

THE SAVIOR KING

Text: Psalm 18

INTRO: This psalm was written by David & is also recorded in 2 Sam. 22, with this introduction: "Then David spoke to the Lord the words of this song, on the day when the Lord had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, & from the hand of Saul" (2 Sam. 22:1).

This intro shows that the psalm had an original application to David, & his deliverance from those who opposed him -- but as the NT writers confirm, the psalm has a higher fulfillment in Jesus, "the Son of David."

I. THE ANOINTED ONE TRUSTS IN GOD THE FATHER, vs 1-3

NOTE parallel verse, 2 Sam. 22::3, "The God of My strength, in Him I will trust."

Note: the Hebrew writer applies this verse to Jesus & shows how Jesus identifies Himself with all those who put their trust in God. For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You" And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me." (Heb. 2:11-13)

II. JESUS, LIKE DAVID BEFORE HIM, CRIED OUT IN HIS DISTRESS, & WAS HEARD, vs. 4-6.

In the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear (Heb. 5:7)

Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. (Luke 22:43)

II. GOD SHOWED HIS APPROVAL OF CHRIST & DELIVERED HIM OUT OF DEATH.

A. God the Father showed His approval of Jesus, vs. 7-15.

1. Matthew shows how these dramatic statements are fulfilled at Jesus' crucifixion.

Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!" Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, & the graves were opened; & many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; & coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city & appeared to many. So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake & the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (MT 27:45-54)

2. Jerusalem & the Jewish economy finally were destroyed in 70 A.D. because the Jewish nation had rejected Jesus, their Savior King.

- B. God delivered Christ from His enemies, even from death, vs. 16-42

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. Then let those in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

(Luke 21:20-24).

IV. AFTER HIS VICTORY OVER THE ENEMIES, CHRIST
REIGNS, NOT ONLY OVER THE RIGHTEOUS
REMNANT OF THE JEWS, BUT OVER THE GENTILES
AS WELL, vs 43-50.

NOTE: This passage looks far beyond King David, to the Seed
of David, Jesus Christ.

Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the
circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises
made to the fathers, and that the Gentiles might glorify God
for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess
to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name."
(Rom. 15:8-9).

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