

# PSALM 68

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**PURPOSE:** David reviews God’s deliverance of Israel in ages past & confidently prays for ongoing deliverance. God’s march of victory took Israel out of Egypt into possession of Canaan where He established His house at Zion. God’s great rescue of Israel reveals how trustworthy He is to deliver in the days & years to come.

**Type:** Victory Song for a Procession **Author:** David  
**Date:** Perhaps for the installation of the Ark in the Tabernacle in Zion, c. 1003 BC  
**Note:** Includes many rare words & unexpected phrases resulting in a variety of translations

HEADINGS	<b>PRELUDE:</b> <b>OPENING CALLS FOR DIVINE ACTION &amp; THANKFUL WORSHIP</b> <b>vv. 1-6</b>	<b>REVIEW OF PAST TRIUMPHS:</b> <b>CELEBRATION OF GOD’S MARCH FROM EGYPT TO ZION</b> <b>vv. 7-18</b>	<b>FORECAST OF NEW TRIUMPHS:</b> <b>CELEBRATION OF GOD’S ONGOING PROTECTION OF THE REALM</b> <b>vv. 19-31</b>	<b>POSTLUDE:</b> <b>CONCLUDING CALLS FOR WORLD-WIDE WORSHIP</b> <b>vv. 32-35</b>
<p><b>Authorization</b>                      Consigned to the Sanctuary Choir Director</p> <p><b>Song Type</b>                      “Psalm”</p> <p><b>Authorship</b>                      David</p> <p><b>Song Type</b>                      “Song”</p>	<p><b>Confident Call for Divine Action against Enemies</b>  <b>vv. 1-2</b></p> <p>Evoking the Battle Cry of the Ark                      v. 1</p> <p>Envisioning the Dissolution of the Wicked                      v. 2</p> <p><b>Triumphant Call to Rejoice in God’s Deliverance</b>  <b>vv. 3-6</b></p> <p>Invitation for the Righteous to Rejoice in God’s Great Ride to Victory                      vv. 3-4</p> <p>Celebration of God’s Great Justice in Liberation &amp; Judgment                      vv. 5-6</p>	<p><b>Introduction of the Theme: Recalling the Mighty Exodus</b>  <b>v. 7</b></p> <p>[Selah]</p> <p><b>God’s Wondrous Sinai Theophany</b>  <b>v. 8</b></p> <p><b>God’s Loving Provision of the Land</b>  <b>vv. 9-10</b></p> <p><b>Israel’s Pleasant Peace after War</b>  <b>vv. 11-14</b></p> <p>The Good News of Victory                      v. 11</p> <p>Women Divvying up the Spoils                      vv. 12-13</p> <p>The Victory Crowned with Snow                      v. 14</p> <p><b>God’s Sovereign Choice of Mt. Zion</b>  <b>vv. 15-18</b></p> <p>God’s Mountain Greater than Bashan                      vv. 15-16</p> <p>God’s Citadel at Zion Enriched with the Spoils of Conquest                      vv. 17-18</p>	<p><b>Introductory Praise for God’s Daily Help</b>  <b>v. 19</b></p> <p>[Selah]</p> <p><b>Confidence in Future Victories</b>  <b>v. 20-23</b></p> <p>Confession of Trust in God’s Help                      v. 20</p> <p>Certainty of Complete Victory over Evil Enemies                      vv. 21-23</p> <p><b>Celebration of God’s Presence through a Holy Procession</b>  <b>vv. 24-27</b></p> <p>The Great Procession Recalled                      v. 24</p> <p>The Great Procession Described: Musicians, Worshippers, Tribal Representatives                      vv. 25-27</p> <p><b>Prayer for New Victories</b>  <b>vv. 28-31</b></p> <p>Confident Plea for God’s Show of Strength                      vv. 28-29</p> <p>Confident Plea for the Defeat of Egypt (“Reeds”)                      vv. 30-31</p>	<p><b>Introductory Call to Praise</b>  <b>v. 32</b></p> <p>[Selah]</p> <p><b>Laud for God’s Legendary Ride to Victory</b>  <b>v. 33</b></p> <p><b>Call for the Nations to Acknowledge God’s Majesty</b>  <b>v. 34</b></p> <p><b>Concluding Word of Praise for the Strength-Giving God</b>  <b>v. 35</b></p>