

Psalm 68

4. ⁷When thou didst march before thy folk,
th'Egyptians from among,
And broughtest them through the wilderness,
which was both wide and long,
⁸The earth did quake, the rain poured down
heard were great claps of thunder:
The mount Sinai shook in such sort,
as it would cleave a sunder.
5. ⁹Thine heritage with drops of rain,
abundantly was wshed:²²
And if so be it barren waxed,
by thee it was refreshed.
¹⁰Thy chosen flock doth there remain:
thou hast prepared that place:
And for the poor thou didst provide,
of thine especial grace.
6. ¹¹God will give women causes just
to magnify his name:
When as his people triumphs make,
and purchase brute and fame.
¹²For puissant kings for all their power
shall flee and take the foil:
And women which remain at home,
shall help to part the spoil.
7. ¹³And though ye were as black as pots,
your hew should pass the dove,
Whose wings and feather seem to have,
silver and gold above.
¹⁴When in this land God shall triumph
over kings both high and low,
Then shall it be like Zalmon hill,
as white as any snow.
8. ¹⁵Though Bashan be a fruitful hill,
and in height others pass:
Yet Zion, god's most holy hill,
doth far excel in grace.
¹⁶Why brag ye thus, ye hills most high,
and leap for pride together?
This hill of Zion, God doth love,
and there will dwell forever.
9. ¹⁷God's army is two millions
of warriors good and strong:
The Lord also in Sinai
is present them among.
¹⁸Thou didst, O Lord, ascend on high,
and captives led them all:
Who in times past thy chosen flock
in prison kept and thrall.
10. Thou madest them tribute for to pay:
and such as did repine,
Thou didst subdue, that they might dwell
in thy temple devine.
¹⁹Now praised be the Lord, for that
he poureth on us such grace:
From day to day he is the God
of our health and solace.
11. ²⁰He is the God from whom alone,
salvation cometh plain:
he is the God by whom we scape,
all dangers, death and pain.
²¹Thus God will wound his enemy's head,
and break the hairy scalp
Of those, that in their wickedness,
continually do walk.
12. ²²From Bashan will I bring, said he,
my people and my sheep,
And all mine own, as I have done,
from danger of the deep.
²³And make them dip their feet in blood,
of those that hate my name:
And dogs shall have their tongues embrood²³
with licking of the same.
13. ²⁴All men may see how thou, O God,
thine enemies dost deface,
And how thou goest, as God and King,
into thine holy place.
²⁵The singers go before with joy:
the minstrels follow after,
And in the midst the damsels play
with timbrel and with taber.
14. ²⁶Now in thy congregations,
O Israel, praise the Lord:
And Jacob's whole posterity,
give thanks with one accord.
²⁷Their chief was little Benjamin,
but Judah made their host:
With Zebulon, and Naphtali,
which dwelt about their coast.

²² Washed.

²³ Covered, surrounded, and incorporated as like a brew.

15. ²⁸As God hath given power to thee,
so, Lord, make firm and sure,
The thing that thou hast wrought in us,
forever to endure.
²⁹And in thy temple gifts will we
give unto thee, O Lord,
For thine unto Jerusalem
sure promise made by word.
16. Yea, and strange kings, to us subdued,
shall do like in those days:
I mean, to thee, they shall present
their gifts of laud and praise.
³⁰He shall destroy the spearmen's ranks,
these calves and bulls of might,
And cause them tribute pay, and daunt
all such as love to fight.
17. ³¹Then shall the lords of Egypt come,
and presents with them bring:
The Moors most black shall stretch their hands
unto their Lord and King.
³²Therefore ye kingdoms of the earth,
give praise unto the Lord:
Sing psalms to God with one consent:
thereto let all accord.
18. ³³Who though he ride and ever hath
above the heavens bright,
Yet by the fearful thunderclaps
men may well know his might.
³⁴Therefore the strength of Israel
ascribe to God on high,
Whose might and power doth far extend,
above the cloudy sky.
19. O God, thine holiness and power,
is drade²⁴ evermore:
The God of Israel giveth us strength,
praise be God therefore.

²⁴ Dreaded.