



**The Remnant in the Kingdom
King Jesus has won it all!
Psalm 76**

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Having now arrived at Psalm 76, we see the progression that the Holy Spirit has placed here into the text. This is also a prophetic psalm.

Psalm 74 talked prophetically about living in a time of judgment taking place all around us. This will indeed be the experience of the remnant at the end of the age.

Then Asaph provides a message for the remnant in Psalm 75. Encouragement was in order because the Lord was soon to complete His work.



Now we come to Psalm 76, Jesus is on the throne. The armies of the beast are gone, and the Kingdom is beginning.

Psalm 76:title–12

“For the music director; on stringed instruments. A Psalm of Asaph, a Song. God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel. **His tabernacle is in Salem; His dwelling place also is in Zion. There He broke the flaming arrows, The shield, the sword, and the weapons of war.** Selah You are resplendent, More majestic than the mountains of prey. **The stouthearted were plundered, They sank into sleep; And none of the warriors could use his hands.** At Your rebuke, God of Jacob, Both rider and horse were cast into a dead sleep. You, You indeed are to be feared, And who may stand in Your presence, once You are angry? **You caused judgment to be heard from heaven; The earth feared and was still When God arose to judgment, To save all the humble of the earth.** Selah For the wrath of mankind shall praise You; You will encircle Yourself with a remnant of wrath. **Make vows to the LORD your God and fulfill them; All who are around Him are to bring gifts to Him who is to be feared. He will cut off the spirit of princes; He is feared by the kings of the earth.**” (NASB 2020)

The statement we see right at the beginning of verse 1, “God is known in Judah,” is much more than a statement of fact. In Hebrew, to know or be known usually implies an ongoing relationship. God knows His people, the remnant and they know God, they have a relationship with Him.

Of course, the term used for God is Elohim which a plural term that we see used in Genesis 1:1, in the beginning God, that is the word Elohim, a plural word that is also suggestive of the trinity, the fullness of the Godhead.

French Arrington tells us “the identification of God as Elohim suggests power and authority. This truth is revealed not only in all of creation, animate and inanimate, as the work of Elohim, but also in the fact that He is the ruler of the whole creation. Besides that, the supreme power of Elohim is seen in His initiation and perpetuation of a covenant to redeem creation. But the significance of Elohim even goes beyond the idea of an all-sufficient God for His creation.

It is no mere coincidence that the plural form Elohim is a name for the “one God.” Elohim suggests diversity and richness in God’s own existence. For although Elohim is plural, it is, nevertheless, often accompanied by verbs, adjectives, and pronouns in the singular, showing that God, diverse and rich in His very essence, is one.” (Arrington 1992, 101)

To have Him referred to, up front in Psalm 76, as Elohim tells us this God who created everything is also the God who is powerful enough, to judge and end everything as well. Everything Asaph is going to relate in this is predicated on the power of the one who made everything and through the use of this word, he has not reduced the importance of the Holy Spirit or Messiah either as all are involved in this manifestation of the Godhead and the relationship He has with the nation.

Psalm 76:1

“God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel.” (NASB 2020)

The God who is the creator of the universe, has a relationship with the people of Judah, the people of Israel and because of this, His name is great in the nation. This tells you that God is the one who initiated this relationship and here at the end of the age, the remnant now does indeed know the power of their God and the one who has just rescued them from the armies of the Beast.

Psalm 76:2

“His tabernacle is in Salem; His dwelling place also is in Zion.” (NASB 2020)



What or where is Salem? When we first see this place, it is when Abraham is met by Melchizedek, the King of Salem in Genesis 14.

It is thought to be a shortened version of Jerusalem “per Josephus (“Ant.” 1:10, § 2; “B. J.” vi. 10), the three Targumim, all the later Jewish commentators, and Jerome. (Singer 1901-1906, 650)

At the time that Asaph was writing this, the Ark of the Covenant was being kept in Jerusalem in a tent that David had set up (2 Chronicles 1:4).

We are also told His dwelling place is in Zion, which is the name of the hill Jerusalem was first built on. “Mount Zion is the high hill on which David built a citadel. It is on the southeast side of the city. The word Zion occurs over 150 times in the Bible. It essentially means “fortification” and has the idea of being “raised up” as a “monument.” Zion is described both as the city of David and the city of God. As the Bible progresses, the word Zion expands in scope and takes on an additional, spiritual meaning.” (Got Questions Ministries 2014-2021)

Now about the word translated dwelling place, Tim Chester tells us the word “is literally ‘lair’—the home of a lion (Psalm 10:9). In Jeremiah 25:37–8 God is said to be ‘like a lion’. ‘He will leave his lair’ and, because of his ‘fierce anger’, ‘their land will become desolate’. So Derek Kidner entitles this psalm ‘Lion of Judah’. God is like a lion and Jerusalem is his lair. And when this Lion of Judah is roused in anger, he wreaks devastation on his enemies.” (Chester 2024, 290)

We are indeed talking about the Lord protecting His people, the remnant at the end of the age. In Hosea, the Lord said He would return to His place due to the sin of the nation.

Hosea 5:14–15

“For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I, even I, will tear and go away; I will carry off, and no one shall rescue. I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.” (ESV)

Zechariah 13:9 records the moment that the remnant, as one, calls on Messiah to save them, and He does.

When Jesus returns, Revelation 19, He first engages the armies of the Beast there in Edom, prior to moving onto Jerusalem.

Isaiah 34:6

“The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, It drips with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, With the fat of the kidneys of rams. **For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, And a great slaughter in the land of Edom.**” (NASB 2020)

Isaiah 63:1

“Who is this who comes from Edom, With garments of glowing colors from Bozrah, This One who is majestic in His apparel, Marching in the greatness of His strength? “It is I, the One who speaks in righteousness, mighty to save.”” (NASB 2020)

The Bible actually provides, in Joel, a picture of the attack that the return of Jesus Christ ends. It is a picture of what locusts do, but is also a picture of what mechanized armored military forces with drone swarms may be able to do as well.



Joel 2:3–11

“Fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of Eden before them, but behind them a desolate wilderness, and nothing escapes them. Their appearance is like the appearance of horses, and like war horses they run. As with the rumbling of chariots, they leap on the tops of the mountains, like the crackling of a flame of fire devouring the stubble, like a powerful army drawn up for battle. Before them peoples are in anguish; all faces grow pale. Like warriors they charge; like soldiers they scale the wall. They march each on his way; they do not swerve from their paths. They do not jostle one another; each marches in his path; they burst through the weapons and are not halted. They leap upon the city, they run upon the walls, they climb up into the houses, they enter through the windows like a thief. The earth quakes before them; the heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining. The LORD utters his voice before his army, for his camp is exceedingly great; he who executes his word is powerful. For the day of the LORD is great and very awesome; who can endure it?” (ESV)

Joel provides a description of what happens as this invasion force moves across the land. Similar to locusts, locust like in behavior, but not exactly locusts.

In fact, the description sounds similar to modern state of the art combat operations involving conventional and unconventional weapon systems; to include swarming drones, autonomous AI enabled robots, cybernetically and genetically enhanced humans, directed energy weapon systems and tactical nuclear weapons. And written in 835 BC.

Joel provides a picture of a force leaping from mountain top to mountain top. Leaping from mountain top to mountain top is not a picture of 9th century BC warfare, but it is a picture of 21st century warfare.

The picture being drawn is the use of modern battlefield air assets delivering mortar and artillery to hilltop emplacements to include the use of drones. The noise of chariots leaping about on the tops of mountains like the crackling of fire. Joel is doing his best to describe what it is he is seeing take place.

It is a frightening picture of an integrated modern AI assisted assault force moving across the battlefield leaving nothing behind them but destruction and laying fire down in front of them as they advance from hill to hill. This advancing army, most likely the forces of the beast, appear to be invincible.

This could also be a picture of widespread utilization of drones. Even the name used by the Navy is provocative. “The US Navy has tested Low-Cost Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technology (LOCUST) capable of launching thirty autonomous drones preprogrammed to communicate with each other and “assault the adversary with a cloud of cheap and disposable drones and paralyze defenses by sheer quantity.”” (Sanders MAJ US Army 2017, Kindle Location 68)

And it is into this that Jesus Christ returns, and now Asaph is writing to us, after the fact and the battle is over.

Psalms 76:3

“There He broke the flaming arrows, The shield, the sword, and the weapons of war. Selah” (NASB 2020)

As we look at verse 3, we now understand what He has done in Jerusalem, He has ended the war against His people and is utterly victorious. He did this by not only dealing with those who are attacking, but also dealing with the weapon systems themselves. The flaming arrows or missiles and drones have been broken as well as the defensive and offensive weapons of war brought to bear on the people of Jerusalem.



David talked about that day

Psalms 46:9–11

“He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah” (ESV)

Zechariah 12:3–4

“On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will surely hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth will gather against it. **On that day, declares the LORD, I will strike every horse with panic, and its rider with madness. But for the sake of the house of Judah I will keep my eyes open, when I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.**” (ESV)

And as He is doing so, He makes His entry into Jerusalem setting foot first on the Mount of Olives.

Zechariah 14:3–4

“Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.” (ESV)

As their weapons become useless, it becomes much worse as the Lord then deals with the force arrayed against His people dealing specifically with members of the beast’s army.

But it is too late. First comes the announcement.

Revelation 19:17–19

“Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, “Come, gather for the great supper of God, to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great.” And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army.” (ESV)

Then the final take down of this very one-sided battle.

Zechariah 14:12–13

“And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples that wage war against Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths. And on that day a great panic from the LORD shall fall on them, so that each will seize the hand of another, and the hand of the one will be raised against the hand of the other.” (ESV)

And it is at this point that Asaph has us stop and meditate on what the Lord has done for His people, for the remnant of Israel. He has destroyed the forces there completely.

God’s place is now a place of peace. All the implements of war as well as those who engaged in it against His people are now gone. The Lion of Judah has indeed returned to His lair. This is indeed the day that Isaiah referenced back in Isaiah 2.

Isaiah 2:2–4

“In the last days, the mountain of the LORD’s house will be the highest of all— the most important place on earth. It will be raised above the other hills, and people from all over the world will stream there to



worship. People from many nations will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of Jacob’s God. There he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths.” **For the LORD’s teaching will go out from Zion; his word will go out from Jerusalem. The LORD will mediate between nations and will settle international disputes. They will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will no longer fight against nation, nor train for war anymore.**” (NLT)

Jesus has returned, Armageddon is over, and Jesus is now rapidly consolidating and completing His conquest of the planet, asserting His ownership which He purchased on the cross.

Psalms 76:4–7

“You are resplendent, More majestic than the mountains of prey. The stouthearted were plundered, They sank into sleep; And none of the warriors could use his hands. At Your rebuke, God of Jacob, Both rider and horse were cast into a dead sleep. You, You indeed are to be feared, And who may stand in Your presence, once You are angry?” (NASB 2020)

There are some, who when they read verse 4, will tell us that this is about Jerusalem. But in the context of the psalm so far, it is really about the one who dwells in Zion, the Lion of Judah and He has just completed establishing His government, or mountain, as we read in the scriptures.

Zechariah 8:2–3

“Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; With great fervor I am zealous for her.’ “Thus says the LORD: ‘I will return to Zion, And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, The Mountain of the LORD of hosts, The Holy Mountain.’” (NKJV)

The Kingdom of God with Jesus Christ on the throne as King, will be more glorious than any ruler ever has been who has been on this planet. The previous governments, or mountains, are only referred to as mountains of prey, which is an accurate picture of how many, throughout history, have chosen to rule.

John Gill discussed the Kingdom. “Christ is more glorious and excellent than the kings of the earth; he is higher than they, and is King of kings; he is richer than they, the earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein; he is wiser than they, by him kings reign, and princes decree justice; he is more powerful than they, and all must submit to him, and all will serve him hereafter; and his kingdom will be greater than theirs, more large and more lasting; it will be an everlasting one, and reach from sea to sea, and even to the ends of the earth.” (Gill 1810, 17-18) Micah describes it for us.

Micah 4:2–4

“Many nations will come, saying, “Come on! Let’s go up to the LORD’s mountain, to the temple of Jacob’s God, so he can teach us his ways and we can live by his laws.” For instruction will proceed from Zion, the LORD’s message from Jerusalem. He will arbitrate between many peoples and settle disputes between many distant nations. They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nations will not use weapons against other nations, and they will no longer train for war. Each will sit under his own grapevine or under his own fig tree without any fear. The LORD of Heaven’s Armies has decreed it.” (NET 2nd ed.)

Psalms 76:5

“The stouthearted were plundered, They sank into sleep; And none of the warriors could use his hands.” (NASB 2020)

Those who have just been destroyed by the King are here called, stouthearted. They are the ones who have now been plundered, and Zechariah brings up that topic.



Zechariah 14:14

“Even Judah will fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the surrounding nations shall be collected, gold, silver, and garments in great abundance.” (ESV)

Zephaniah 2:9–11

“Now, as surely as I live,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, the God of Israel, **“Moab and Ammon will be destroyed— destroyed as completely as Sodom and Gomorrah. Their land will become a place of stinging nettles, salt pits, and eternal desolation. The remnant of my people will plunder them and take their land.”** They will receive the wages of their pride, for they have scoffed at the people of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. The LORD will terrify them as he destroys all the gods in the land. Then nations around the world will worship the LORD, each in their own land.” (NLT)

Verse 5 is also descriptive of what will happen to those, who thought they could come against Israel, will obtain at the hands of the King when He returns. They will indeed be plundered, and as we saw with the plague on all those who come against Jerusalem described for us by Zechariah; they will indeed sink into sleep, death, and are incapable of defending themselves.

But what about all the forces that showed up to attack. What about all the armor and drones that were deployed against Israel?

Psalms 76:6

“At Your rebuke, God of Jacob, Both rider and horse were cast into a dead sleep.” (NASB 2020)

No more will the sound of armor be heard in the hills as they move towards their next target. No more will the sound of drones and mechanized equipment be heard. They have been cast into dead sleep. The Hebrew word used is נִרְדָּם (nirdam) which means “to sleep deeply, to be dazed, stunned.” (Koehler, et al. 1994-2000, 1191)

With the advent of drones, there has also been a search for how to disable them. When Jesus returns, He will literally, stun them all and they fall from the sky. Those operating on the ground just stop as well as those on water. Dead, sleep or stunned is a way to look at this.

The technology is already being tested. “The next generation of anti-drone weaponry includes electromagnetic anti-UAV systems as one of its most compelling developments. One of the biggest differences between laser devices is that electromagnetic pulse (EMP) devices disable drones by releasing strong electromagnetic signals which burn out their onboard electronics to make them useless.

These systems bring value because they destroy several UAVs simultaneously which makes them work well against flying drone groups. One advanced drone jamming technology device fired at an enemy UAV swarm can disable all UAVs simultaneously through a single electromagnetic pulse blast.” (Defence Industries 2026) Stunned, disarmed by God.

Psalms 76:7

“You, You indeed are to be feared, And who may stand in Your presence, once You are angry?” (NASB 2020)

The God who can simply make weapons drop out of the sky, and make the enemy disappear, is the one to fear.

The remnant has just witnessed this in real time. They fear the Lord because of who He is, but they are not being judged by Him. But there are those who were in that place of judgment. John talks about that in Revelation 6.



Revelation 6:15–17

“Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for **the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?**”” (ESV)

Ross explains this for us. “When God’s judgment issued from heaven to deliver the righteous (the afflicted), the earth stood in silence and awe. God’s wrath against wicked men results in believers praising Him and deters those who are not destroyed from giving full vent to their sins.” (Ross 1985, 850) It is totally our choice at the moment, do we bow to Him now as our Savior, or later as our judge.

Isaiah 45:23

“I have sworn by my own name; I have spoken the truth, and I will never go back on my word: Every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance to me.”” (NLT)

From the viewpoint of the remnant, God is to be honored, feared and obeyed. The actions He has done, the wondrous works He has done, have been for the behalf of the remnant as the avenger of blood, which is indeed the role Messiah is in when He returns. All this is being done to deliver them.

But for those who are being subjected to the wrath of God and the judgment connected with that, it is indeed His wrath.

Psalms 76:8–9

“You caused judgment to be heard from heaven; The earth feared and was still When God arose to judgment, To save all the humble of the earth. Selah” (NASB 2020)

God will not judge until it is the time to do so and it is an unusual task for Him when He does so Isaiah talked about that.

Isaiah 28:21–22

“For the LORD will rise up as at Mount Perazim, He will be stirred up as in the Valley of Gibeon, To do His task, His unusual task, And to work His work, His extraordinary work. And now do not carry on as scoffers, Or your shackles will be made stronger; For I have heard from the Lord GOD of armies Of decisive destruction on all the earth.” (NASB 2020)

John describes the events in heaven just prior to the return of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 15:5–8

“After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests. And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever, and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.” (ESV)

And yes, what Asaph says is indeed judgment at the end of the age. But he also has expanded a bit on it when he says to us this is to “save all the humble of the earth.” David Platt continues, “One day every person on the planet will stand before God as Judge. He will be just. God’s wrath is a demonstration of God’s just judgment. The wrath of God doesn’t just come out of nowhere. It’s not an emotional outburst, like we might think of fury in people. No, divine wrath is the inevitable expression of divine justice. If we take the time to consider, this is a good thing.” (Platt, Mason and Shaddix 2020, 242)



His judgment and wrath is an unusual work for Him. It is not what He normally does. Yet, He does indeed engage on behalf of us and His people. Who is this judge? His name is Jesus. "He is the Messiah promised in Psalm 72, the King who will rule with justice for the humble of the earth. Jesus identified himself as this great and final judge in John 5:22-23." (Johnston 2025, 326)

And with that we again are asked to meditate on what we have heard so far.

Psalm 76:10

"For the wrath of mankind shall praise You; You will encircle Yourself with a remnant of wrath."
(NASB 2020)

Man is in rebellion against God and has been since the events of Genesis 3. Across the planet today are those who rage against God and dare Him to act against them. Some of them become believers and repent of that, others do not. There exists a religion today, global in reach, that will indeed go into the Tribulation. This religion hates Christians and Jews and wants us dead. That has not changed since they first came out of the desert of to conquer most of the middle east, north Africa and portions of Europe.

God is actively using dreams and visions to reach this group today and many have come to Christ. Doyle and Webster tell us that "Today, we are in a showdown between the God of the Bible and the god of this world, and when we face off with Muslims, the confrontation is much like the one between Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. It centers on the question of the ages: who is the true God?" (Doyle and Webster 2012, 125)

The rage against the God of the Bible and it is that rage that winds up ultimately praise Him as they all will, either in this life as believers, or at the Great White Throne prior to being cast into hell forever.

I like how Charles Spurgeon discusses this. "Man with his breath of threatening is but blowing the trumpet of the Lord's eternal fame. Furious winds often drive vessels the more swiftly into port. The devil blows the fire and melts the iron, and then the Lord fashions it for his own purposes. Let men and devils rage as they may, they cannot do otherwise than subserve the divine purposes...The verse clearly teaches that even the most rampant evil is under the control of the Lord, and will in the end be overruled for his praise." (Spurgeon n.d., 304)

Someone who raged against God and against His people was used by the Lord to judge His people, Judah. Yet, we see this written by that same person after God humbled him.

Daniel 4:37

"Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt, and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just; and He is able to humble those who walk in pride." (NASB 2020)

Psalm 76:11–12

"Make vows to the LORD your God and fulfill them; All who are around Him are to bring gifts to Him who is to be feared. He will cut off the spirit of princes; He is feared by the kings of the earth." (NASB 2020)

Now we have a picture of the throne with Christ there. The armies of the world have been dealt with, the weapons of war are now gone and those who remain, who were subjected to man's wrath are now praising God. This is the beginning of 1,000 years of peace here on this planet since the King will rule and do so with an iron rod. He will personally restrain the wrath of anyone in leadership or anywhere on the planet.

The planet will gather to praise the Lord which is what is being spoken of here. Zechariah provides a clearer picture for us.



Zechariah 14:16–19

“Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths. And **if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; there shall be the plague with which the LORD afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.** This shall be the punishment to Egypt and the punishment to all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.” (ESV)

Back in Psalm 2, David provided us a view of what Asaph is now also showing us, Jesus on the throne.

Psalm 2:7–12

“I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ ” Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.” (NKJV)

Let’s pray.

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