

Vision of Splendor by Mark Scull- Study Two

The extolled Visions of the march of Israel in the Psalms **Slide 1**

We left Moses on the plains of Moab delivering his last words to the people of Israel:

After his great disappointment of not being allowed to enter the good land.

Slide 2

Let us look now at the words of Prophecy he uttered and the visions contained in these and the Psalms that extol the true significance of this epic journey in time.

Duet 33: 1-5 “saints “ “everyone received your words”

V3 “every one sat down at thy, feet and shall receive of thy words”

“You go Moses and tell us what God say’s we don’t want to hear anymore we might die”

A generation focused on death, opposed to a people focused on living “eternal life”

Slide 3

We need glorious visions of splendor to sustain us and motivate us!

Is this the real vision of the past see Deut 5 v 23-27

Or more significant a Vision of the March of the future Joshua the prophet greater than Moses leading his saints to the land.

We remember when Joshua set across the river Jordan the water receded to a place called Adam, just as the return of Christ will bring with him into the land the faithful from all ages back to the time of Adam.

Num 10:35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, **Rise up, O LORD**, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

Num 10:36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the ten thousands of the thousands of Israel.

Psa 68:1

Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let them also that hate him flee before him.

(Let Elohim Arise) “the mighty ones”

The Psalms presents us with visions of Glory of the Saints rule with Christ:

The Idea of the children of Israel marching triumphant to the land is fully realized now!

The Vision of Moses, Is the March of Christ and the saints,

Or we might also describe him as **“The March of the Rainbow Angel”**

We might ask why this vision of the children of Israel setting forward from Sinai is recorded with such splendid language when in fact it ended in disaster, as we know the Israelites failed to accept Yahweh's word and failed to enter the land at that time. So the whole enterprise is recorded in a new light, one of the redeemed in great confidence proceeding to subdue the nations and bring their glory to Jerusalem.

Psa 68:27 There is little Benjamin their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.

Psa 68:28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

Psa 68:29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem kings shall bring presents unto thee.

Hab 3:3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

Hab 3:4 And his brightness was as the light; he had rays coming forth from his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.

2 Slides of suggested return sequence of events:

Slide of Ezekiel 38:15

(why the hands) the reminder of the crucifixion of our lord and the glory he obtained as a result of his obedience unto death

Hab 3:5 Before him went the pestilence, and fiery bolts went forth at his feet.

Hab 3:6 He stood, and measured the earth; he beheld, and drove asunder the nations: and the eternal mountains were scattered, the everlasting hills did bow; his goings were *as* of old.

Hab 3:7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

Read Colossians 3:3-4 Hid with Christ and appear with him in glory.

Col 3:3 For ye died, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Col 3:4 When Christ, *who is our life*, shall be manifested, then shall ye also with him be manifested in glory.

Isaiah 63:1-4

Q- *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?

A- *"It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."*

Q- *Why is your apparel red, and your garments like the one who treads in the wine press?*

A- *"I have trodden the wine trough alone, and from the peoples there was no man with me.*

I also trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath;

And their lifeblood is sprinkled on my garments, and I stained all my raiment.

For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption has come".

Remember when Israel journeyed to the land they went around Edom, (the way of the wilderness) now the One who is majestic in his apparel comes through Edom in judgment

Israel in trouble calls on Yahweh their redeemer to save them;

Isa 63:13-16 and Ch 64:4-8

V7 repeats the words from the song of Witness by Moses in Deut 32:20 “hides his face”

Refer Isa 63:17 “Return for your servants sake” (Christ)

Can we imagine when the God of Abraham, Moses sends his son as the Lion of Judah to execute vengeance and Judgment on the nations and end forever the humiliation of his people Israel.

Isa 63:18 Isa 63:18 Thy holy people possessed *it* but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary.

Zech 14:2 the city shall be taken

Zech 14:9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall the LORD be one, and his name one

The world is to soon see great things, and frightening things as the judgment comes to this earth against ungodly nations. SO that they can be prepared for the beautification of Zion and the earth to be cleansed and filled with God’s glory.

Slide of 2 Peter 1:19-21

“ And we have the word of prophecy *made* more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day–star arise in your hearts: “

Psa 50:1 <A Psalm of Asaph.> God, *even* God, the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

Psa 50:2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined forth.

Psa 50:3 **Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.**

Psa 50:4 He shall call to the heavens above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

Psa 50:5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

What sacrifice!

Refer Psa 50:10-14 All beast are mine offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your Vow’s

Look at the Vision of Habakkuk Ch 2:”1-4 “run and read it.... Make it Plain” same word as Deut 27:8

RSV ” He who’s soul is not upright in him shall fail “ “**but the just shall live by faith”**

What a summary of God’s desire for his people:

FROM SINAI TO ZION

Extol him who rides through the wilderness by his name, Yah! - Psalm 68:4

This hymn of praise opens with the prayer of Moses said at the outset of each day's wilderness journey.*

* With differences: 68:1 God is addressed as *elohim* instead of Yahweh.

"In the wilderness prepare ye the way of YHWH,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God"

***Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain;
O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength;
lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!
Behold, the Lord Yahweh will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him:***

"This cry in the wilderness etc. is taken as commentators, Barnes, etc. inform us from the approach of a mighty Conqueror, and is expressive of irresistible power and of a triumphant march... and the results of this triumphal appearance in deliverance and rule" [19]

He cites Numbers 24:17-18 as evidence of this In the prophecies of Balaam

*I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; A star shall come forth from Jacob,
A scepter shall rise from Israel, And shall crush through the forehead of Moab, And tear down all the sons of Sheth.*

***Edom shall be a possession, Seir, its enemies, also will be a possession, While Israel performs valiantly.
Out of Jacob shall come he that will have dominion.***

In the preceding verses, however, there is mention of a coming out of Egypt:

His king shall be higher than Agag, And his kingdom shall be exalted.

God brings him out of Egypt, He is for him like the horns of the wild ox He will devour the nations who are his adversaries, And will crush their bones in pieces, And shatter them with his arrows.

There then follows some symbolism drawn directly from Jacob's blessing of Judah:

***He crouches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him?
Blessed is everyone who blesses you, And cursed is everyone who curses you.***

This is found in Genesis 49:9-11:

***Judah is a lion's whelp... he couches, he lies down as a lion,
And as a lion, who dares rouse him up?
The scepter [also mentioned in Numbers 24:17] shall not depart from Judah,
Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples***

In summary scholarship informs us that sources around the time of Jesus from both inside and outside the bible bear witness to Israel's expectation that their saviour would come to them from the wilderness.

Reference: Furthermore, they do so with an uncharacteristic degree of uniformity. We have learned that the reason this belief had come to be so widely spread and deeply rooted was twofold.

First it was due to the centrality of the desert to Israel's self identity, being drawn from their story of national origins. This was commemorated yearly in the three major festivals- Passover recalled the night of the exodus, Pentecost, the giving of the torah at Sinai and Tabernacles, the wilderness wanderings prior to the conquest of the land. Secondly it was due to the ministry of the prophets, most notably Hosea and Isaiah, who promised Israel's final and permanent restoration to the land in the age to come in terms of a recapitulation of the exodus events.

It should be clear from all this that the Messianic March through the wilderness is a genuine glimpse into the thoughts and symbols which animated the minds of Jesus, John the Baptist and their contemporaries.

Ironically, it is modern scholarship combined with recent historical research methods and assisted by documents unearthed subsequently that have come to confirm much of what they set out. Truly the witness of these serious academics who now find themselves endorsing such wacky speculation is evidence of the fact that the secret of Yahweh is indeed with those who stand in awe of him.

Just as the event of the first advent of Christ was overlooked by the world at large the details of his second coming will be much the same:

- **Prophecies surrounding Armageddon that fit with this Vision:**

Let us now consider some prophecies that interestingly marry with this picture of Christ and his saints coming from the wilderness to Israel

The prophet Daniel gives us a striking Vision in ch 11 v 40-45

Dan 11:44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: and he shall go forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to make away many.

Dan 11:45 And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

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Hab 3:5 Before him went the pestilence, **and fiery bolts went forth at his feet.**

Like Zechariah in the Battle of Armageddon and the fiery judgment of those come to destroy Israel:

Zec 14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

Zec 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and*

there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Zec 14:12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the peoples that have warred against Jerusalem: their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their sockets, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

The Song of Moses in Deut 32:43

(Darby) Shout for joy, ye nations, with his people, For he avengeth the blood of his servants, And rendereth vengeance to his enemies, And maketh atonement for his land, for his people.

(YLT) Sing ye nations-- *with* his people, For the blood of His servants He avengeth, And vengeance He turneth back on His adversaries, And hath pardoned His land--His people.'

A time of the redemption and cleansing of the land and the people of Israel as described in

More detail in Eze ch 36'

Final slides: Slide 2 Thess 1:7-10

2Th 1:7 and to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of his power

2Th 1:8 in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus:

2Th 1:9 who shall suffer punishment, *even* eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might,

2Th 1:10 **when he shall come to be glorified in his saints**, and to be marveled at in all them that believed (because our testimony unto you was believed) in that day.

Conclusion:

Can we see ourselves in this splendid vision? WOW what a time is coming soon on this earth.

Slide Isa 41: 18-20

Isa 41:18 I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

Isa 41:19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, the pine, and the box tree together:

Isa 41:20 that they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

Slide Mathew 13:43

Mat 13:43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He that hath ears, let him hear.

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