

Psalm 29

Psalms 29:1-2 [New King James] *“Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.”*

The towering majesty of the Creator God, the Word of God, [John 1:1-3, 14] Jesus Christ.

The Psalm starts in the heavens at God’s throne.

The Hebrew translated “mighty ones” is “bên êl” **created sons of God, angelic beings**, [Job 1:6; Job 38:4-7].

Psalms 29:3-9 [New King James] *“The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon. He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, and strips the forests bare; and in His temple everyone says, ‘Glory!’”*

The Word of God is interpreted as thunder [verse 3], but it is emphasised as his proclaiming the Almighty’s power over all creation.

Psalms 29:10-11 [New King James] *“The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood, and the LORD sits as King forever. The LORD will give strength to His people; the LORD will bless His people with peace.”*

The word “flood” is significant, for it is found elsewhere in **Genesis chapters 6-11**, Noah’s flood.

This was the supreme example of natural forces being purposefully unleashed as an instrument of judgement and salvation.

Matthew 24:37-39 [New King James] *“But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*

Jesus Christ links His Second Coming with great events in the sky and on the earth, [verses 29-30]. This is after the great tribulation that humanity brings on itself, [verses 21-22].

Luke 17:26-30 [New King James] *“And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.”*

Luke adds another dramatic event to the time of Jesus Christ’s Second Coming.

God has at times used the natural forces, that are part of life on earth, to correct human behaviour and centre their attention on their Creator God.

Hebrews 12:5-11 [New King James] *“And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: ‘My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are*

rebuked by Him; for whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.' If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

God may use physical events in our lives to give us "course correction" when we stray from His way of life, we should thank Him for this as it is our eventual salvation He has in mind.