

1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; □

let those that hate him flee before him.

2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; □

as wax melts at the fire,

so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; □

let them make merry with gladness.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

exalt him who rides on the clouds. □

The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.

5 Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, □

God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home

and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, □

but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, □

when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,

at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, □

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God; □

you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.

10 Your people came to dwell there; □

in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word;

great was the company of women who bore the tidings: □

‘Kings and their armies they flee, they flee!’

and women at home are dividing the spoil.

12 Though you stayed among the sheepfolds, □

see now a dove’s wings covered with silver

and its feathers with green gold.

13 When the Almighty scattered the kings, □

it was like snowflakes falling on Zalmon.

14 You mighty mountain, great mountain of Bashan! □

You towering mountain, great mountain of Bashan!

15 Why look with envy, you towering mountains,

at the mount which God has desired for his dwelling, □

the place where the Lord will dwell for ever?

16 The chariots of God are twice ten thousand,

even thousands upon thousands; □

the Lord is among them, the Lord of Sinai in holy power.

17 You have gone up on high and led captivity captive; □

you have received tribute,

even from those who rebelled,

that you may reign as Lord and God.

18 Blessed be the Lord who bears our burdens day by day, □

for God is our salvation.

19 God is for us the God of our salvation; □

God is the Lord who can deliver from death.

20 God will smite the head of his enemies, □

the hairy scalp of those who walk in wickedness.

21 The Lord has said, 'From the heights of Bashan, □

from the depths of the sea will I bring them back,

22 'Till you dip your foot in blood □

and the tongue of your dogs has a taste of your enemies.'

23 We see your solemn processions, O God, □

your processions into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

24 The singers go before, the musicians follow after, □

in the midst of maidens playing on timbrels.

25 In your companies, bless your God; □

bless the Lord, you that are of the fount of Israel.

26 At the head there is Benjamin, least of the tribes,

the princes of Judah in joyful company, □

the princes of Zebulun and Naphtali.

27 Send forth your strength, O God; □

establish, O God, what you have wrought in us.

28 For your temple's sake in Jerusalem □

kings shall bring their gifts to you.

29 Drive back with your word the wild beast of the reeds, □

the herd of the bull-like, the brutish hordes.

30 Trample down those who lust after silver; □

scatter the peoples that delight in war.

31 Vessels of bronze shall be brought from Egypt; □

Ethiopia will stretch out her hands to God.

32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; □

make music in praise of the Lord;

33 He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens □

and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel, □

whose power is above the clouds.

35 How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary, □

the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people!

Blessed be God.

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