

Psalm 98

The link back to the weekly Torah portion **Numbers 10** is in **verse 6**:

Psalm 98:6 - "With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King."

Numbers 10:1-10 concerns the occasions for blowing of the silver trumpets. (The "cornet" is the word "*shofar*," made of a rams horn).

"A Psalm." This is the only psalm which is so called, without any other additional word, epithet or inscription. The Targum calls it a psalm of prophecy, or a prophetic psalm, as indeed it is; for it respects time to come, as Jarchi observes, even the Gospel dispensation. Aben Ezra says, perhaps this psalm is concerning the coming of the Redeemer.

Abendana, a later writer among the Jews, says of the latter part of the psalm, that it figuratively expresses the greatness of the joy that shall be in the days of the Messiah. The Septuagint, Vulgate Latin, Syriac, Arabic, and Ethiopic versions, ascribe it to David.
- *Gill's Exposition*

Syriac version begins: "A Psalm of David, concerning the redemption of the people out of Egypt, when they conquered and triumphed, but spiritually a prophecy concerning the coming of Christ, and the calling of the Gentiles unto the faith"

Psalm 98:1 - 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.

See **Psalm 40:3** - "And he has put a new song in my mouth, even praise to our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD."

And **Psalm 96:1-3** - "O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name"

"A new song" - to be joined by all his people above and below, **Revelation 5:9**.

- **Revelation 5:9** -- "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation"

Rashi identifies the song with the spontaneous "song of the sea" by Moses after crossing of the Red Sea in **Exodus 15:1-21**.

But elsewhere Rashi notes that wherever a "new song" is mentioned, it is to be understood of future time, or the times of the Messiah.

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"arm" = *zěrowa`* - arm, from a root signifying the sowing of seed, and thus to conceive and become pregnant

The "arm" of the Lord is Christ Himself.

- **Galatians 3:16** - "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ."

The singing, joyful noise of those He has saved are echoed by the Nature and all creation in this psalm.