

OUR REFUGE IN THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO

Psalm 46

Ps.46 has 3 stanzas—vv.1-3, vv.4-7 & vv.8-11—each ends with the word _____, probably a musical notation. Each stanza assures us that God is our _____; the first begins with these words; the last 2 end with them

I. GOD IS OUR REFUGE DURING _____ CATASTROPHES 46:1-3

A. The Most _____ Description of God in the Bible

- 1) God is our _____ : NKJV translates 2 different words in this psalm by the English word “refuge”
 - a) The word in v.1 means “a place where we can _____ from danger”: Christians shelter in God!
 - b) In vv.7 & 11, the word comes from Heb.root that means “cliff” & is often translated _____
- 2) God is our _____ : in the current crisis, we need to ability to bear up under new responsibilities
- 3) God is a very _____ help in trouble (old KJV): whenever we need help, God is always there!

B. An Example of a Worst-Case Scenario from _____

- 1) Vv.2-3 describe a literal _____; the mention of water indicates that it may include a tsunami
- 2) But vv.2-3 may be a metaphor for “personal earthquakes”—when things fall _____ in our lives

II. GOD IS OUR REFUGE DURING _____ EMERGENCIES 46:4-7

It is easy to lose track of the psalmist at v.4; he shifts focus & abruptly starts talking about a _____

A. The Clues

- 1) _____ built a 1750' aqueduct thru solid rock and redirected a spring to a reservoir in Jerusalem
- 2) Verse 6 speaks of nations raging against _____ and God promises to be their fortress
- 3) Verse 6 also mentions that God will deliver His people just at the break of _____

B. The Story (2 Kings 18-19)

- 1) Sennacherib, king of world-power Assyria sent his armies to besiege Jerusalem; they _____ God
- 2) Hezekiah asked Isaiah to intercede and he spread out the _____ of the Assyrians before God
- 3) Thru Isaiah, God promised that the Assyrians would not _____ Jerusalem but return to their land
- 4) In one night the _____ of the LORD went out and struck down 185,000 of the Assyrians

III. GOD IS OUR REFUGE DURING ESCHATOLOGICAL _____ 46:8-11

A. According to vv.8-9 God will bring about the end of war and weapons through _____
When? In the last days—the end of Tribulation and the end of Millennium: _____

B. “Be still and know that I am God,” is a well-known verse that most of us yank out of its _____

- 1) In context, God is not seeking to comfort, but is demanding that all men bow to His _____
- 2) The NT parallel is Philippians 2:9-11: “that at the name of Jesus every knee should _____”

C. This final stanza ends with a _____ refrain, “The LORD of hosts is with us; God ... is our refuge.”

- 1) God is our refuge from the worst-case scenario of final judgment only if we are one of God’s _____
- 2) To be one of God’s people we must repent—bow to God’s _____ and believe the gospel—trust Jesus to bear our sins by dying on the _____ in our place