The Tsunami Blessing, Inside and Out, Part 88 Scriptures

Move from battle fatigue shouting the battle cry for the Kingdom of God. Declare the end from the beginning. "...Now the kingdom of this world belongs to our Lord and to His Chosen One! And He will rule forever and ever!" Revelation 11:15 (CEV)

All the time God had living heaven on earth in His mind. This is what occurs as you decree "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." The greatest supernatural merger generates the kingdoms of this world into the kingdoms of God forever, now, perpetually. It is absolute and without reversal. "[He planned] for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ, [both] things in heaven and things on the earth," Ephesians 1:10 (AMPC).

As a crown of glory in the hand of your Lord and a royal diadem in the hand of your God, make the dream He holds in His heart a reality. Willingly serve as a priest and a king at His right hand. The same miraculous power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead is the same power resident in you. This means war! Always be mindful you already possess the winning position as more than a conqueror.

"5 Even when we were dead and doomed in our many sins, He united us into the very life of Christ and saved us by His wonderful grace!

6 He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, and we ascended with Him into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for we are now co-seated as one with Christ! Throughout the coming ages we will be the visible display of the infinite, limitless riches of his grace and kindness, which was showered upon us in Jesus Christ," Ephesians 2:5-7 (TPT).

The Connection for Heaven's Royal Kingdom

Daniel 7:15-28 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁵I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

¹⁶I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

"These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

- ¹⁸But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.
- ¹⁹Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;
- ²⁰ And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.
- ²¹I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;
- ²²Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.
- ²³Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.
- ²⁴And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.
- ²⁵And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.
- ²⁶ But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.
- ²⁷And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

²⁸ Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Psalm 102:13 King James Version (KJV)

¹³Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

Isaiah 40:26-31 King James Version (KJV)

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

²⁷Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

²⁸ Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

²⁹He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

³⁰ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

³¹ But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

The Coronation of Heaven's Royal Kingdom

Psalm 110 King James Version (KJV)

The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

²The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

- ³Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.
- ⁴The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.
- ⁵The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.
- ⁶He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.
- ⁷He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

Hebrews 6:10-20 King James Version (KJV)

- ¹⁰ For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.
- ¹¹And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:
- ¹²That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
- ¹³ For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,
- ¹⁴Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.
- ¹⁵ And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.
- ¹⁶ For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.
- ¹⁷Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:
- ¹⁸That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

¹⁹ Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

²⁰ Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Genesis 32:24-32 King James Version (KJV)

- ²⁴And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.
- ²⁵And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.
- ²⁶ And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.
- ²⁷ And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.
- ²⁸ And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.
- ²⁹ And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.
- ³⁰ And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.
- ³¹ And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.
- ³²Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

The Combination to Heaven's Royal Kingdom

Psalm 24 The Passion Translation (TPT)

The Glorious King

David's poetic praise to God ¹God claims the world as his. Everything and everyone belongs to him! ²He's the one who pushed back oceans to let the dry ground appear, planting firm foundations for the earth. ³Who, then, ascends into the presence of the Lord?[1] And who has the privilege of entering into God's Holy Place? ⁴Those who are clean—whose works and ways are pure, whose hearts are true and sealed by the truth, those who never deceive, whose words are sure. ⁵They will receive the Lord's blessing and righteousness given by the Savior-God. They will stand before God, for they seek the pleasure of God's face, the God of Jacob. Pause in his presence ⁷So wake up, you living gateways! Lift up your heads, you ageless doors of destiny! Welcome the King of Glory, for he is about to come through you. You ask, "Who is this Glory-King?" The Lord, armed and ready for battle, the Mighty One, invincible in every way! ⁹So wake up, you living gateways, and rejoice! Fling wide, you ageless doors of destiny! Here he comes; the King of Glory is ready to come in. 10 You ask, "Who is this King of Glory?" He is the Lord of Victory, armed and ready for battle, the Mighty One, the invincible commander of heaven's hosts!

Footnotes:

- a. Psalm 24:1 The Septuagint adds "for the Sabbath."
- b. Psalm 24:3 Or "hill of the Lord."

Yes, he is the King of Glory!

Pause in his presence

c. Psalm 24:6 The Hebrew is plural ("faces").

d. Psalm 24:9 The Hebrew text says, "Lift up your heads," which is a figure of speech for rejoicing. We are the living gateways who rejoice as the Lord draws near to us from his temple.

Psalm 24:6-8 Wycliffe Bible (WYC)

⁶This is the generation of men seeking him; of men seeking the face of God of Jacob. (This is the generation of people seeking him; of people seeking the face of the God of Jacob.)

Ye princes, take up your gates, and ye everlasting gates, be ye raised; and the king of glory shall enter. (Lift up your heads, ye gates, yea, ye everlasting gates, be ye raised up; and the King of glory shall enter in.)

*Who is this king of glory? the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. (Who is this King of glory? the strong and mighty Lord, the Lord mighty in battle.)

Psalm 24:6-8 The Voice (VOICE)

These are the people who chase after Him; [like Jacob, they look for the face of God].[3]

[pause][b]

⁷City gates—open wide!

Ancient doors—stand back!

For the glorious King shall soon pass your way.

*Who is the glorious King?

The Eternal who is powerful and mightily equipped for battle.

Footnotes:

- a. 24:6 Most Hebrew manuscripts read, "they look for your face, Jacob."
- b. 24:6 Literally, selah, likely a musical direction from a Hebrew root meaning "to lift up"

Matthew 5:8 King James Version (KJV)

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Isaiah 33:17 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁷Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.

Proverbs 21:1 King James Version (KJV)

¹ The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

Proverbs 22:11 King James Version (KJV)

¹¹He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.

Jeremiah 2:12-14 Living Bible (TLB)

¹²The heavens are shocked at such a thing and shrink back in horror and dismay. ¹³For my people have done two evil things: They have forsaken me, the Fountain of living waters; and they have built for themselves broken cisterns that can't hold water!

¹⁴Why has Israel become a nation of slaves? Why is she captured and led far away?

The Celebration of Heaven's Royal Kingdom

Psalm 45 The Voice (VOICE)

For the worship leader. A contemplative song of the sons of Korah to *the tune* "The Lilies." A love song.

¹My heart is bursting with a new song; lyrics to my king erupt like a spring for my king, to my king; my tongue is the pen of a poet, ready and willing.

²Better by far are you than all others, *my king;* gracious words flow from your lips; indeed, God has blessed you forever.

Psalm 45 describes the beauty, power, and influence of God's anointed king and may have been composed in honor of a royal wedding.

Whether we realize it or not, the overall well-being of a nation is tied directly to its leaders. When the leaders are just and make good decisions, then the welfare of a nation is secure. But when leaders are unjust and make poor decisions, and they pursue personal agendas rather than the public good, then nations suffer. This is why Scripture instructs those of faith to pray for all people everywhere, especially that those in authority would lead the world to dignity and peace (1 Timothy 2:1-3).

Psalm 45 celebrates that rare breed, a godly king who pursues truth and justice. It anticipates a joyful union and future children who will one day follow in the steps of their father. May the world witness a new breed of leader, fashioned in the image of this psalm.

- ³With your sword at your side, you are glorious, majestic, a mighty warrior.
- ⁴Ride on in splendor; ride into battle victorious, for the sake of truth, humility, and justice. *Perform* awesome acts, trained by your *powerful* right hand.
- ⁵Razor-sharp arrows *leap from your bow* to pierce the heart of the king's foes; they lie, defeated, before you.
- God, Your throne is eternal; You will rule your kingdom with a scepter of justice.
- ⁷ You have loved what is right and hated what is evil.

That is why God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness and lifted you above your companions.

- ⁸ All of your clothing *is drenched* in *the rich scent of* myrrh, aloes, and cassia; In palaces decked out with ivory, *beautiful* stringed instruments play for your pleasure.
- ⁹At a royal wedding with the daughters of kings among the guests of honor, your bride-queen stands at your right, adorned in gold from Ophir.

- ¹⁰Hear this, daughter; pay close attention to what I am about to say: you must forget your people and even your father's house.
- ¹¹Because the king yearns for your beauty, humble yourself before him, for he is *now* your lord.
- ¹²The daughter of Tyre arrives with a gift; the wealthy will *bow and* plead for your favor.
- ¹³A stunning bride, the king's daughter waits within; her clothing is *skillfully* woven with gold.
- ¹⁴She, in her richly embroidered gown, is carried to the king, her virgin companions following *close behind*.
- ¹⁵They walk in a spirit of celebration *and gratefulness*. In delight, they enter the palace of the king.
- ¹⁶O king, in this place where your ancestors *reigned*, you will have sons; you will make them princes throughout all the land.
- ¹⁷I will make sure your name is remembered by all *future* generations so that the people will offer you thanks and praise *now and* forever.

Footnotes:

- a. 45:title Hebrew, maskil
- b. 45:title Hebrew, shoshannim, white lily-like flowers, perhaps the melody to which the song is sung
- c. 45:6-7 Hebrews 1:8-9

Psalm 22:30-31 The Passion Translation (TPT)

³⁰ His *spiritual* seed^[a] shall serve him.

Future generations will hear from us about the wonders of the Sovereign Lord.

³¹ His generation yet to be born will glorify him.

And they will all declare, "It is finished!"

Footnotes:

a. Psalm 22:30 Jesus, our crucified Savior, had no natural offspring. These are the sons and daughters who were birthed by the work of the cross.

The Crystallization from Heaven's Royal Kingdom

Luke 1:26-38 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

²⁶Now in the sixth month [after that], the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth,

²⁷To a girl never having been married *and* a ^[2]virgin engaged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, a descendant of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

²⁸ And he came to her and said, Hail, O favored one [10] endued with grace]! The Lord is with you! ¹⁰ Blessed (favored of God) are you before all other women!

²⁹But when she saw him, she was greatly troubled and disturbed and confused at what he said and kept revolving in her mind what such a greeting might mean.

³⁰ And the angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace ([1] free, spontaneous, absolute favor and loving-kindness) with God.

³¹And listen! You will become pregnant and will give birth to a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus.

³²He will be great (eminent) and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His forefather David,

³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob throughout the ages; and of His reign there will be no end.^(A)

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, How can this be, since I have no [intimacy with any man as a] husband?

³⁵Then the angel said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you [like a shining cloud]; and so the holy (pure, sinless) Thing (Offspring) which shall be born *of you* will be called the Son of God.⁽⁸⁾

- ³⁶ And listen! Your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is now the sixth month with her who was called barren.
- ³⁷For with God nothing is ever impossible *and* no word from God shall be without power *or* impossible of fulfillment.
- ³⁸Then Mary said, Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord; let it be done to me according to what you have said. And the angel left her.

Luke 1:46-56 The Passion Translation (TPT)

Mary's Prophetic Song

- ⁴⁶ And Mary sang this song:
 - "My soul is ecstatic, overflowing with praises to God!
- ⁴⁷My spirit bursts with joy over my life-giving God![a]
- ⁴⁸ For he set his tender gaze upon me, his lowly servant girl.^[10] And from here on, everyone will know that I have been favored and blessed.
- ⁴⁹The Mighty One has worked a mighty miracle for me; holy is his name!
- ⁵⁰ Mercy kisses all his godly lovers, from one generation to the next.^[3]
- ⁵¹ Mighty power flows from him to scatter all those who walk in pride.
- ⁵² Powerful princes he tears from their thrones and he lifts up the lowly to take their place.
- ⁵³Those who hunger for him will always be filled, ^[6] but the smug and self-satisfied he will send away empty.
- ⁵⁴Because he can never forget to show mercy, he has helped his chosen servant, Israel,
- ⁵⁵Keeping his promises to Abraham^[e] and to his descendants forever."
- 56 Before going home, Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months.[1]

Footnotes:

- a. Luke 1:47 Or "Savior." The first recorded person to call Jesus Savior was his mother, Mary. She rejoices in God not simply as her Creator, but as Life Giver and Savior.
- b. Luke 1:48 The Aramaic text is "He set his gaze upon the willingness of his mother."
- c. Luke 1:50 Mary is quoting Pss. 103:17 and 111:9.
- d. Luke 1:53 Mary is quoting Ps. 107:9.
- e. Luke 1:55 Mary understood by revelation that the Christ child would fulfill the promises of mercy that God gave to Abraham. See Gen. 22:16-18.
- f. Luke 1:56 The cultural practice of the Hebrews was for the mother to do nothing but rest during the first three months of pregnancy.

Isaiah 7:14 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

¹⁴Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold, the young woman who is unmarried *and* a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel [God with us].^(A)

Isaiah 9:2-7 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

- ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light; those who dwelt in the land of intense darkness *and* the shadow of death, upon them has the Light shined.^(A)
- ³You [O Lord] have multiplied the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before You like the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil [of battle].
- ⁴For the yoke of [Israel's] burden, and the staff *or* rod for [goading] their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, You have broken as in the day of [Gideon with] Midian.^(B)
- For every [tramping] warrior's war boots and all his armor in the battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
- ⁶For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father [of Eternity], Prince of Peace.^(C)
- ⁷Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it

with justice and with righteousness from the [latter] time forth, even forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.^(D)

The Culmination of Heaven's Royal Kingdom

Psalm 68:11-13 The Passion Translation (TPT)

¹¹God Almighty declares the word of the gospel with power, ^[a] and the warring women of Zion deliver its message: ^[b]
¹²"The conquering legions have themselves been conquered.

Now Zion's women are left to gather the spoils.

¹³When you sleep between sharpened stakes,^[2]
I see you sparkling like silver and glistening like gold, covered by the beautiful wings of a dove!^[3]

Footnotes:

Look at them flee!"

- a. Psalm 68:11 As translated from the Aramaic.
- b. Psalm 68:11 As translated from the Masoretic text.
- c. Psalm 68:13 The Aramaic word *shaphya* can be translated "sharpened stakes or thorns," an obvious prophecy of the cross and our union with Christ as he was crucified.
- d. Psalm 68:13 As translated from the Aramaic text, this verse contains prophetic hints of Calvary, where Jesus "slept" the sleep of death between the "sharpened stakes" of the cross. The word *you* is plural and points us to our co-crucifixion with Christ.

Psalm 68:11-13 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

"The Lord gives the word [of power]; the women who bear *and* publish [the news] are a great host.

¹²The kings of the enemies' armies, they flee, they flee! She who tarries at home divides the spoil [left behind].

¹³Though you [the slackers] may lie among the sheepfolds [in slothful ease, yet for Israel] the wings of a dove are covered with silver, its pinions excessively green with gold [are trophies taken from the enemy].

Proverbs 12:4 King James Version (KJV)

⁴A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

Proverbs 12:4 The Passion Translation (TPT)

The integrity and strength of a virtuous wife transforms her husband into an honored king. But the wife who disgraces her husband weakens the strength of his identity.

Footnotes:

- a. <u>Proverbs 12:4</u> There is an amazing Hebrew word used here. It is more commonly used to describe warriors, champions, and mighty ones. Many translations read "an excellent wife." But the meaning of the Hebrew word *chayil* is better translated "an army that is wealthy, strong, mighty, powerful, with substance, valiant, virtuous, or worthy."
- b. <u>Proverbs 12:4</u> Or "An excellent wife is the crown of her husband." By implication, her dignity makes him a king.
- c. <u>Proverbs 12:4</u> Or "She is like cancer in his bones." Bones are a metaphor for inner strength, our inner being or identity.

Song of Solomon 8:8-10 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

⁸[Gathered with her family and the wedding guests in her mother's cottage, the bride said to her stepbrothers, When I was a little girl, you said] We have a little sister and she has no breasts. What shall we do for our sister on the day when she is spoken for in marriage?

⁹If she is a wall [discreet and womanly], we will build upon her a turret [a dowry] of silver; but if she is a door [bold and flirtatious], we will enclose her with boards of cedar.

¹⁰[Well] I am a wall [with battlements], and my breasts are like the towers of it. Then was I in [the king's] eyes as one [to be respected and to be allowed] to find peace.

Micah 4:12-13 The Message (MSG)

11-12 But for right now, they're ganged up against you, many godless peoples, saying,

"Kick her when she's down! Violate her!

We want to see Zion grovel in the dirt."

These blasphemers have no idea
what God is thinking and doing in this.

They don't know that this is the making of God's people,
that they are wheat being threshed, gold being refined.

¹³On your feet, Daughter of Zion! Be threshed of chaff, be refined of dross.

I'm remaking you into a people invincible, into God's juggernaut to crush the godless peoples. You'll bring their plunder as holy offerings to GoD, their wealth to the Master of the earth.

Judges 5 The Voice (VOICE)

Known as the Song of Deborah, this victory song is one of the oldest passages in the Bible; it is beautiful and powerful, as well as filled with information. In addition to praising and chastising certain tribes for their role—or lack thereof—in battle, it also celebrates a victory God has given His people through the agency of two women: the judge Deborah and Jael, who, as Deborah prophesied (verse 9), brings final victory over the enemy general Sisera.

These cultures value masculine strength, aggression, and war-prowess; they don't value female ingenuity and courage. So for the first hearers of this story, the last people they expect to bring military victory are women. But once again, God takes ordinary people with their gifts, strengths, and weaknesses—and brings military victory through the unexpectedly strong hands of women.

5 Then, that same day, Deborah and Barak, the son of Abinoam, sang a song *in victory*:

The leaders of Israel stood up,
 and the people offered themselves willingly—
 praise the Eternal One!
 Listen, all you kings, and pay attention, you rulers:

I, I will sing to the Eternal,

I will sing praise to Him, the True God of Israel!

⁴Eternal One, when You went out from Seir and marched from the field of Edom,

The earth shook,

and the heavens poured;

yes, the clouds poured water.

⁵The mountains flowed *like water* before the Eternal, the God of Sinai; they melted into a flood before the Eternal One, the True God of Israel.

⁶In the days of Shamgar, the son of Anath, and in the days of Jael, the main roads were empty *of caravans*, and the travelers kept to back roads.

⁷But those from rural areas stayed away, the destitute in Israel kept far off,[8]

Until I, Deborah, arose

to be a mother to Israel.

*They had chosen new gods, so war came to their gates.

Was there a spear or shield to be found then among the 40,000 of Israel?

My heart is warmed by those in Israel called to command them, who offered themselves willingly to the people.
Praise the Eternal One!

¹⁰ Sing *this song,* those of you who now ride white donkeys and sit on rich carpets, you who travel along the road.

¹¹All of you who now hear the sound of shepherds at the watering places, proclaim the just victories of the Eternal, the just triumphs of His destitute people in Israel,

As the people of the Eternal go down to the gates!

¹²Wake up, wake up, Deborah! Wake up, wake up, and sing!

Get up, Barak! Get up and carry off your captives,

O son of Abinoam!

¹³Then down went a surviving people to those who were noble,

and the Eternal One marched to me with the mighty!

¹⁴People with roots in Ephraim went down against the Amalekites after you,

O Benjamin,

with your people.

From Machir marched those commanders, and from Zebulun went those carrying the staff of a scribe.

¹⁵The chiefs of Issachar came with Deborah; Issachar was faithful to Barak,

And they rushed into the valley, close at his heels.

And the clans of Reuben wondered in their heart,

16"Why did you remain idle and aloof in the sheepfolds?

To hear whistling for the flocks?"

And the clans of Reuben wondered in their heart,

¹⁷ Why did those of Gilead remain beyond the Jordan? Why did the people of Dan stay with their ships?

"Why did the people of Asher stay on the coast, settling down where they landed?"

¹⁸But Zebulun did not fear death, and Naphtali, too, *stared down death* on the heights *where the battle raged*.

¹⁹The kings came, they fought; the kings of Canaan made war.

They fought at Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo, but they won no spoils of silver.

²⁰The stars themselves fought *against them*; from the heavens, the stars fought against Sisera.

²¹The raging waters of Kishon swept them away, the rushing waters, the raging waters of Kishon. March forward, my soul, march on with strength!

²²The hooves of the horses beat loudly; the galloping of the horses echoed.

²³ "A curse on Meroz!" said the messenger of the Eternal One; "May its people be bitterly cursed, Because they did not come to help the Eternal, to stand with the Eternal against the mighty foes!"

24 But Jael,

the wife of Heber, the Kenite—most blessed of women is she, favored above all women who dwell in tents!

- ²⁵ Sisera asked for water, and she gave him milk; she gave him curds in a dish fit for lords.
- ²⁶ And then she took a tent peg in her *left* hand and a worker's hammer in her right,

And she struck Sisera.

She broke and battered his head; she pierced his temple.

²⁷At her feet he bowed, he fell, he dropped silent.

At her feet he fell, he dropped, and where he dropped, there he lay dead.

- ²⁸The mother of Sisera waited for him, watching through the lattice of the window.
- "Why is his chariot so long in returning?" she wondered.

"Where are the hoofbeats of his horses?"

- ²⁹Her wisest ladies *in waiting* have answers in fact, she herself thinks she knows the reason.
- ³⁰ "Aren't they still dividing the spoils of a successful battle?

A girl or two given to every man;

Spoils of beautiful dyed cloth for Sisera, spoils of dyed cloth, beautifully embroidered.

Indeed two pieces of beautiful embroidered cloth for my neck."

³¹So may all Your enemies perish, O Eternal One! But may those who love You be like the sun, rising and going forth with power!

After this victory, the people knew peace from war for 40 years.

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5 Then sang Deborah and Barak, the son of Abinoam, on that day, saying: ² Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.

³"Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes. I, even I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel. ⁴"LORD, when Thou wentest out of Seir, when Thou marched out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

⁵The mountains melted from before the LORD, even that Sinai, from before the LORD God of Israel. ⁶"In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travelers walked through byways.

The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until I, Deborah, arose, I arose a mother in Israel. They chose new gods; then was war in the gates. Was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?

⁹My heart is toward the governors of Israel that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD. ¹⁰ "Speak, ye that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgment and walk by the way.

"They that are delivered from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD, even the righteous acts toward the inhabitants of His villages in Israel. Then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates. "Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake, awake, utter a song! Arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.

¹³ "Then He made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people; the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.