

Psalm 68 - double chant

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- Full* **L**ET God arise * and let his enē-m- | ies be | scatter-ed :
f let them also that | hate him | flee be- | fore him.
- 2 Like as the smoke vanisheth * so shalt thou drive | them a- |
way : and like as wax melteth at the fire * so let the
ungodly pē-rish | at the | presence . of | God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glād and rē- | joice be-fore | God :
let them | also . be | merry . and | joyful.
- 4 O sing unto God and sing prāises | unto . his | Name :
magnify him that rideth upon the heavens as it were upon
an horse * praise him in his Name JĀH | and re- |
joice be- | fore him.
- mf* 5 He is a Father of the fatherless * and defendeth the cāuse |
of the | widows : even Gōd in his | holy | habit- | ation.
- 6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an
house * and bringeth the prīson-ers | out of . cap- |
tivity : but letteth the rūnā-gates cōn- | tinue | in |
scarceness.
- 7 O God when thou wentest fōrth bē- | fore the | people :
when thou | wentest | through the | wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook * and the heavens drop-pēd at the |
presence . of | God : even as Sinai also was mov-ed at the
presence of Gōd who | is the | God of | Israel.
- 9 Thou O God sentest a gracious rain ūpon | thine in- |
heritance : and refrēshēdst | it when | it was | weary.
- 10 Thy congregation shall | dwell there- | in : for thou O God
hast of thy goodness prē- | par-ed | for the | poor.
- f* 11 The Lōrd | gave the | word : grēat was the | compan-y |
of the | preachers.
- 12 Kings with their armies did flēe and | were dis- | comfited :
and they of the | household . di- | vided . the | spoil.
- mf* 13 Though ye have lien among the pots * yet shall ye be
as the wings | of a | dove : that is cover-ed with silver
wings * and hēr | feathers | like | gold.
- 14 When the Almighty scatter-ed kīngs | for their | sake :
then were they as | white as | snow in | Salmon.
- 15 As the hill of Basan * sō | is | God's | hill : even an high hīll |
as the | hill of | Basan.
- 16 Why hop ye so ye high hills * this is God's hill in the
which it pleāsēth | him to | dwell : yea the Lōrd will ā- |
bide in | it for | ever.

- 17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand * even !
thousands * of | angels : and the Lord is among them *
as in the | holy | place of | Sinai.
- 18 Thou art gone up on high * thou hast led captivity
captive * and receiv-ed | gifts for | men : yea even for
thine enemies * that the Lord | God might | dwell a- |
mong them.
- f* 19 Prais-ed be the | Lord | daily : even the God who helpeth
us * and poureth his | bene- | fits up- | on us.
- 20 He is our God * even the God of whom | cometh * sal- |
vation : God is the Lord by | whom * we es- | cape |
death.
- mf* 21 God shall wound the head | of his | enemies : and the hairy
scalp of such a one as go-eth on | still | in his | wickedness.
- 22 The Lord hath said * I will bring my people again as I |
did from | Basan : mine own will I bring again * as I did
sometime from the | deep | of the | sea.
- 2nd part* 23 That thy foot may be dip-ped in the blood | of thine |
enemies : and that the tongue of thy dogs may be | red |
through the | same.
- 24 It is well seen O God | how thou | goest : how thou my
God and King | goest | in the | sanctuary.
- 25 The singers go before * the ministrals | follow | after : in
the midst are the damsels | playing | with the | timbrels.
- 26 Give thanks O Israel unto God the Lord in the | congre- |
gations : from the | ground | of the | heart.
- 27 There is little Benjamin their ruler * and the princes of |
Judah * their | counsel : the princes of Zabulon | and the |
princes * of | Nephthali.
- 28 Thy God hath sent forth | strength for | thee : stablish the
thing O God * that | thou hast | wrought in | us.
- 29 For thy temple's sake | at Je- | rusalem : so shall
kings bring | presents | unto | thee.
- mf* 30 When the company of the spear-men and multitude of the
mighty * are scatter-ed abroad among the beasts of the
people * so that they humbly bring | pieces * of | silver : and
when he hath scatter-ed the people | that de- | light in | war :
- 31 Then shall the princes come | out of | Egypt : the Morians'
land shall soon stretch out her | hands | unto | God.
- f* 32 Sing unto God O ye kingdoms | of the | earth : O * sing |
praises | unto * the | Lord ;
- 33 Who sitteth in the heavens over all | from * the be- | ginning :
lo he doth send out his voice * yea and | that a | mighty |
voice.
- 34 Ascribe ye the power to God | over | Israel : his worship and |
strength is | in the | clouds.
- 35 O God * wonderful art thou in thy | holy | places : even the
God of Israel * he will give strength and power unto his
people * | bless-ed | be | God.

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