MARANATHA GLOBAL BIBLE STUDY THE RETURN OF JESUS // JOEL RICHARDSON

THE PROCESSION OF MESSIAH

WE CONTINUE WITH THE DESERT PROPHECY OF PSALM 68.

I. PSALM 68, PART 2

A. Psalm 68:4-13

- vs 4 similar to the song of Deborah, it begins with a call to singing and praising "the one who rides on the clouds"; this is one of the primary descriptions of Jesus' return
 - a) Deuteronomy 33:26
- 2) 5-6 even as YHVH showed Himself to be both the Divine Warrior and the compassionate Bridegroom during the Exodus, so will He show Himself to be both Warrior and Bridegroom when He returns
 - a) one of the overwhelming themes attached to the Day of the Lord throughout the prophets is a day of vindication and deliverance for the oppressed
 - b) while Jesus as Deliverer applies to our personal testimonies, in this context it points to when Jesus will deliver Israeli prisoners of the antichrist who were taken captive as part of the Covenant chastisements
- 3) vs 7 the themes of Jesus the cloud rider and Jesus the desert marcher are seen in Deuteronomy 33, Judges 5 and here
- 4) vs 8 this is almost an exact quote of Deborah's song in Judges 5:4b-5
- 5) vs 11 it was typical throughout ancient history that, when a nation won a battle, the women were the primary ones who gave the good news
- 6) vs 12 as Jesus' procession makes its way through the desert up to Jerusalem, the armies of the antichrist will flee before Him
- 7) vs 13 this is a very unusual verse on the surface. King David is ultimately speaking of Israel, and if we don't understand the context of what we are reading, this would be easy to miss. As Israel is marching and making its way up through the region of modern day, northwest Saudi Arabia (southern Jordan), they are going through the land of Moab, or Edom. This is where Petra is found today. Petra is also referred to as Bozrah in the Bible. In both Deuteronomy 33 and Judges 5, Mount Seir is a prominent mountain in the region of Petra. "Bozrah" means "sheep pen." The picture is this: as the Good Shepherd, Jesus, is leading His sheep, they come into the sheep pen, aka Bozrah. They were former prisoners and had been fleeing into the desert, but now they are with the Divine King Shepherd and are lying down at rest

