

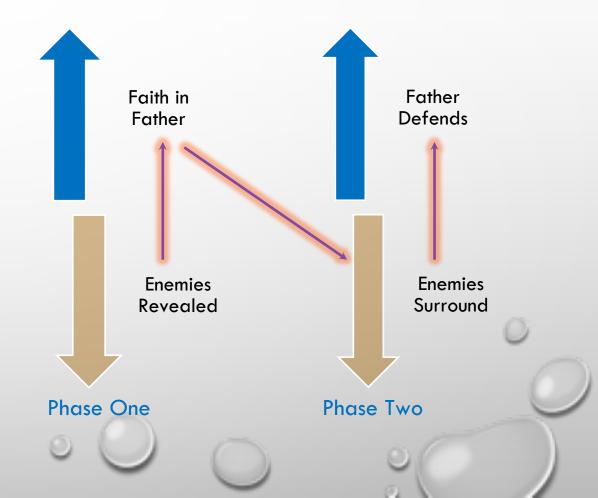
# PSALM 003-04 SINNER'S JUDGMENT BELIEVER'S SALVATION

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PSALM 3:7-8

## PROLOGUE: PSALM THREE DUALITY STRUGGLE OF FAITH VS SIGHT

- PSALM THREE IS A <u>CONTRAST</u> BETWEEN SEEN AND UNSEEN {FAITH} (2KI 6:11-23)
- PHASE ONE: ENEMIES BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES; CHRIST RELIES ON FATHER
- PHASE TWO: ENEMIES UNDETERRED BY FAITH; FATHER DEFENDS SON-BELIEVERS
- UNDERLYING THEMES: HOPE HUMILITY IS FOUNDATION OF GOD'S JUDGMENT (RO 8:23-25; HE 10:29-31)
- FATHER JUDGES SON-BELIEVER; THEN LOST (1PE 4:12-19)



## PROLOGUE: DUALITY TENSION THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE

- BIBLE BEGINS AND ENDS WITH THIS DUALITY OF TENSION
  - CREATION: LIGHT ENTERS AMID DARKNESS, CHAOS TO BRING ORDER TRUTH {ALETHEIA} (GE 1:3-5, 31)
  - NEW CREATION: CHRIST IS THE LIGHT; THERE IS NO DARKNESS (RE 21:22-25; 22:3-5)
- PRESENT DISPENSATION, FIRST FRUITS, BUILDS TOWARD A SHARP CONFRONTATION BETWEEN SATAN {DARKNESS} AND CHRIST {LIGHT} (JOEL 2:1-2; AC 2:16-21; RE 12:7-12)
  - THEME OF GREAT TRIBULATION, AND PREPARING FOR MILLENNIAL KINGDOM (MT 25:31-46; RE 19:11-16)
  - MILLENNIAL KINGDOM <u>CONTINUES</u> THIS CONTRAST UNTIL LOST SHOW THEMSELVES TOTALLY UNREDEEMABLE; OPEN REBELLION AGAINST VISIBLE CHRIST, AGAIN (RE 20:1-3, 6-10)

## THE END BEGINS WITH A MOSAIC REFERENCE

- IT IS A COMMON MOTIF TO LINK ONE'S WORK WITH ONE'S GRAND CULTURAL BEGINNINGS; ESPECIALLY THE FOUNDER(S)
  - AMERICAN CONSERVATIVES LINK THEIR CAUSE TO THE FOUNDING FATHERS WHO WROTE THE CONSTITUTION WHILE PROGRESSIVES LINK THEMSELVES WITH LATER PROGRESSIVES : FDR OR LBJ
  - DAVID OPENS THIS FINAL ACT WITH A REFERENCE TO MOSES' WORDS OF GOD SCATTERING THEIR ENEMIES BEFORE THEM WHILE ON THE MARCH (NU 10:35)
  - THIS WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO FOCUS THE PEOPLE'S ATTENTION ON THE LEGITIMACY OF HIS RULE, COMPARED TO ABSALOM'S REBELLION, AND GOD'S HELP IN ASSURING VICTORY
- CHRIST'S MINISTRY NOT BASED ON THIS WORLD; HE RESTS IN THE FATHER FOR VICTORY (HE 8:1-5; 9:11-12; 10:1-18)

## PRAYER TO THE FATHER SAVE { אַשָּׁיַ; YASA ME

- THIS IS THE PLEA OF EVERYONE WHO IS SAVED WHEN GOD OPENS THEIR EYES TO THEIR SIN AND NEED FOR A SAVIOR (AC 9:1-18)
- NOT ONLY DOES EVERY SINNER NEED SAVING; BUT CHRIST PRAYED THAT THE FATHER SAVE {STRENGTHEN} HIM BEFORE HIS PAYMENT FOR SIN {SEPARATION FROM THE FATHER} SO HE WOULD RETURN HIS GLORY BACK TO HIM (JN 17)
  - PSALM FORESHADOWED HIS PRAYER(S): JESUS' { יְהוֹשׁוּעַ; YEHOS̈̀ŪA} SALVATION { יְהוֹשׁוּעַ; YEŠŪʿA;} DEPENDED ON FATHER-SPIRIT FOR FAITHFULNESS TO DEATH {WRATH OF FATHER} (וג 22:39-46; не 12:2)
  - HIS RESURRECTION PROVED HE SUCCEEDED; BEING APPROVED BY THE FATHER AS THE AUTHOR OF SALVATION (AC 2:22-33; EP 4:7-10; HE 5:5-10)

## CHRIST RETURNS ONLY IN POWER OF THE FATHER

- NOT ONLY DOES CHRIST WAIT, UNTIL THE FATHER ARISES TO RETURN, HE RETURNS IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT: TRINITY ALWAYS <u>AND</u> ONLY ACTS AS A SINGLE ENTITY (MK 13:32)
- JUDGMENT IS <u>NOT</u> ANNIHILATION; GOD DOES <u>NOT</u> DESTROY SOULS {LIFE} ONCE CREATED
- THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE TRUE POWER AND CONTROL IS ACCOMPLISHED, NOT BY MIGHT, BUT BY SPEAKING; I.E., WORDS
  - FATHER SPOKE AND THE LIGHT, CHRIST, CAME INTO THIS CREATION AS LOGOS {WORD} (GE 1:3; JN 1:1-3)
  - CHRIST SPOKE ORDER OUT OF DARKNESS AND CHAOS ORGANIZING CREATION (GE 1:6, 9,11, 14, 20, 24, 26 & 29)
  - SATAN, ACCUSER, MAIN WEAPON ARE WORDS FASHIONED INTO LIES LEADING TO DEATH (GE 3:1-7; JN 8:44)

## JUDGMENT OF THE FATHER: BREAK THE LIES OF SINNERS

- PRAYER OF RETURNING CHRIST: FATHER DRAMATICALLY SILENCES SIN'S LIES ILLUSTRATED BY THESE TWO METAPHORS
  - STRIKE {BREAK} THEIR CHEEKS {UPPER MAXILLARY}
  - BREAK THEIR TEETH {JAW OR LOWER MANDIBLE}
- BREAKING OF THE MOUTH SILENCES THEIR LIES BY LEAVING THEM NO DOUBT AS TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THEIR PLIGHT BEFORE A HOLY {ANGRY} GOD (HE 9:27; 10:29-31)
  - WHEN CHRIST RETURNS AT END OF GREAT TRIBULATION HE SPEAKS AND THE ARMIES MELT (RE 19:17-21)
  - THE LOST'S <u>OWN</u> WORDS CONDEMN THEM TO LAKE OF FIRE (RE 20:11-15)

#### MERCY OF THE FATHER: SALVATION – JESHUA

- SALVATION BELONGS TO THE FATHER: SOURCE OF ALL
  - CHRIST CAME FROM THE FATHER AS THE MONOGENESIS (HE 1:5, 8-12)
  - CHRIST SAVES SINNERS MAKING THEM ONE WITH HIM (JN 17:20-21)
  - WHEN THIS CREATION IS COMPLETED, CHRIST GIVES ALL BACK TO THE FATHER (1CO 15:22-28)
  - HENCE, ALL ARE KNIT TOGETHER INTO A UNIFIED SINGLENESS JUST AS THE FATHER-SON-SPIRIT HAD BEFORE THIS CREATION (JN 17:22-24)
- PSALM ENDS REFERENCING MOSES' BENEDICTION: LORD <u>RETURN</u> TO MYRIAD OF MYRIAD OF HIS PEOPLES; FOR ALL WHO ARE SAVED ARE OF ABRAHAM'S SEED; <u>RESTING</u> IN HIM (NU 10:36; GA 3:16-18, 25-29; HE 4:3-7)

## EVEN DAVID WORSHIPS THE SON OF GOD: DO YOU?

- CHRIST MADE THE POINT THAT DAVID WORSHIPED MESSIAH AS HIS SON EVEN THOUGH HE RECOGNIZED HIM AS GOD'S SON {LORD} (PS 110:1; LK 20:41-44)
  - MESSIAH WAS DAVID'S SON IN THAT HE WOULD BE IN THE LINE OF DAVID TO LEGALLY RULE BY CONQUERING HIS ENEMIES; WHICH HE WILL TWICE: BEGINNING AND END OF MILLENNIUM
- PSALM PRESAGES MESSIAH GIVING GENERATIONS TIME TO MEDITATE ON AND LOOK TO HIS COMING; WHICH THE WISE MISSED (1CO 1:18-25)
  - THIS TRUTH STILL RINGS OUT ACROSS THE AGES TO ALL WHO SEARCH FOR ETERNAL HOPE (1CO 1:26-31)
  - OUR ENEMIES ARE NOT FLESH AND BLOOD BUT PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS AT WORK BEHIND THE VISIBLE; BUT OUR MISSION IS THE GOSPEL TO THOSE WHOM WE DO SEE: LOST (MT 28:18-20; EP 6:10-13)