

## Psalm 93

This psalm was to be sung the day before the sabbath; and it was a custom with the Jews to sing it on the sixth day of the week (Babylonian Talmud, Roshhashanah, fol. 31. 1. & Tamid, fol. 33. 2.)

David Kimchi (1160–1235) says that this psalm and the following to Psalm 101, are concerning the Messiah.

**Psalm 93:1** - "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."

See **Revelation 19:6** - "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

- **Revelation 11:15** - "Then the seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and loud voices called out in heaven: 'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.'"

God is in control, nothing escapes His will. Therefore we can be secure in his hands.

"clothed with majesty ... clothed with strength"

Like the Ark of the Covenant and the other sacred vessels of the Tabernacle (**Numbers 4**), which were "clothed" in coverings of blue, reflecting the heavens and eternity, God himself is pictured as clothing Himself with majesty and strength.

"majesty" = *ge'uwth* - a rising up (as a column of smoke), pride, exalted splendor. Here perhaps referring to the Shekinah glory of the pillar of fire and cloud.

- **Isaiah 6:1** - "...I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple."

"strength" = *`oz* - strength that makes secure

**Psalm 93:2** - "Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting (*olam*)."

"prepared from the beginning, eternity"

Seven things were created before the world was created and these are they: Torah, Teshuvah (repentance/return), the Garden of Eden and Gehinnom, the Throne of Glory (**Psalm 93:2**) and the Temple, and the name of the Messiah. (Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Nedarim 39b)

The name of the Messiah as it is written, (**Psalm 72:17**), "May his name be eternal..."

- **Micah 5:2** - "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come forth for Me One to be ruler over Israel, whose origins are of old, from the days of eternity (*olam*)."

- **Proverbs 8:22-23** - Wisdom speaks here: "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His work, before His deeds of old. From everlasting I was established, from the beginning, before the earth began."

The pseudepigrapha texts like 1 Enoch seem to equate Wisdom with the Son of Man figure. Another Jewish tradition equates Wisdom with the Torah. Jesus fulfilled and incorporated them both.

- **Matthew 6:10** - "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

This is a prayer not only that God make this happen, but also for us to see that it is true, and is somehow being worked out through us.

### **Assault by the Enemies of God**

**Psalm 93:3** - "The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves."

The Targum adds, "in a song" - Jerome and others interpreted this in a good sense. But the verse is more likely referring to God's enemies:

- **Isaiah 57:20** - "But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt."

- **Isaiah 59:19** - "So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

- **Psalm 46:3** - "Therefore we will not fear, though the earth is transformed and the mountains are toppled into the depths of the seas, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake in the surge."

The Great Whore in **Revelation 17:1, 15** "...sits on many waters. ...And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."

David Kimchi (1160–1235) interprets it of Gog and Magog, and the kings that shall be gathered together to fight against Jerusalem.

### **Victory**

**Psalm 93:4** - "The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea."

In fact, "You rule the raging sea; when its waves mount up, You still them." (**Psalm 89:9**)

- **Psalm 65:7** - "You stilled the roaring of the seas, the pounding of their waves, and the tumult of the nations."

- **Psalm 107:29** - "He calmed the storm to a whisper, and the waves of the sea were hushed."

Exemplified in Jesus calming the storm: "Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm." (**Luke 8:24**)

The "noise" of the pounding "breakers" is what causes us to fear. The sound, usually in our own minds. But God is able to overcome the noise and confusion in our heads and in fact He overcomes the "waves" that are creating the noise.

To call Jesus "Lord" is to acknowledge all this and agree.

- **Daniel 2:20-22** - "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to Him. And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him."

- **Isaiah 45:7** - "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things."

- **Hebrews 4:13** - "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight; everything is uncovered and exposed before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

- **Job 26:6** - "Sheol is naked before Him, and Abaddon has no covering."

Jesus' victory over the waters is anticipated in the story of Jonah (a picture of His death and resurrection - (**Matthew 12:40** - " For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.")

- **Jonah 2:5-6** - "The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God."

**Psalm 93:5** - "Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever."

- **Psalm 19:7-8** - "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes."

"forever" here is not "*olam*" but '*orek* - a length of time, sometimes translated as "forever" NET has "for length of days."

Rashi interprets this as "testimonies concerning thine House" -

"Your testimonies": which Your prophets prophesied and promised concerning Your house, which is the dwelling of holiness.

"are very faithful to Your house": and to the length of days He looks forward to them, and although it has been a long time, they are very faithful to God.

### **Holiness**

- **Revelation 21:27** - "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

This also could be a reference back to the Torah reading, the last passage that outlines again the holiness of the camp:

- **Numbers 5:3** - "Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled by the dead: Both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell."