

PSALM 48

This psalm greatness of the God of Zion. The event spoken of--when the kings assembled to attack Jerusalem--cannot be pinpointed exactly, but we are informed that these enemies panicked and took flight when Yahweh of hosts put forth his power. It was a victory to be remembered and passed on to future generations for God's glory. Let us do the same, remembering and retelling his mighty works in our own lives.

A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- 1 Great is YAHWEH and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!
His holy mountain,
- 2 beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.
- 3 Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress.

- 4 For behold, the kings assembled; they came on together.
- 5 As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic; they took to flight.
- 6 Trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in labor.
- 7 By the east wind you shattered the ships of Tarshish.
- 8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of YAHWEH of hosts,
in the city of our God, which God will establish forever. Selah

- 9 We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.
- 10 As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with righteousness.
- 11 Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

- 12 Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
- 13 consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
- 14 that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

PRAYER

Glorious Lord God, you are to be highly praised, for you have manifested your power and mercy in the lives of your people. Give us heavenly grace, that we may be able to worship you in spirit and in truth, not only with our lips but in our lives. We give ourselves to your service, and ask that you would enable us to walk before you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.