



The Song of War

After God's victory over the Egyptians (Ex. 15), Moses led Israel in a song of victory:

"I will sing to the Lord...the Lord is a warrior; the Lord is His name...Thy right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power...shatters the enemy...Who is like Thee, majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders...the Lord shall reign forever and ever."

Having overcome the army of Jabin and Sisera, Deborah sang the victory song (Judges 5), giving the glory unto the Lord. And then before the New Testament closes, John records the angels singing a victory song about the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

The song of all victory songs will be sung by the saints when they meet their commander in the sky. This age will be closed with a thunderous clap, with a shout and the sound of a trumpet and an innumerable company singing, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing" (Rev. 5:12).

1. "The LORD (YHWH-Jehovah) says to my Lord (Adonai): sit at My right hand"

Jesus in Matthew 22:42-45 interprets this verse as referring to the Messiah. He was saying that I am the Adonai that will sit on the right hand of the LORD! The LORD is the king and the Adonai is the general. The Lord is here inducted to the highest honor, with the promise of a most flourishing kingdom, founded in Zion, but extending every where, till every enemy should be subdued. "Sit" is to posture oneself as judge. "Right hand" is emblematic of power. The Messiah will be positioned as judge with the power and might of the LORD to execute it. Are we raised up with Christ? Are we seated with Christ in the heavenly places? (Eph. 2:5). Is Christ seated at the right hand of God in the heavens? Is Christ above all rule and power? (Eph. 1:20,21).

This is a picture of Christ and the believer, placed by God in the heavens, far above hostile powers!
The position of Christ is at the right hand of God and the position of the believer is in Christ.

2. "Until I make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet"

God's promise is: reign until I subdue every enemy under your feet. Paul wrote, "For He (Christ) must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death" (1 Cor. 15:25,26). Again Paul writes, "But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him" (Heb. 2:8). Friend, the battle is raging for supremacy. Jesus is going to stay at the right hand of God until the power of Satan is broken and every enemy is subdued under His feet. The church, by being positioned at the right hand of God's power and being the extension of God's power on earth, shall do battle until the will of God is accomplished every enemy under His feet!

3. "The LORD will stretch forth Thy strong scepter from Zion" The banner or ensign will be held aloft before God's army, a symbol of God's strength and powerful forces.

4. "Rule in the midst of Thine enemies"

The inscription or motto on this standard (ensign) shall read: Rule in the middle of your enemies. Each tribe of Israel had a inscribed standard, e.g., Reuben, water; Judah, a lion; Zebulun, a harbor; Issachar, a donkey, etc. The inscription on the standard of the church is not the Christ lifted up on a cross, rather it is Christ sitting at the right of God.

5. "Thy people will volunteer freely in the day of Thy power"

The troops are spirited volunteers; not drafted against their will, but are loyal subjects; veteran soldiers; every man bringing gifts to his General and King. The letter to the Ephesians pictures the church as a kingdom, a temple, a body, a bride, and an army. The church is the army of God, mustered by the LORD, who is the conquering Warrior!

6. "In holy array, from the womb of the dawn"

The uniform of the army is called the "splendor of holiness"! The illusion is to the garments of glory, belonging to the High Priest. Whatever is intended or expressed by these distinguished uniforms, the troops possess. By God's anointing, they are placed in the presence of the king to hear His voice and respond to His every command. Righteousness is a key word for the church today. It's uniform must be the "garments of glory".

7. "Thy youth are to Thee as the dew"

The immensity of the army is as the innumerable drops of dew. They are in the peak of their strength, agility and ability; and they are courageous, heroic, active and vigorous. Like the dew, they have their origin in heaven, they nourish the earth, and they disperse over the earth.

8. "The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, Thou art a priest"

The title of the commander: Thou art a priest! The LORD has sworn, and the Hebrew word translated "sworn" carries with it the meaning of seven times uttered, God's complete and perfect number. God will not change His mind about the priesthood of Christ Jesus. Faith placed in Christ Jesus will never be frustrated. He is our PRIEST and our PEACE! In ancient times, a priest was an instructor of the family, offered sacrifices for the sins of the people, and was their mediator. So is Christ, the incomparable Instructor, the Lamb of God and the Mediator between God and man.

9. "Forever"

The perpetuity of the office of priesthood was forever! The priesthood of Christ is not based on a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life (Heb. 7:16). Christ abides forever and holds the office of the priesthood permanently. He is able to save forever those who believe in Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. The Law appointed men as high priests, but God appointed a Son, made perfect forever.

10. "According to the order of Melchizedek"

The resolution of setting up such a Priest or Prince was according to the "mystery man", Melchizedek of the Old Testament. Otherwise, Christ will eternally reign in righteousness. "Sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Ro. 5:21).

11. "The Lord is at Thy right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath"

Christ is victorious in the day of battle! "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron, Thou shalt shatter them like earthenware" (Psa. 2:2). The promise to the Messiah, Christ Jesus, is that He will rule over and shatter His enemies. The book of Revelation concludes with: "And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron.." (Rev. 19:15).

12. "He will judge among the nations, He will fill them with corpses"

Christ will bring forth, judge, and condemn his enemies; and he shall fill pits with the bodies of executed criminals. The bible says, "Because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead" (Acts 17:31). Do you believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Not only does your faith confirm your salvation, but also esteems Jesus as the appointed Judge of the universe.

13. "He will shatter the chief men over a broad country"

"Chief men" refers to religious heads. Any priesthood that is not according to the order of Melchizedek shall be destroyed; and all government that is not according to the eternal Priest shall be shattered and destroyed. False religion, in whatever form, shall be judged severely.

14. "He will drink from the brook by the wayside"

The victorious army, having defeated and pursued the enemy, and if there has been any fatigue or thirst, shall be refreshed by the river of life. The fountain head of God's power shall forever strengthen and refresh His army.

15. "Therefore He will lift up His head"

The General is proclaimed as victorious. Jesus, the Captain of our salvation, has a complete triumph. This announcement shall be made: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever" (Rev. 10:15).

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