated Him so much they murdered Him, yet the Father kept His soul and delivered Him.

CHAPTER 26

Verses 9: **“Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men.”** Jesus was numbered with transgressors (Isa. 53:12), but He was not *gathered* with them. He was gathered back to the Father in heaven.

CHAPTER 27

Verse 1: **“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”** Our “light” is the Lord Jesus Christ, the “light of the world” (John 8:12). Consequently, He is also our salvation, as the verse states.

Verse 13: **“I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.”** The world says, “seeing is believing,” but the Christian does just the opposite. We *believe to*

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see. That is, we believe on Christ first, and then we see Him when He returns. Our faith doesn't begin with sight; it *ends* in sight.

CHAPTER 28

Verse 1-3: **"Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit. Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle. Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts."** Jesus looked to the Father as His "rock" just as we look to Jesus as our rock. The Father was faithful and raised Him up.

Verse 8: **"The LORD is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed."** God's anointed is Jesus Christ. A good reference is Luke 4:18: **"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel . . ."**

CHAPTER 29

Verse 10: **"The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever."** The "King" is Jesus Christ, the One who will sit in the city of the "great King" and reign (Mat. 5:35).

Verse 11: **"The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace."** Jesus will do this because He is the "Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6).

CHAPTER 30

Verses 1-3: **"I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit."** The reference is obviously to Christ and His resurrection. See also Psalm 16:9-10.

Verse 5: **"For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."** His anger will endure through the Great Tribulation, but joy will come when Satan's night is over and the new millennial day dawns with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Mal. 4:2).

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CHAPTER 31

Verse 5: **“Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.”**
The reference is to Christ on the cross in Luke 23:46.

Verse 13: **“For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.”** They took counsel against Jesus and devised to take away His life. Matthew 27:1 is pretty clear: **“When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death.”**

CHAPTER 32

Verses 1-2: **“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.”** Paul quotes from these verses in Romans 4:7-8 when he explains the imputed righteousness that the Christian has in Christ.

CHAPTER 33

Verse 10: **“The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.”** This will be fulfilled at the Second Coming of Christ.

CHAPTER 34

Verse 20: **“He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.”** The verse refers to Christ dying on a cross rather than receiving a Jewish stoning. A stoning would have broken His bones and disqualified Him from being the perfect Passover Lamb (Exo. 12:5, 46). See John 19:36.

CHAPTER 35

Verse 14: **“I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.”** The reference is to Jesus treating Judas as a “friend,” which He did: **“And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.”** (Mat. 26:50)

Verse 19: **“Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.”** They hated Jesus without a cause (John 15:25).

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CHAPTER 36

Verse 8-10: **"They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light. O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart."** The expression "abundantly satisfied" reminds us of the abundant life that is found only in Christ (John 10:10). To drink of the "river of thy pleasures" is to drink from the spiritual rock Jesus Christ (I Cor. 10:4), who is also the "light" and "thy righteousness."

CHAPTER 37

Verses 23-24: **"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand."** There is no man with more "good" than Jesus Christ, and His steps were certainly ordered by the Lord. If one wanted to call His crucifixion a "fall," okay, but He was not "utterly cast down" because He rose again on the third day.

Verse 37: **"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace."** The perfect man is Jesus Christ (Heb. 2:10; 5:9), and His end is so peaceful that He is called the "Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6).

CHAPTER 38

Verses 19-20: **"But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied. They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that good is."** Christ was hated wrongfully (John 15:25) by those who multiplied against Him, and He always followed the thing that good is (Acts 10:38; John 8:29).

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CHAPTER 39

Verse 2: **"I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred."** So it was with Jesus at Calvary: **"... as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth"** (Isa. 53:7)

CHAPTER 40

Verse 2: **"He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings."** This is New Testament salvation, if you ever saw it, and the "rock" that our feet have been set upon is none other than Jesus Christ (Mat. 7:24; I Cor. 3:11).

Verses 7-10: **"Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart. I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest. I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation."** The passage is speaking of Jesus Christ, according to Hebrews 10:6-8.

CHAPTER 41

Verse 9: **"Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me."** The reference is to Judas betraying Jesus. In fact, the verse is quoted in John 13:18.

CHAPTER 42

Verse 9: **"I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"** The reading is similar to the words of Jesus Christ in Matthew 27:46: **"... My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"**

CHAPTER 43

Verse 3: **"O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles."** Jesus is both the "light" and the "truth" (John 8:12; 14:6), and He was sent out by God to bring the lost into God's holy hill.

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CHAPTER 44

Verses 23-26: **“Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever. Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression? For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth. Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.”** As we've seen before, a prayer for God to “arise” is a prayer for the Second Coming of Christ, a time when God will arise and judge His enemies (Psa. 68:1). He is hiding His face from Israel during the church age (Deu. 31:17-18; Hos. 5:15), but, in the Great Tribulation, He will reveal Himself, and Israel will be saved (Hos. 5:15-6:2).

CHAPTER 45

Verses 6-7: **“Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.”** The passage refers to Christ, according to Hebrews 1:8-9. He has been anointed by the Father to sit on His throne and rule in righteousness (Isa. 32:1).

CHAPTER 46

Verses 9-10: **“He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.”** This will not happen until Christ returns and establishes His kingdom. At that time, wars will cease (Isa. 2:4) and Jesus will be exalted among the heathen. In fact, they will travel to Israel once per year to worship Him (Zch. 14:16-21).

CHAPTER 47

The whole Psalm is on the Second Coming. The more notable verses are below.

Verses 2-3: **“For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.”** Obviously, the reference is to Christ ruling in the millennium.

Verses 7-8: **“For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.”** Same as above.

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CHAPTER 48

Verse 2: **“Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.”** The “great King,” of course, is Jesus Christ. In fact, Jesus makes reference to this verse in Matthew 5:35: **“Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.”**

Verse 10: **“According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.”** Christ is on the right hand of the Father, and He is certainly “full of righteousness.”

CHAPTER 49

Verses 14-15: **“Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.”** The followers of Jesus are the “upright,” and the morning is the millennial day when Christ the “Sun of righteousness” arises and rules for a thousand years (Gen. 1:16; Rev. 20:4-6). Our souls will be redeemed from the power of the grave in the rapture.

CHAPTER 50

Verses 3-5: **“Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”** All is clear. The passage deals with the re-gathering of Israel and the Second Coming of Christ.

CHAPTER 51

Verse 7: **“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.”** Hyssop was a plant that was used to apply the blood of the Passover lamb to the door posts and the lintel (Exo. 12:22). So “purge me with hyssop” is a request to be washed in the blood, typifying the blood of Christ. Only then can a sinner be cleansed.

Verse 10: **“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”** The word “create” is used because the Christian is not merely a reformed sinner, but rather a new man created in

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Christ: **“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”** (Eph. 2:10) The Christian has a new heart created within, and he has a “right spirit” dwelling within (Eph. 4:30).

CHAPTER 52

Verse 8: **“But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.”** Here we are reminded of Jesus being compared to a “tender plant” in Isaiah 53:2: **“For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground . . .”** The olive tree produces olive oil, a type of the Holy Spirit. So, when one receives Christ the “green olive tree,” he also receives the Holy Spirit. The color green speaks of the eternal life that Christ gives.

CHAPTER 53

Verse 6: **“Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.”** That will be at the Second Coming of Christ when “all Israel shall be saved” (Rom. 11:26).

CHAPTER 54

Verses 2-3: **“Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.”** This is a good description of Calvary.

Verse 7: **“For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.”** Jesus has certainly been delivered out of all trouble, but His desire upon His enemies will not be seen until He returns and takes over the kingdoms of this world.

CHAPTER 55

Verses 12-14: **“For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.”** The reference is obviously to Judas, the betrayer that Jesus called “friend” (Mat. 26:50)

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CHAPTER 56

Verses 5-6: **“Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil. They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.”** This is the exact treatment that Jesus received (Mark 12:13; John 8:59; 10:30-33; Luke 4:29).

CHAPTER 57

Verses 1-3: **“Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast. I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me. He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.”** So the Father delivered Jesus on the third day.

Verse 6: **“They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah.”** That will be pretty much the case with Christ’s enemies when He returns.

Verse 7: **“My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.”** No one in history has had a more “fixed” heart than Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 58

Verse 10: **“The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.”** A gruesome thought, indeed, but it lives up perfectly with the Second Coming of Christ in Revelation 19:13-14: **“And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.”** Isaiah 63:3 is also good: **“I have trodden the**

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winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.” Also see Revelation 14:18-20.

CHAPTER 59

Verse 4: **“They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold.”** The expression “without my fault” is a reference to Luke 23:4 where Pilate said, **“I find no fault in this man.”** Also see Psalm 69:4 and John 15:25.

Verse 5: **“Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.”** This will be fulfilled at the Second Coming of Christ.

Verse 8: **“But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.”** Again, we have a Second Coming reference. Psalm 2:4 says, **“He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.”**

Verse 13: **“Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.”** Christ will rule over the earth in the Millennial Kingdom, and His headquarters will be “in Jacob,” which is Israel.

CHAPTER 60

Verses 1-2: **“O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again. Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.”** The passage matches Great Tribulation and Second Coming references in Revelation and in the prophets. Israel feels that she has been cast off, so she seeks her Redeemer, which is none other than Jesus Christ.

Verse 12: **“Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.”** Israel’s enemies at this point will be just about every nation on the planet, but she will find deliverance in Christ her King. He will literally tread down her enemies (Isa. 63:1-6).

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CHAPTER 61

Verse 2: **"From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I."** The "rock" obviously refers to Christ, as the traditional hymn says.

Verses 6-7: **"Thou wilt prolong the king's life: and his years as many generations. He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him."** So the Father sets the Son up to rule forever, one thousand years on earth, then on into eternity.

CHAPTER 62

Verse 6: **"He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved."** Again, the "rock" pictures Christ, the "only" true stability and security that we have in this world.

CHAPTER 63

Verses 9-11: **"But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes. But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped."** Christ the king shall rejoice in God, along with His followers, but the enemies of Christ shall perish.

CHAPTER 64

Verse 3-4: **"Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words: That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not."** Jesus was perfect, and a great many took their verbal shots at Him.

CHAPTER 65

Verse 2: **"O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come."** All flesh will come to the King Jesus Christ in His Millennial Kingdom (Zch. 14:16-17).

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Verse 4: **"Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple."** The only ones chosen to approach God today are those who come through faith in Christ (John 14:6).

CHAPTER 66

Verses 3-7: **"Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee. All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah. Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men. He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him. He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah."** The passage deals with Christ ruling over the earth in His kingdom after His "enemies submit themselves" unto Him. He then receives worship from "all the earth" as "his eyes behold the nations."

CHAPTER 67

Verse 4: **"O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah."** This is the *real* new world order, the one that will not be ruled by the devil. Satan will be bound for 1,000 years while Jesus rules the earth in righteousness and joy.

CHAPTER 68

Psalms 68 is filled with references to the Second Coming of Christ. We'll cover some of the stronger points.

Verses 1-2: **"Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. 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."** The passage is a Second Coming reference. The wording originated in Numbers 10:35, where Moses said, **"Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee."** This, of course, will happen when Jesus returns.

Verses 7-9: **"O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah: 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. Thou, O God, didst send a**

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plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.” The earth will also quake at the Second Coming when Christ goes marching once again. God’s inheritance, Israel, will be weary by the end of the Great Tribulation, so He will send a plentiful rain, the former rain and the latter rain in the same month, according to Joel 2:23.

Verse 17: **“The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.”** Matthew 25:31 is a good reference: **“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory.”**

Verse 18: **“Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.”** The reference is to the work of Christ at Calvary. See Ephesians 4:8-9.

Verse 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.”** In fulfillment of Genesis 3:15, Christ will wound the head of antichrist.

Verse 23: **“That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies, and the tongue of thy dogs in the same.”** See Isaiah 63:1-6 and Revelation 19:13.

Verse 31: **“Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.”** Once the Millennial Kingdom is established, all gentile nations will stretch out their hands of God.

CHAPTER 69

Verses 1-4: **“Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.”** The references are to Christ’s sufferings on the cross as He took the place of sinners and endured God’s wrath. The “waters” are the people that opposed Christ (Psa. 18:4; Rev. 17:15) as well as the “baptism” of wrath that He received on the cross (Mat. 20:22-23; Psa. 75:8). They certainly hated Him “without a cause” (vs. 4 with John 15:25), and Jesus, indeed, did restore that which He took not away. Man lost the image of God in Eden, yet Jesus restored it for all who believe.

Verses 8-9: **“I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children. For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.”** The passage is quoted by John and applied to Jesus in John 2:17.

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Verses 14-15: **“Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.”** The passage fits into the same category as Psalm 18:4-6, Jonah 2:5, and Psalm 88:7, all being Scriptures that help to explain the “baptism” of wrath that Christ endured on the cross. The main New Testament reference is Matthew 20:20-23.

Verse 21: **“They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.”** The reference is obviously to Christ on the cross (Mat. 27:34).

Verse 28: **“Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.”** The “book of the living” is none other than the “book of life of the Lamb” (Rev. 13:8), which is a book listing those who have been covered by the blood of Jesus Christ.

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CHAPTER 70

Verse 2: **“Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.”** This will be the end of those who sought the hurt of Jesus Christ. At His Second Coming they will be put to confusion. The verse can also apply to tribulation Jews who will be in great need of a deliverer.

Verse 5: **“But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.”** The words “make no tarrying” refer to Christ’s Second Coming. See Hebrews 10:37.

CHAPTER 71

Verse 3: **“... thou art my rock and my fortress.”** As always, the “rock” refers to Christ (I Cor. 10:4; Mat. 7:24)

Verses 10-11: **“For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together, Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for there is none to deliver him.”** Much the same was said about Jesus (Mat. 27:43).

Verse 21: **“Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.”** Amen to that! Isaiah 9:7 says, “Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end . . .”

CHAPTER 72

Psalms 72 is one of those Bible chapters that are just loaded with references to Christ. The immediate references in this Psalm are to Solomon, the son of David, but the long view of the entire Psalm is the

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coming kingdom of Jesus Christ. We'll point out a few of the stronger points and leave the rest for the reader's own gleaning.

Verse 1: **"Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son."** The words "the king's son" is a pretty good indication that the Psalm has some things to offer about Christ.

Verses 2-3: **"He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness."** So the Millennial Kingdom of Christ will be a kingdom of righteousness and peace.

Verse 8: **"He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."** Christ's kingdom will be a global kingdom.

Verses 10-11: **"The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him."** The gifts that the wise men brought to Jesus at His First Coming (Mat. 2:11) were only a small glimpse of the many gifts that will be brought to Him in His kingdom.

Verse 17: **"His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed."** The names of Mohammed, Allah, Buddha, and other false gods will "rot" (Psa. 10:7), but the name of Jesus Christ will grow more and more glorious.

CHAPTER 73

Verse 17: **"Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end."** The sanctuary of God today is none other than Jesus Christ. In fact, He calls Himself a "temple" in John 2:19-20. Not until one goes into this sanctuary (Christ) does he begin to see this world and his own life with clear vision.

Verse 20: **"As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image."** The phrase "when thou awakest" refers to the Second Coming of Christ. A good reference is Psalm 59:5: **"Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah."** Also see Psalm 78:65.

CHAPTER 74

Verses 11-12: **"Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck it out of thy bosom. For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth."** The reference is to the

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Second Coming when the “King of old” send the Son of His right hand to judge the earth and save His chosen people.

Verse 22: **“Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.”** The words “Arise, O God” Second Coming words, as we saw most recently in Psalm 68:1. The original wording is from Moses in Numbers 10:35: **“And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.”**

CHAPTER 75

Verse 2: **“When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.”** So shall it be when Jesus judges the world in the Millennial Kingdom.

Verse 8: **“For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.”** This is the “cup” that Jesus drank of at Calvary, the cup of God’s wrath on sin (Mat. 20:22-23; 26:39, 42). Those who reject Christ will get to drink of this cup themselves.

CHAPTER 76

Verse 3: **“There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.”** The “Prince of Peace” will put an end to all war and establish His kingdom of peace in Zion (vs. 2).

Verse 9: **“When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.”** That will be at the Second Coming of Christ.

CHAPTER 77

Verses 1-3: **“I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted. I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.”** Here we see a perfect picture of the sinner under conviction over his sins. Then the Saviour appears in verse 10 where we read of “the right hand of the most High,” and also His redemption in verse 15.

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CHAPTER 78

Verse 16: **“He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.”** The rock pictures Christ, out of whom flows rivers of living waters (John 7:38-39).

Verse 24: **“And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.”** The manna pictures Christ, according to the words of Jesus in John 6:48.

Verse 65: **“Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.”** The verse points to the Second Coming when Jesus will “awake” to judge the world (Psa. 59:4-5).

CHAPTER 79

Verses 6-10: **“Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name. For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place. O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight by the revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed.”** The passage concerns tribulation Jews who are in desperate need of the Redeemer. It is a prayer for Christ to return and deliver them.

CHAPTER 80

Verse 7: **“Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.”** Israel will be saved when she receives Christ as her Messiah in the Great Tribulation.

Verse 17-19: **“Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself. So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name. Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.”** The “man of thy right hand” and the “son of man” is obviously Jesus.

CHAPTER 81

Verse 10: **“I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.”** So Jesus Christ brought us up out this sinful and unstable world and

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set our feet on the Rock of His salvation. We are to now feed on a higher spiritual food, the word of God. Hence: **“open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.”** A good reference is Matthew 4:4.

Verse 16: **“He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.”** The honey out of the rock points to Christ (I Cor. 10:4; I Pet. 2:3).

CHAPTER 82

Verse 8: **“Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.”** This is the same Second Coming prayer that we’ve seen many times. See Psalm 68:1 and Numbers 10:35.

CHAPTER 83

Verses 13-18: **“O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.”** The passage points to the Second Coming of Christ when God will judge the enemies of Israel by making them like “stubble.” The references are Daniel 2:35, Malachi 4:1, and Psalm 1:4-6.

CHAPTER 84

Verse 9: **“Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.”** God’s anointed is Jesus Christ.

Verse 11: **“For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.”** The sun is a picture of Christ in many ways. Consequently, He is likened unto the sun in His glorious appearance in Revelation 1:16. Also see Psalm 19:4-5, Malachi 4:2, and Matthew 17:2.

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CHAPTER 85

The whole Psalm deals with the Millennial Kingdom of Christ when Israel has been revived (vs. 6) and brought back into the land (vss. 1, 9, 12). Since Christ the King will be on the throne in Jerusalem, there will be abundance of mercy, truth, righteousness and peace (vs. 10).

CHAPTER 86

Verse 9: **“All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.”** Obviously, this refers to the Millennial Kingdom of Christ. See Zechariah 14:14-16.

CHAPTER 87

Verse 7: **“... all my springs are in thee.”** A good New Testament reference is John 7:38-39 where Jesus is the source of “rivers of living water.”

CHAPTER 88

Verses 3-8: **“For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave. I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength: Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand. Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps. Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Selah. Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.”** As we’ve seen numerous times, this is the condition that Jesus was in while on

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the cross enduring God's wrath on sin. The "waves" are the baptism of God's wrath on sin (Mat. 20:22-23, Psa. 69:1-4, 75:8).

CHAPTER 89

Pretty much the whole Psalm has reference to Christ by speaking of the Davidic covenant and the Millennial Kingdom. Some of the more notable verses are as follows:

Verses 3-4: **"I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah."** So is the case with Christ the Son of David. His throne and His seed will endure forever.

Verse 27: **"Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth."** The word "firstborn" is used in reference to Jesus in Matthew 1:25.

Verses 38-39: **"But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed. Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground."** Or so it seemed when Jesus hung on Calvary's cross for the sin of the world.

CHAPTERT 90

Verse 13: **"Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants."** So will be the prayer of Israel in the Great Tribulation as she sees the error of her ways and her need for Christ.

CHAPTER 91

The whole Psalm deals with Christ's faithfulness to the Father and His victory over Satan. Satan quotes verses 11 and 12 to Jesus in Matthew 4:6, but he is careful to not quote verse 13: **"Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet."** As the reader can readily see, the verse speaks of Satan's coming defeat by Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 92

Verses 9-15: **"For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil. Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall**

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hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.” The whole passage is on the Second Coming of Christ when God’s enemies are “scattered” and Christ is exalted. The planting in the house of the Lord has reference to Christ’s Millennial Kingdom (Isa. 2:2-4).

CHAPTER 93

Verses 1-2: **“The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved. Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.”** The Lord “reigneth” when He returns, when His “throne” is established in Jerusalem, the city of the great King (Mat. 5:35).

CHAPTER 94

Verses 1-2: **“O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself. Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.”** His vengeance will be taken at the Second Coming of Christ (Isa. 63:1-6).

CHAPTER 95

Verses 1-3: **“O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.”** Although the passage can be applied spiritually for believers today, the primary reference is to the Millennial Kingdom of Christ when people will literally come before His presence with singing and honor Him as “a great King above all gods.”

CHAPTER 96

Verses 10-13: **“Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice. Before the LORD: for he**

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cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth." The time that it will be said among the heathen that "the LORD reigneth" will be during Christ's Millennial Kingdom. This is when Jesus will "cometh to judge the earth."

CHAPTER 97

Verses 1-6: **"The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about. His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory."** Nothing new here. The whole passage obviously deals with the Second Coming of Christ and His Millennial Kingdom when we will literally "see his glory" (Isa. 66:18; Mat. 24:30).

CHAPTER 98

Verses 1-2: **"O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen."** The heavenly Father's victory came through the Son of "his right hand," and this will be openly "shewed in the sight of the heathen" when He returns.

Verse 9: **"Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity."** The verse is obviously a Second Coming reference.

CHAPTER 99

Verses 1-4: **"The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved. The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy. The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob."** Again, the Millennial Kingdom of Christ is the focus. Only then can it be said that "the LORD reigneth" and "the people tremble."

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Verse 9: **“Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.”** His “holy hill” is the “holy hill of Zion” according to Psalm 2:6. This is where people will come to “kiss the Son” (Psa. 2:12) in His coming kingdom. See Zechariah 14:14-16.

CHAPTER 100

The whole Psalm is on Christ Millennial Kingdom when people will make a “joyful noise” and “come before his presence with singing. This is the time when it can truly be sang, “joy to the world, *the Lord is come . . .*”

CHAPTER 101

Verse 8: **“I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.”** This is obviously a reference to Christ destroying His enemies at His Second Coming.

CHAPTER 102

Verse 10: **“Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.”** This was the case with Jesus on the cross. He was lifted up on the cross and then cast down into the grave due to God’s wrath on sin that He endured (II Cor. 5:21, Gal. 3:13).

Verse 13: **“Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come”** Christ will arise (Psa. 68:1) at the Second Coming, and He will show favor to Zion.

Verse 16: **“When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.”** Again, the reference to the Second Coming of Christ.

CHAPTER 103

Verse 6: **“The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.”** Christ will do so literally in the Millennial Kingdom.

Verse 12: **“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.”** The “us” in the verse is Israel, yet she cannot make such a claim today. Only after Christ returns will this be true ((Rom. 11:26).

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CHAPTER 104

Verses 10-13: **“He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills. They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst. By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches. He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.”** A great spiritual application can be made. Christ is the Rock and the Fountain from all spiritual blessings flow (John 7:38-39).

Verses 32-35: **“He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke. I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD. Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.”** The passage refers to the Second Coming of Christ.

CHAPTER 105

Verse 15: **“Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.”** Ultimately, the warning is to those who touched Christ, God’s “anointed” Son (Luke 4:18) and the “Prophet” like unto Moses (Deu. 18:15).

Verse 41: **“He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river.”** As we’ve seen so many times before, the “rock” points to Christ and the waters are His spiritual blessings (John 7:38-39).

Verse 44: **“And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people.”** Jesus will give Israel the “lands of the heathen” when He returns.

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CHAPTER 106

Verse 23: **“Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.”** Again we see Moses typifying Christ in his role as mediator (I Tim. 2:5).

Verse 47: **“Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.”** This is a tribulation prayer of Israel, just before the nation is born in a day (Isa. 66:7-8; Rom. 11:26).

CHAPTER 107

Verses 28-31: **“Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!”** Surely, any Christian can identify with those words because Jesus has calmed the storm of sin and worry in the lives of millions.

CHAPTER 108

Verse 13: **“Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.”** Spiritually, any Christian can claim the promise for today, but, prophetically, the verse points to the Second Coming of Christ.

CHAPTER 109

Verse 4-5: **“For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer. And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.”** Jesus showed unmerited love toward men throughout His earthly ministry, yet they rewarded him “evil for good” by becoming His adversaries and crucifying Him.

CHAPTER 110

The whole Psalm is messianic. Verse one is quoted by Jesus in Matthew 22:44, and verse four is quoted in Hebrews 7:17. The Psalm as a whole points to the Second Coming and the Millennium.

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CHAPTER 111

Verse 3: **“His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.”** For the Christian, “his righteousness” is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 10:3-4 are good references: **“For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.”** Also see Romans 4:1-8.

Verse 9: **“He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.”** Our redemption was sent in the person of Jesus Christ, whose name is “holy and reverend.” In fact, He’s the only true “reverend” in existence.

CHAPTER 112

Verses 5-10: **“A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion. Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies. He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.”** The whole passage can serve as a commentary on the earthly life of Jesus. He was a “good man” who refused to be “moved;” He wasn’t afraid of “evil tidings;” He gave to the “poor;” His righteousness “endureth forever;” His “horn” (power) will be exalted in the Kingdom, and the wicked will “gnash” their teeth and “perish.”

CHAPTER 113

Verses 3-4: **“From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised. The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.”** This is a Second Coming and Millennial reference, which likens Christ and His kingdom to the sun arising in the morning and shining or *ruling* (Gen. 1:14-16) throughout the one thousand year day (II Pet. 3:8). See Malachi 4:2.

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CHAPTER 114

Verse 7: **“Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob.”** This is obviously a Second Coming reference when the earth will literally “tremble” (Jer. 10:10; Joel. 2:10; Isa. 2:19-21)

CHAPTER 115

Verses 17-18: **“The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence. But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.”** The phrase “from this time forth and forevermore” points to the time when Israel will be reborn as a nation by receiving Christ as her Messiah (Isa. 66:7-8; Rom. 11:26). From that time forth she will “praise the LORD,” as the verse says.

CHAPTER 116

Verse 7: **“Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.”** So it will be with Israel when she receives Christ as her Messiah.

Verse 13: **“I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.”** Our “cup of salvation” is available only because Jesus took our cup of wrath (Mat. 26:39, 42; Psa. 75:8).

CHAPTER 117

Verse 1-2: **“O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.”** All the nations will not praise the Lord until after Christ returns and establishes His Millennial Kingdom (Isa. 61:11).

CHAPTER 118

Verse 10-18: **“All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them. They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me. The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation. The voice of**

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rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly. The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.” The whole passage speaks of Christ’s sufferings on the cross at Calvary. His resurrection is even hinted of with the words “I shall not die, but live.” Christ did die, of course, but He didn’t die to remain dead. He lived and declared the works of the Lord to His followers and then commissioned them to tell the world.

Verse 22: **“The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.”** The rejected “stone” is Jesus Christ, according to Peter (I Pet. 2:7) and according to Jesus (Mat. 21:42). A good illustration of this is the thirteen layer pyramid on the dollar bill that has the separated capstone. The Jews and the Gentiles have rejected Christ and are ready to receive the Antichrist, typified by the capstone with the all-seeing eye of the Illuminati. Meanwhile, the true and rejected stone (Gen. 49:24) has been cast aside to become a stumblingstone for unbelievers (Rom. 9:32-33).

Verse 24: **“This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”** No day in history can be compared to the coming millennial “day” (II Pet. 3:8) when Christ will rule for one thousand years. Indeed, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

CHAPTER 119

Verse 19: **“I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.”** No one has ever been more of a stranger in the earth than Jesus Christ, and no one ever knew and obeyed God’s commandments more than He.

Verse 23: **“Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.”** So it was with Jesus. He was spoken against by princes, even crucified by them (I Cor. 2:8), yet He said very little, and sometimes He said nothing, but, no doubt, He “did meditate” during these times.

Verse 99: **“I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.”** This was more true with Jesus than with any other man in history. One of the greatest chapters in the Bible is John chapter three, the chapter where a Pharisee “ruler of the Jews” is taught about the new birth by Jesus Christ, the one who was astonishing the learned Jewish doctors at only twelve years of age (Luke 2:46-47). Jesus, more than anyone, had more understanding than all His teachers.

Verse 161: **“Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.”** Being persecuted without a cause is an obvious reference to Christ (Psa. 69:4; John 15:25).

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CHAPTER 120

Verse 7: **“I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.”** One only has to read places like John 8:58-59 and John 10:30-31 to see how this refers to Jesus.

CHAPTER 121

Verse 1: **“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.”** Two hills immediately come to mind, Mt. Calvary and Mt. Zion. We get help for the soul when we come to the cross of Calvary, and we get help for our vile bodies when we come to the heavenly Mt. Zion in our new incorruptible bodies.

Verse 4: **“Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.”** The verse is a good cross reference to Psalm 78:65, a verse on the Second Coming of Christ: **“Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.”** Rather than slumbering and sleeping, the Lord is a “mighty man” who will return with a great shout and render judgment to His enemies and deliverance to His own people.

CHAPTER 122

Verse 6: **“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.”** There will be no peace for Jerusalem until the Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6) returns and puts an end to war—at *Jerusalem* (Psa. 76:3; 46:9). To pray for the peace of Jerusalem is to pray for the Second Coming of Christ, which just happens to be last prayer of the Bible (Rev. 22:20).

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CHAPTER 123

Verse 2: **“Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.”** Here we have the Jewish remnant in the tribulation awaiting the Second Coming of Christ when He will have mercy on them (Hos. 2:23)

CHAPTER 124

Verses 1-8: **“If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say; If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us: Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us: Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul: Then the proud waters had gone over our soul. Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth. Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped. Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.”** The whole Psalm is on the Lord delivering Israel in the Great Tribulation preceding the Second Coming. Men rising up against Israel like overwhelming waters points us to Revelation 12:15-17: **“And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”**

CHAPTER 125

Verse 5: **“As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel.”** The LORD that does this is none other than Jesus Christ. In fact, He uses the expression “workers of iniquity” in Luke 13:27: **“But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.”**

CHAPTER 126

Verses 1-3: **“When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. The LORD hath done great things for us;**

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whereof we are glad." Turning the captivity of Zion is a Second Coming reference that points to Israel's future deliverance (Jer. 29:14; 31:23; Deu. 30:3).

CHAPTER 127

Verse 1: **"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."** God's chief "house" and "city" are the house of Israel and the city of Jerusalem. This house being built and maintained by corrupt leaders like Saul, Ahab, and Manasseh could not stand. But when God establishes this house at the Second Coming, it will stand forever (Isa. 2:2-3).

CHAPTER 128

Verse 5-6: **"The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel."**

Spiritually, the Lord blesses us out of Zion through the atoning work of Christ on the cross.

Prophetically, the Lord will bless the whole world out of Zion when He rules from His "holy hill of Zion" (Psa. 2:6).

CHAPTER 129

Verse 3: **"The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows."** The reference is to the scourging that Christ received at Calvary (John 19:1). Some writers claim that this beating involved thirty-nine stripes in all, thirteen on the front and twenty-six on the back.

CHAPTER 130

Verse 1: **"Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD."** These are the same depths that we've encountered numerous times in these studies, Christ enduring the depths of God's wrath on sin, also called a baptism and a cup (Mat. 20:22-23; Psa. 88:7; Jon. 2:2-7, etc.)

CHAPTER 131

Verses 1-2: **"LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me. Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child**

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that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child." This is a good passage on the humility displayed by the Lord Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 132

Verses 11-14: **"The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne. If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore. For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it."** This is the throne of David from which Christ, the fruit of David's body through Mary, rules during the Millennial Kingdom.

CHAPTER 133

Verses 1-3: **"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."** The priesthood of Aaron and his sons serves as a type of the spiritual priesthood of Christ and the church (Heb. 3:1; I Pet. 2:1-5). The "unity" of verse one reminds us of the unity that believers enjoy in Christ and should endeavor to maintain (Eph. 4:3).

CHAPTER 134

Verse 3: **"The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion."** As already mentioned in our comments on Psalm 128, we receive both spiritual and physical blessings out of Zion. Our salvation comes from Calvary and our millennial inheritance comes from Mt. Zion, city of the great King (Psa. 48:2; Mat. 5:35)

CHAPTER 135

Verse 21: **"Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD."** He's not dwelling at Jerusalem today, so the verse obviously refers to Christ's coming kingdom when He rules the earth from Jerusalem with a rod of iron (Rev. 19:15).

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CHAPTER 136

Verses 8-9: **"The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever: The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever."** The ruling sun typifies Christ ruling the earth in the Millennial Kingdom, while the ruling moon and stars picture the church shining as the light of the world (Mat. 5:14; Dan. 12:3) during the church age night. The middle of this night is appropriately named the "Dark Ages."

Verses 10-11: **"To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for ever: And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever."** As always, Egypt pictures the world, and Israel's deliverance from Egypt pictures the Christian's deliverance from "this present evil world" (Gal. 1:4).

CHAPTER 137

Verses 4-6: **"How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a strange land? If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy."** The true Christian should be able to sing the Lord's song in any land because his mind is continually fixed on *New Jerusalem*, the present abode of Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 138

Verses 4-5: **"All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth. Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great is the glory of the LORD."** The kings of the earth are certainly not praising God today, but they will in the Millennial Kingdom when Christ the King of Kings rules and the earth is full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea (Isa. 11:9).

Verse 7: **"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me."** It is Jesus Christ who saves and who sits at the "right hand" of God (Heb. 10:12; I Pet. 3:22).

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CHAPTER 139

Verses 14-16: **"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them."** These verses are often used as ammunition against the abortionists, which is fine, but they also make up a good passage on the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Being conceived of the Holy Ghost, unlike any other man in history, Jesus was "wonderfully made." His "substance was not hid" from the Father as He grew in his mother's womb, that substance being a sinless body about to come into the world, and laying in a manger instead of in a palace would qualify for "the lowest parts of the earth."

CHAPTER 140

Verses 1-8: **"Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man; Which imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war. They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah. Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings. The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah. I said unto the LORD, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD. O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle. Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves. Selah."** The whole passage points to Christ's faith in the heavenly Father as He endured the agonies of Calvary's cross.

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CHAPTER 141

Verse 2: **"Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice."** Jesus lifted up His hands on the cross, and He was the "evening sacrifice." In fact, He died at the "ninth hour," the time of the evening sacrifice (Mat. 27:46). John 3:13 and Numbers 21:8-9 are good references on Christ being lifted up.

CHAPTER 142

Verses 1-7: **"I cried unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication. I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble. When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me. I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living. Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me."** The whole Psalm points to Christ's relationship with His heavenly Father. The scribes and Pharisees were constantly laying snares in His path. Matthew 26:31-34 is a good match for "no man would know me." He was brought "very low," but He relied on the Father to deliver His soul out of the "prison" of the grave. The whole passage matches Christ reliance on the Father during His death, burial, and resurrection.

CHAPTER 143

Verse 3: **"For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead."** The enemy in the verse is Satan who smote Jesus down to the ground and had him buried in darkness, believing that would be the end of the story. Unfortunately for him, it was only the beginning.

CHAPTER 144

Verses 5-7: **"Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them. Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children."** The request for God to "come down" makes the application rather obvious. Christ will come down, deliver His people, and destroy the wicked at His Second Coming.

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CHAPTER 145

Verse 7: **“They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.”** We can make a spiritual application here and say that the “they” in the verse refers to Christians. Jesus Christ is our “goodness” and our “righteousness,” provided by God the Father, and it is our duty to “abundantly” (John 10:10) “utter” His message to the lost. The apostle Paul requested **“that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel”** (Eph. 6:18-19).

CHAPTER 146

Verses 7-10: **“Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners: The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous: The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down. The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.”**

The passage deals with Christ’s lovingkindness toward us in the day of grace and also His Second Coming and Millennial Kingdom. The opening of the eyes of the blind and the raising up of those that are bowed down refers to literal people that He helped during His earthly ministry, but this also pictures the condition of sinners in need of salvation. We were blind (II Cor. 4:4), and we were crippled, not able to walk in the spirit, only in the flesh. He will turn the wicked upside down at the Second Coming, and He will then reign for ever, as the verse says.

CHAPTER 147

Verse 2: **“The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.”**

Jerusalem has not yet even gone through the Great Tribulation, so this building up is yet future, preceding the Second Coming of Christ, which is also when “he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel” in accordance with Matthew 24:31 and Isaiah 27:13. This corresponds with the feast of trumpets and the seven trumpets of Revelation.

CHAPTER 148

Verses 11-13: **“Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth: Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.”** Again, we have a passage on the

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Millennial Kingdom of Christ. The various groups mentioned are not praising God today, and certainly not “all people,” but the Millennial Kingdom is a time when all people will praise God.

CHAPTER 149

Verse 2: **“Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.”** Today Israel isn’t rejoicing in much of anything, but she will when her King sits and rules from His throne in Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 150

Verse 6: **“Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.”** That would include even the animal kingdom, which, again, fits Christ’s rule in the Millennial Kingdom. Isaiah 11:6-9 says, **“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.”** According to Paul in Romans 8:21-22, **“the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.”** The curse of Genesis 3 will be lifted and all creation will enjoy the blessings of righteousness.