

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.

MESSIANIC PSALMS

Psalm 68

INTRODUCTION

Do you prefer to see a parade in person or on television? Would you rather be in it? Why?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION.

Read Psalm 68:1-14

Note: This psalm is probably referring to return of the ark to Jerusalem (1 Chr 15). Since it was a processional song (Deborah's song in Judges 5) it tells some of the history of God's reign over Israel. But it also talks about His reign to come

1. What event was referred to in verse 7?
2. Who is God's inheritance? Vs 9; Dt 9:29
3. What did God & Israel announce ahead of time that came true? Vs 11; Ex 23:22-23; 27

Read Psalm 68:15-23

The mountains of Bashan are a fertile area northeast of the Sea of Galilee that includes Mt Hermon.

4. Where will God dwell when He comes to earth (again)? Vs 16; Ps 48:2
5. How many angels are a part of God's force? Vs 17
6. How does Vs 18 refer to Christ's resurrection? Eph 4:8-10; Ps 7:7
7. What gifts did Christ receive from kings? Matt 2:1-12 When will he receive more? Ps 2:10-12
8. What is the confidence that Christ can save us from death? Vs 20; 1 Cor 15:54-57

Read Psalm 68:24-35

9. What is the significance of Zebulun and Naphtali being in the procession? Vs 27; Matt 4:13-16
10. How far reaching is the psalmist's vision? Vv 34-35; Rev 19:11-16

APPLICATION

Will you be in the gallery or the parade? How can you be prepared for the Second Coming?

1 Cor 15:50-58 *Paul deals with the second coming of Christ and what it means to both the living and the dead. "We shall not all die (sleep)," because some saints will be alive when Christ returns; "but we shall all be changed." This mystery concerns the rapture of the church. When Christ returns, the dead shall be raised first, the living caught up with them, and all will be changed to be like Christ. And all of this will happen in the twinkling of an eye.*

Paul closes with a note of victory. There can be no sting in death when a person is a Christian, for Christ has taken out that sting. There can be no victory in the grave, for Christ will one day empty the graves and bring forth His own in resurrection power. How hopeless the Greeks were when they thought about death! Inscriptions on tombs in ancient Greece and Rome indicate that death was their greatest enemy, that they saw no hope beyond the grave. In Christ we have life and hope!¹

¹ Wiersbe, W. W. (1992). *Wiersbe's expository outlines on the New Testament* (pp. 467-468). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.