

June 11
Psalm 78

The Past

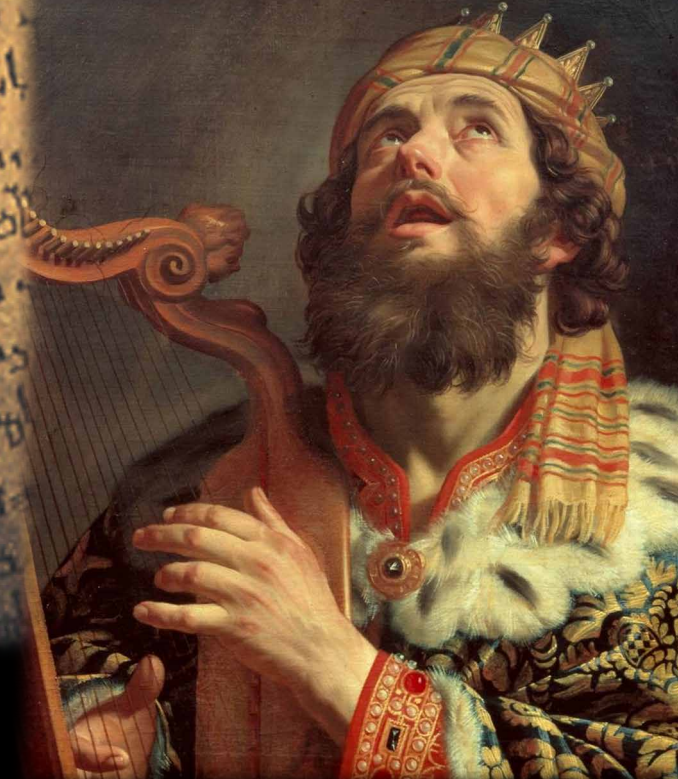
They remembered that God was their Rock

Great Psalms Scroll, c. A.D. 30-50
Found 1956, Qumran, Dead Sea

FBC Woodville
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King David Playing the Harp, c. 1622
Gerard van Honthorst (1592-1656)



Intriguing –

The Great Psalms Scroll


in 1946, scrolls found in Qumran, Dead Sea (972)

in 1956, 10 yrs later, **Great Psalms Scroll** in Cave 11

Great Psalms Scroll praises King David's works

Astoundingly claims David authored 3,600 psalms
plus 364 for each day, 52 weeklies, 30 for sacrifices

Boldly claiming David authored upward of **4,050!**

 **Great Psalms Scroll 13.9 FEET**

Dated circa A.D. 30-50



Psalms – Songs to or about God

1. June 4	The Path	<u>1</u>	Tree Planted by Streams
2. June 11	The Past	<u>78</u>	God was Their Rock
3. June 18	The Shepherd	<u>23</u>	Lord is My Shepherd
4. June 25	Our Response	<u>138</u>	Gratitude for Keeping Thy Word
5. July 2	His Presence	<u>84</u>	How Lovely Your House
6. July 9	The Creator	<u>95</u>	TODAY, if you Hear, Harden Not
7. July 16	God Revealed	<u>19</u>	Heavens Declare God's Glory
8. July 23	His Love	<u>136</u>	Love Endures Forever
9. July 30	His Faithfulness	<u>146</u>	Whose Help is God
10. Aug 6	The Confession	<u>51</u>	Whiter than Snow
11. Aug 13	The Cleansing	<u>32</u>	My Hiding Place
12. Aug 20	The Protector	<u>141</u>	Protect Me from the Trap
13. Aug 27	The Longing	<u>42</u>	Deep Calls unto Deep



Theme

We can learn from the past as we observe God's faithfulness in contrast to humanity's unfaithfulness

Psalm 78

<i>verse</i>	1-4	Utter Hidden Things of Old
	5-8	Teach for the Future
	9-31	Rebels Eat Bread of Angels
	32-37	Remember the Past
	38-39	Compassion in the Present
	40-51	Vexed God Unleashes Wrath
	65-72	Lord Awoke as from Sleep

Key Verse Psalm 78:35

**They remembered that God
was their Rock, that God Most
High was their Redeemer.**





Alternate Title

Anyone want to guess ... the alternate title?

The Rock

A Ballad of God's Grace

Psalm 78:1 ... and Great Musician Asaph

A Maskil Psalm of Asaph ... opens with

Psalm 78:1, Give ear, O my people ...

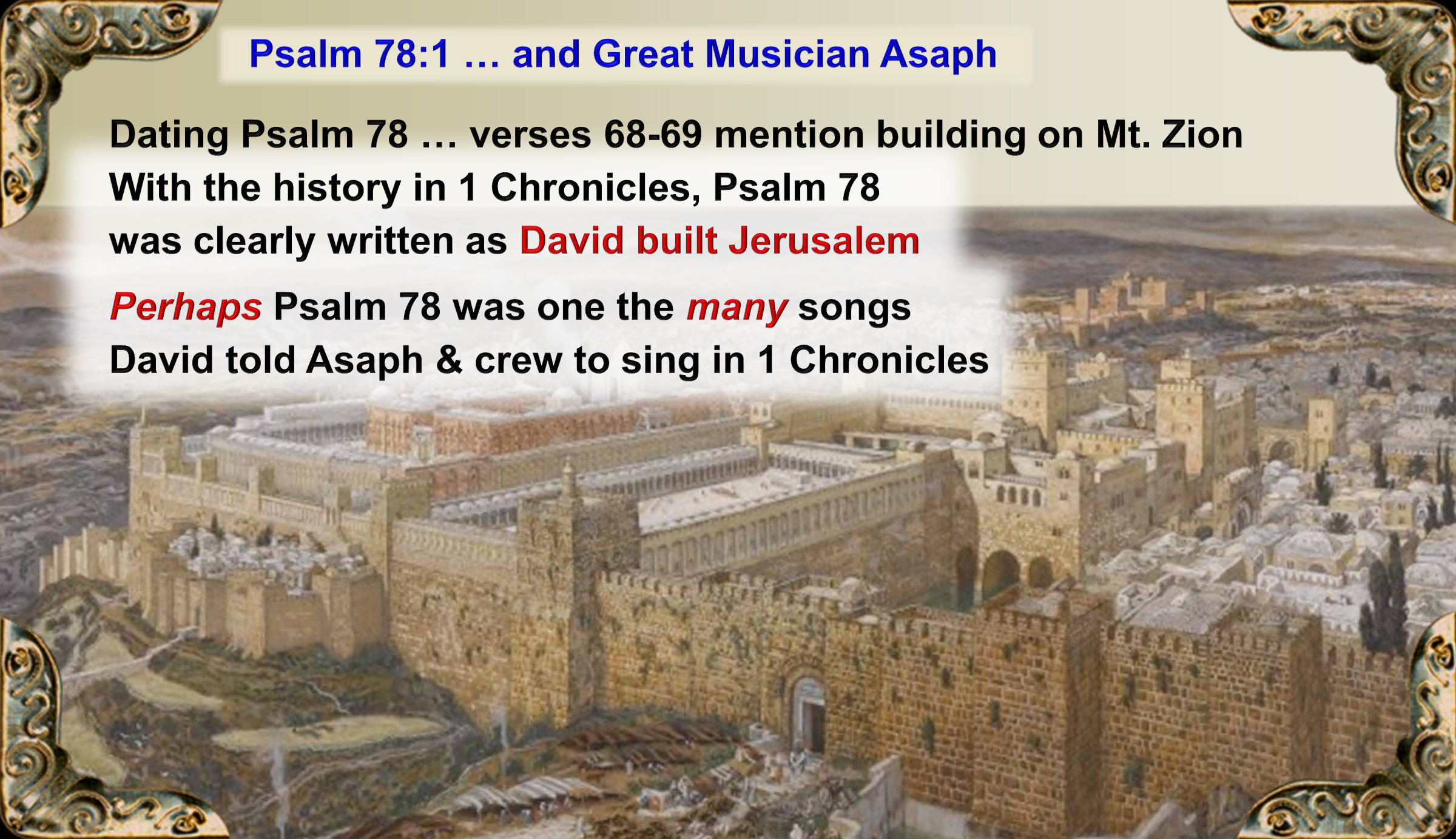
John I. Durham in the *Broadman Bible Commentary* (1971) said

The poet characterizes ... the RIDDLE of man's disobedience despite God's marvelous and effective Presence, and the RIDDLE of God's continued grace.

Asaph was King David's Chief Musician
more on this later

Psalm 78:1 ... and Great Musician Asaph

Dating Psalm 78 ... verses 68-69 mention building on Mt. Zion
With the history in 1 Chronicles, Psalm 78
was clearly written as **David built Jerusalem**
Perhaps Psalm 78 was one the *many* songs
David told Asaph & crew to sing in 1 Chronicles



Psalm 78:1-4 – Utter Hidden Things of Old

Psalm 78 opens with “A Miskal of Asaph” – 72 verses
Asaph wrote Psalms 50 & 73-83 – eleven Psalms

¹ My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.

²⁻³ I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old—things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

In T.O.D.*—D. H. Mollerus said in 1639 “**utter hidden things**” means:

fountain which pours forth water abundantly.... gush forth, or bubble up. The heart of teachers in the Church ought to be full, ready to pour forth those streams by which the Church is watered. Their spring ought not to become exhausted, and fail in the summer.

Hidden Things of Old?



See Video Here: www.YouTube.com/watch?v=bYI_aOyCn9Y

Psalm 78:1-4 – Utter Hidden Things of Old

Asaph continues,

⁴ We will not hide them from their descendants [their CHILDREN]; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

In T.O.D.*—Spurgeon said of “not hide them from your children”:

The best education is education in the best things.

The first lesson for a child should be concerning his mother's God. Teach him what you will, if he learn not the fear of the Lord, he will perish for lack of knowledge.

Grammar is poor food for the soul if it be not flavoured with grace. Every satchel should have a Bible in it.

Psalm 78:1-4 – Utter Hidden Things of Old

Asaph continues,

⁴ We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

Asaph opens with a plea ... LISTEN ...

In a creative negative, they **WILL NOT HIDE** these from their children

**I will utter hidden things of old
that is: things they **SHOULD** know already**

Will not hide ... why?

Because good CHILDREN want to know the truth!

Deserve to know the truth!

Asaph ... Music *Integral* to Israel's Foundation

Asaph – who is Asaph?

Who? ... *here's a painting*

After listing the heads of the tribes of Levi in 1 Chron. 6

1 Chron. 6:31-48 – Musicians

6:31, **These are the men**

David put in charge of the music in the House of the LORD after the ark came to rest there.

Temple to be built by Solomon

David Playing the Harp, c. 1670
by Jan de Bray (1627-97)



David

Asaph

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1 Chron. 6:32, They ministered with music before the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, until Solomon built the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem....

1 Chron. 6:33-39, From the Kohathites: **Heman**, the musician, the son of Joel ...

> *then* Heman's lineage to 22nd “**son of**”!

Verse 39 noting “Heman's associate **Asaph**, who served at his right hand: Asaph, the son of Berekiah”

> *then* Asaph's lineage to 14th “**son of**”!

v44 – their associates, the **Merarites**



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Heman = “Faithful” ... Asaph = “Convener/Collector”

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Recall 1 Chron. 6:31,
**These are the men DAVID PUT
IN CHARGE of the music in the
House of the LORD after the ark
came to rest there.**

Heman & Asaph, and their
associates the Merarites

Heman wrote Psalm 88

Asaph wrote Psalms 50 & 73-83

David means "*Beloved*," writing 73 of the 150 psalms—HALF,
perhaps others—Dead Sea Great Psalms Scroll saying 4,050

David—only person so named in Bible—not *merely* the King

David was the Music Director!



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Music—part of *LIFE* in Israel

Remember the first instance
after the flood Gen. 31:27

Laban to Jacob ... music was
Expected to keep Honor sacred

David *ELEVATED* music ...
Institutionalized it in the Temple

Asaph's star rose more & more
and rose for 500-plus years!

Music Critical to Worship



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1 Chronicle 15 ... David built himself a palace

1 Chron. 15:16-19, David asks Levites to gather musicians

There we see Heman, Asaph & the Merarites are **RELATIVES**

Von Trapp Singers

Babin Singers ... The Gathers

Ark is moved w MUSIC, rams' horns, trumpets, cymbals, lyres & harps—*great fanfare!*

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Who was Asaph?

1 Chronicle 16, w/ palace built
David provides for Tent-Temple

1 Chron. 16:4-5, David got the
Levites to minister before Ark

⁵ ASAPH WAS THE CHIEF,
and next to him in rank were
Zechariah, then Jaaziel, etc....

Then, David GAVE a Psalm
for Asaph & crew to sing

1 Chron. 16:8-36 is a Great Psalm

David or Asaph wrote that majestic Psalm



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Who was Asaph?

1 Chronicle 25, David & the Commanders of his army set apart Asaph & crew again!

This musical FAMILY rocked!

1 Chron. 25:6-7, **All under the supervision of their father.... Asaph, Jeduthun & Heman were under the supervision of the King.**

⁷ their relatives ... skilled in music for the LORD—they numbered 288.

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Asaph ... 250 years later
Under the good King Hezekiah

1 Chron. 29:30, **King Hezekiah**
and his officials ordered the
Levites to praise the LORD
with the words of **DAVID AND**
OF ASAPH THE SEER. So they
sang praises with gladness....

Music to God was a ...

Selah ... wait ... wait for it ...

Crucial Government Function



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Not all ... 250 yrs after Hezekiah
after the Babylonian exile

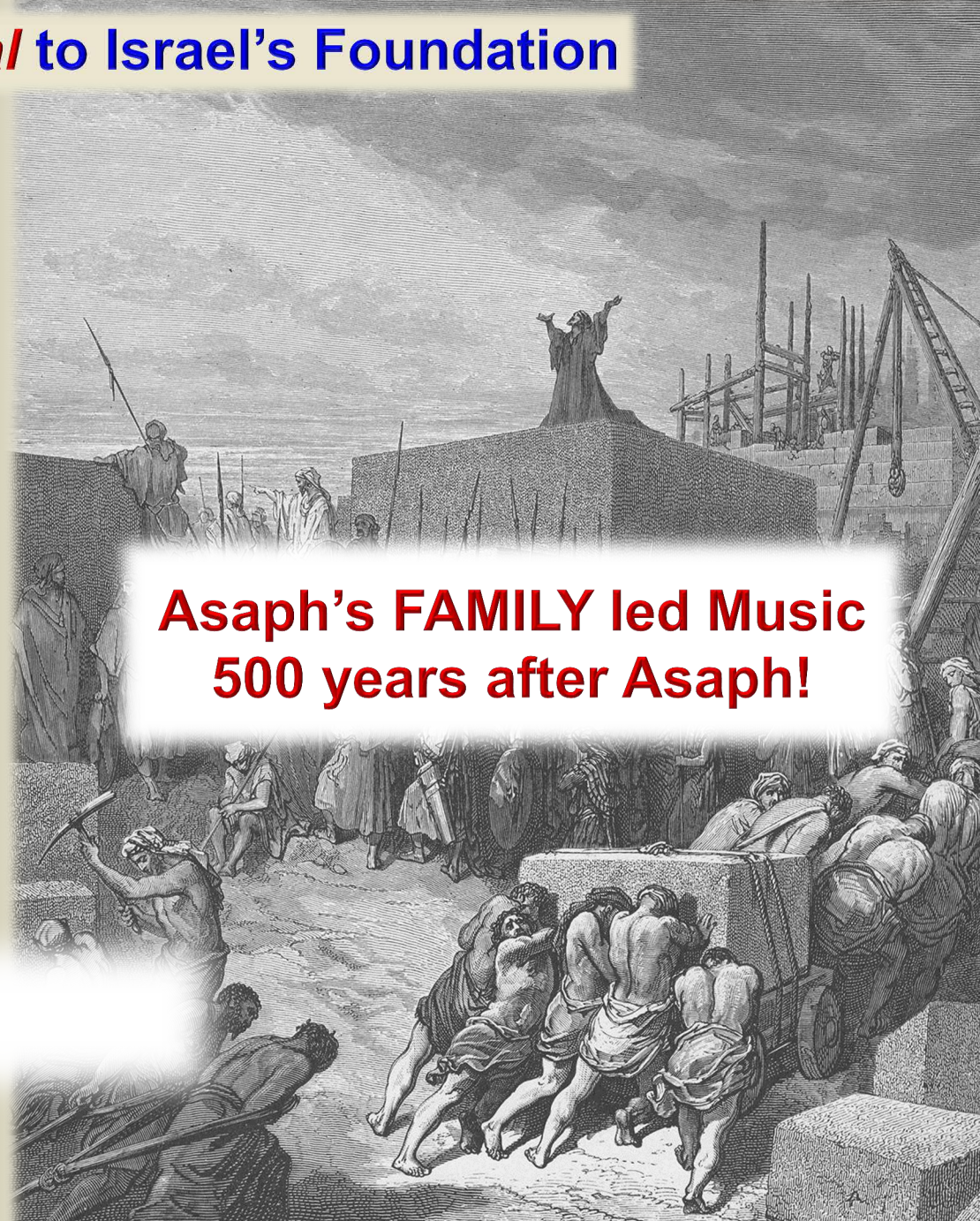
That is ... 500 yrs after Asaph

Ezra is rebuilding the Temple

Ezra 3:10, When the builders had laid
the foundation of the LORD's temple,
the priests ... holding trumpets, and
the Levites descended from Asaph,
holding cymbals, took their positions
to praise the LORD, as King David of
Israel had instructed.

Priests and Musicians together!

Ezra Rebuilding Temple
by Gustave Doré (1832-83)



**Asaph's FAMILY led Music
500 years after Asaph!**

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More ... 500 yrs after Asaph

Governor Nehemiah

President Nehemiah in 11-12
details the vast logistics of
repopulating Jerusalem

PLUS reconstitution of music!

Choirs 1 & 2 ... instruments

Critical part of Israel's *LIFE*

Read Neh. 12 for much more

12:29, the musicians had built
villages for themselves
around Jerusalem.

David Playing the Harp, c. 1670
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Listen to this ...

Neh. 12:40, two choirs that
gave thanks then took their
places in the House of God;
SO DID I, together with half
the **OFFICIALS** ...

yes ... the President *with* his
cabinet were NOT complete

Without his Choir & Director!

Wish that was the case today
One day it **WILL** be ...

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Merarites

David

Heman

Asaph



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You'll LOVE this ...

Nehemiah 12 closes with some astounding provisions for the musicians ...

12:45 They performed the service of their God ... as did also the musicians ... according to the commands of David and his son Solomon.

46 For long ago, in the days of David and Asaph, there had been DIRECTORS for the musicians and for the songs of praise and thanksgiving to God.



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500 years Later – David & Asaph!
Foundation of Israel included Music

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If you loved that ... you REALLY love this
Nehemiah 12:47

⁴⁷ So in the days of Zerubbabel and of
Nehemiah, all Israel contributed the
daily portions for the musicians....

That is ... per David and Asaph ...

That is ... recalling the heritage ...

That is ... as a CRITICAL part of the Temple



Directors of Music as Crucial as the Priests

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Who was Asaph?

Asaph was Mozart ... Beethoven ...

David could play the Harp, yes ...

But Asaph was David's MUSICIAN

Asaph & family ... led music, yet MORE

Asaph LIVED & BREATHED Music

You know a few like that ... can sing
dozens of songs WITHOUT a hymnal

Pinch him or her ... Musical Notes appear on their skin

GOD GIFTED Musicians



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Who was Asaph?

God called Asaph to Lead Music ...

God led David to make MUSIC *important*

Critical ... Crucial ... Integral ... to Worship

Make Offerings ... Make Music

i.e., in case you have not yet perceived

No Song or Music ... No Full Worship

500 Years AFTER David & Asaph ... they are followed, memorialized

Who was Asaph?

David & Asaph = Foundation of Church Music



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No Music ... No Worship?

My friend, Walter Fink, questioned ...

He's right—one CAN worship *without* music.

Funny, we have a Psalm that **SINGS** such:

Psalm 46:10, “Be STILL & Know that I am God.”

The deaf, dumb and blind CAN worship, too.

It's true—one CAN worship without music.

Yet, the highest or fullest form of worship

CANNOT be attained *WITHOUT* song or music.

We are not talking solely about instruments ...



Music includes the song & the HOLY Melody of the Heart

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Highest worship is not mere obedience.

Ephesians 5:19, “**Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.**

Sing and make music in your HEARTS to the Lord.”

One CAN worship quietly alone in the woods.

Yet, the Bible is crystal CLEAR ...

Music & Song are CRITICAL to Full Worship!

Can one look at the Miracle of LIFE ... ?

Can one look at the Starry Host ... ?

And NOT Sing a Praise to God? ... How can one NOT sing?

See God's WORK—the noble heart *WORSHIPS*, spilling forth PRAISE

Best Thanksgiving SPRINGS from a Grateful Heart



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There is an honest worship with words.

There is an honest & true worship by the choice of our volition & will in OBEDIENCE.

Yet the worship called for most of all ...

Full worship is MORE than mere obedience.

Full worship *RESPONDS* to God's grace ...

Full worship is *THANKING* God ...

Full worship is *PRAISING* God ...

The BEST thanking & praising are WITH song ...

BEST Praises are with Song & Music ... so ... that is WHY God

Calls & GIFTS Directors & Makers of Music



Asaph ... Music *Integral* to Israel's Foundation

Asaph is credited with 11 Psalms, *Songs*
Psalms 50 and 73-83

Sadly ... so much is MISSING in the Bible

If the Dead Sea Scrolls are right, and our
beloved David wrote 4,000-plus songs

And 73 Psalms are directly related to David

Then we **KNOW** Mozart von Asaph
wrote many, *many* more psalms



Maybe Psalms 50 and 73-83 were Asaph's best songs ... perhaps
At the very least, these eleven were the most remembered.

Don't you wish we had ALL of the songs of Asaph?

Psalm 78 is called “A Maskil of Asaph”

“Maskil” = rooted in “Wisdom or Insight”

There are 13 “Maskil” Psalms

32, 42, 45, 52-55, 74, 78, 88, 89, 142

Two Asaph Psalms 74 & 78 are “Maskils”

David's Psalms 52-55 are “Maskils”

Remember, David or Asaph COULD have written many other of the 150 Psalms

Asaph's Psalm 78 is a “Maskil” ... *though not certain of the meaning*

Root of “Maskil” is *Wisdom, Insight* ... as in a Wise Psalm

Or a Psalm meant to be Meditated Upon FOR Wisdom



Notice a convention used

23-30 – God Opened Heaven ... Rained Manna, Bread of Angels

³¹ God's anger rose against them; he put to death the sturdiest among them, cutting down the young men of Israel.

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• Verses Regular Size in Blue indicate *OUTLINE* of verses

• Verses Superscripted in Blue indicate a *QUOTING* of a verse

We are not going to read the whole of Psalm 78

Psalm 78:5-8 – Teach for the Future

Psalm 78 opened with Asaph asked Israel to LISTEN

A “Maskil” – wise to remember & take in DEEP these words

⁵⁻⁶ He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

⁷ Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

⁸ They would not be like their ancestors—a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

The statutes, laws—PASS ONTO YOUR CHILDREN

Psalm 78:9-31 – Rebels Eat Bread of Angels

Asaph RECALLS those things “of OLD” that they should KNOW

9-12 – Ephraim turned back, forgot ...

Ephraim—famed for being brave warriors & Bowmen

No biblical instance of Ephraim’s cowardice—so much missing

They did loose some battles ... abandoned House of David

Later, “Ephraim” would be known as the Northern Kingdom

13-16 – God divided the seas ... Cloud by day ... Split rock for water

17-20 – Israel rebelled ... Put God to test ... Spoken against God ...

Psalm 78:9-31 – Rebels Eat Bread of Angels

Asaph RECALLS those things “of OLD” that they should KNOW

21 – LORD furious ... Fire ... Wrath against Israel ...

22 – Israel did not believe ...

23-30 – God Opened Heaven ... Rained Manna, Bread of Angels

In T.O.D.*—Spurgeon said of “bread of angels”:

Such a marvel ought to have rendered unbelief impossible: when clouds become granaries, seeing should be believing, and doubts should dissolve.

The great storehouse doors were set wide open, and the corn of heaven poured out in heaps.



Psalm 78:9-31 – Rebels Eat Bread of Angels

Asaph – The Ballad of God's Grace unfolds our heart before God

23-30 – God Opened Heaven ... Rained Manna, Bread of Angels

³¹ God's anger rose against them; he put to death the sturdiest among them, cutting down the young men of Israel.

cycle of rebellion seems to never end

As God's Grace Never Seems to End



Psalm 78:32-37 – Remember the Past

Asaph then interprets the history ...

**³² In spite of all this, they kept on sinning;
in spite of his wonders, they did not believe.**

³³ So he ended their days in FUTILITY and their YEARS IN TERROR.

**³⁴ Whenever God slew them, they would seek him;
they eagerly turned to him again.**

Futility can be translated *vapor, breath*—exhaled to disappear

If a FAVORITE Psalm, Song ... it's LONG ... we're just midway

Feels like a somber ballad ... a tear jerker ... Ode to Billie Joe

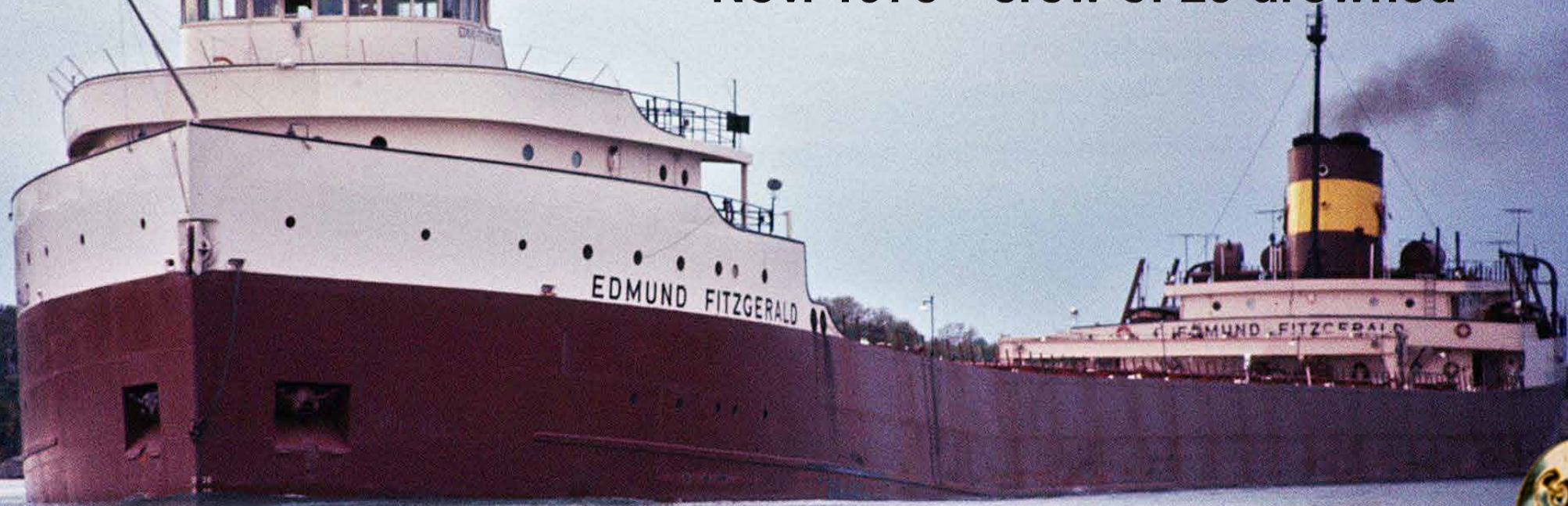
or like Gordon Lightfoot's the Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald

Edmund Fitzgerald

Commissioned in 1958 ...

largest Great Lakes freighter

**Sank in a Lake Superior storm in
Nov. 1975—crew of 29 drowned**



**Gordon Lightfoot read a 1975 *Newsweek* art. "The Cruellest Month"
wrote the song, "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald"**

Psalm 78:32-37 – Remember the Past

Some of you know that old sad ballad ...

Men saying their final fair-thee-wells as the ship goes down

And so many other ballads ... that touch your heart

- ✓ “Me and Bobby McGee”
- ✓ “I Will Always Love You”
- ✓ Our blessed “National Anthem”



What about YOU? ...

We probably SHOULD read the whole of Psalm 78 ... stem to stern

But our time would not allow us to EXPLORE it ...

Part of the reason we will NOT read all ... so much of it is OLD

So much of it does NOT take us back to OUR history

Psalm 78:32-37 – Remember the Past

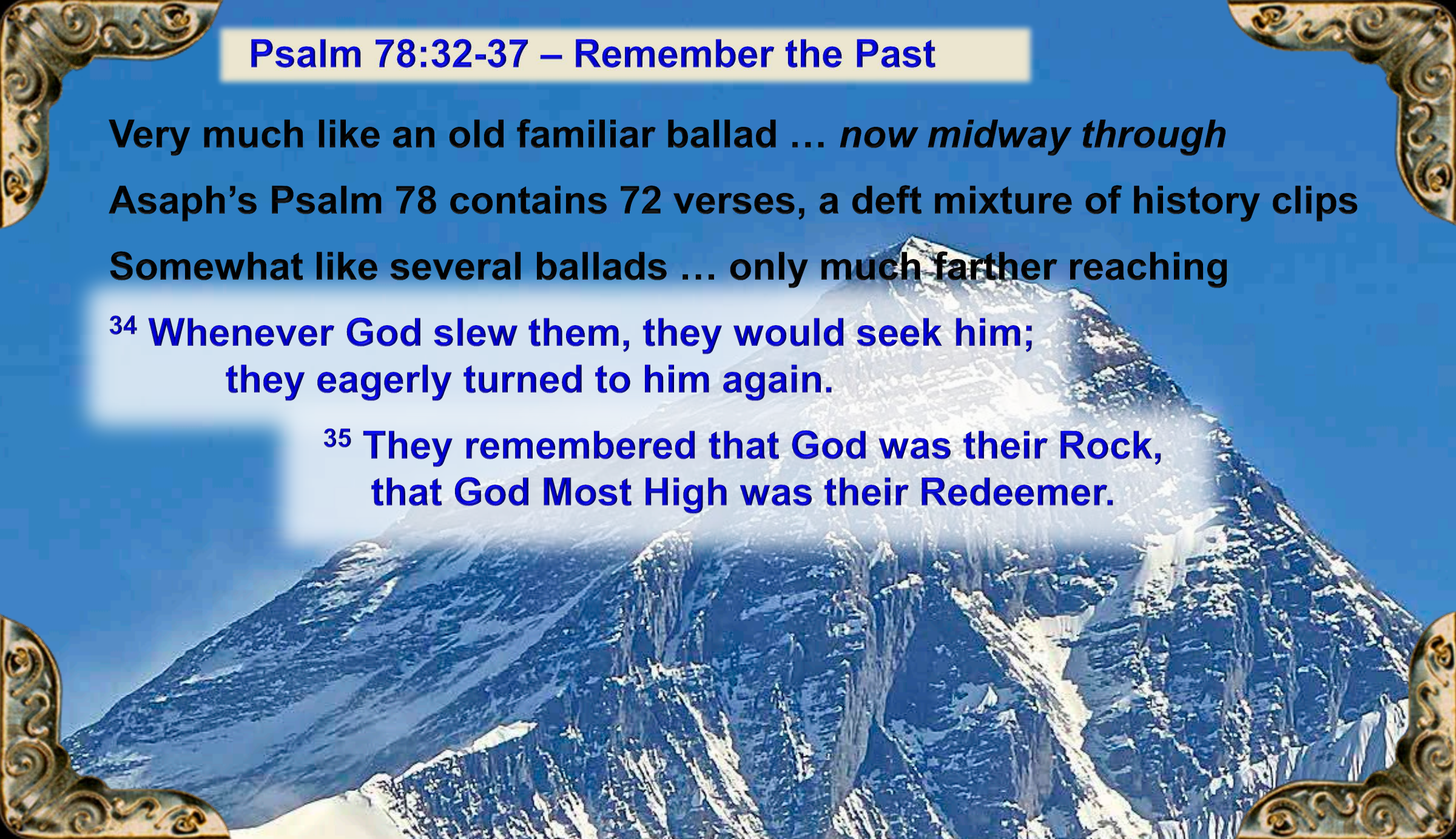
Very much like an old familiar ballad ... *now midway through*

Asaph's Psalm 78 contains 72 verses, a deft mixture of history clips

Somewhat like several ballads ... only much farther reaching

³⁴ Whenever God slew them, they would seek him;
they eagerly turned to him again.

³⁵ They remembered that God was their Rock,
that God Most High was their Redeemer.



**³⁵ They remembered that God was their Rock,
that God Most High was their Redeemer.**

**On this verse, in T.O.D.*—Spurgeon said,
Sharp strokes awoke their sleepy memories.
Reflection followed infliction....
for he alone had been their shelter,
their foundation, their fountain of supply,
and their unchangeable friend.**

Psalm 78:32-37 – Remember the Past

But then ... to THEIR ROCK ...

³⁶⁻³⁷ But then they would flatter him with their mouths, lying to him with their tongues; their hearts were not loyal to him, they were not faithful to his covenant.

If this is a FAVORITE Psalm ... Song of Israel

it is a LONG one



Psalm 78:38-39 – Compassion in the Present

Then Asaph smiles ...

The Ballad of God's Grace turns to mercy

³⁸ Yet he was merciful; he forgave their iniquities and did not destroy them. Time after time he restrained his anger and did not stir up his full wrath.

**³⁹ He remembered that they were but flesh,
a passing breeze that does not return.**

FLESH ... weak ... human ... earthy ... often fickle ...

FLESH ... passionate ... then lacking conviction ...

Then, the Great Asaph, the Chief Musician ...

Asaph sings to his audience, a great choir behind him

Asaph continues the somber Ballad of God's Grace

Btw – by an old
reckoning, v. 38
is the center
of the Psalms

Psalm 78:40-51 – Vexed God Unleashes Wrath

40 – Rebelled in the wilderness ... Grieved him in the wasteland!

41 – Again & again ... Vexed the Holy One ...

42-43 They did not remember his power—the day he redeemed them from the oppressor, the day he displayed his signs in Egypt....

44 – River to blood ... Flies ... Frogs ... Grasshoppers ... Hail ...

49-51 – God unleashed hot anger ... band of destroying angels.

52-54 – Yet, God led them like SHEEP ... Safely ... to Border ...

55 – He drove out nations before them ...

56-58 – Rebelled ... Faithless ... Unreliable as a faulty bow.

Ohh, from time to time, we **NEED** to go back to our roots

Psalm 78:40-51 – Vexed God Unleashes Wrath

It behooves us ALL to take an inventory ... honest and straight

Very, very much reminds me of a Randy Travis song

Sometimes ... we need to be DRAGGED through the valley ...

Kind of reminds of a ballad made popular by

Country Crooner Randy Travis

written by Paul Overstreet, Al Gore,

and Nat Stuckey in 1986 ...

1986 is a still a far piece away now ...

Yet in 1986, Travis hit the top of the charts –

#1 – in both U.S. & Canada

Still played on the your

Country Stations today



“Diggin’ Up Bones” by Randy Travis, 1986

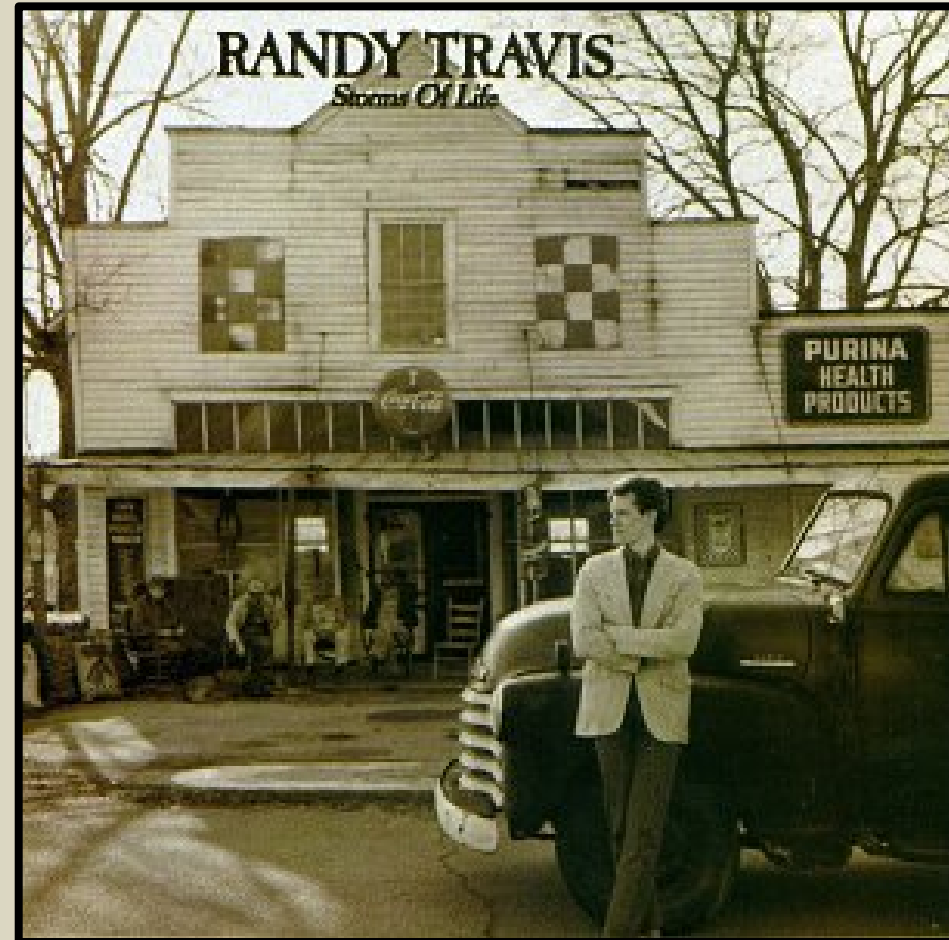
Last night I dug your picture out from my old dresser drawer
I set it on the table and I talked to it 'til four

I read some old love letters
right up 'til the break of dawn

Yeah I've been sittin' alone
diggin' up bones

Then I went through the jewelry
and I found our wedding rings ...

....



“Diggin’ Up Bones” by Randy Travis, 1986

Across this lonely bedroom ... of our recent broken home
Yeah ... tonight ... I'm sitting alone

diggin' up bones

I'm diggin' up bones,
Exhuming things that're better left alone

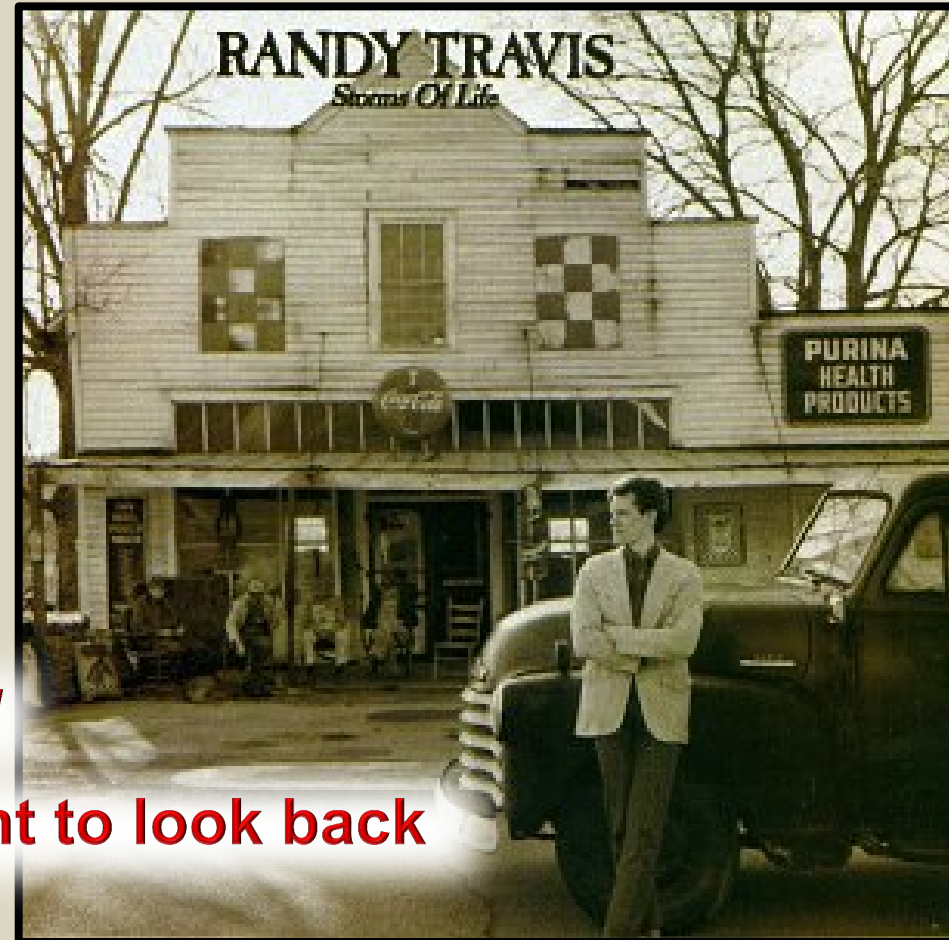
I'm resurrecting memories
of a love that's dead and gone

Yeah tonight I'm sittin' alone

diggin' up bones

Though he's NOT liking it ... *truth be told*

It's GOOD to look back ... *important to look back*



Psalm 78:65-72 – Lord Awoke as from Sleep

The Ballad of God's Grace ... *continues*

59-60 – God heard ... Furious ...

Abandoned tabernacle of Shiloh ...

⁶¹ He sent the ark of his might into captivity,
his splendor into the hands of the enemy.

62-64 – Israel to sword ... Furious ... Fire ...

⁶⁵ Then the Lord awoke as from sleep,
as a warrior wakes from the stupor of wine.

66 – He beat back his enemies; he put them to everlasting shame.

some of the best ballads *Start Sublime*

then take us through *The Valley* ...

then up *The Mountain* ...



Psalm 78:65-72 – Lord Awoke as from Sleep

Psalm 78, Ballad of God's Grace ...

eases toward a close with David

67 – Rejected Joseph ...

Chose Judah, Mount Zion, which he loved.

⁶⁹ He built his sanctuary like the heights,
like the earth that he established forever.

Then, as smooth as it began, after a few valleys ...

After several nostalgic moments & dear memories

Ballad of God's Grace

continues to the end



Psalm 78:65-72 – Lord Awoke as from Sleep

As smooth as it began, very near the end ...

70-71 – He chose David ... from the sheep pens ...
brought him to be the shepherd of his
people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance.

last verse closes with David's heart

HCSB 72 David shepherded them with a pure heart;
with skillful hands he led them.

ESV 72 With upright heart David shepherded them and ...

NIV 72 David shepherded them with integrity of heart ...

KJV 72 So David fed them according to the integrity of his heart;
and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.



Psalm 78:65-72 – Lord Awoke as from Sleep

**Would that we knew TODAY the full meaning
Of the dear, close, homely, nostalgic ... tears ...**

Would that we knew the FEELING of things “uttered”

- Feeling of the things “uttered, bubbled forth”**
- Feeling of the precious “Hidden things of Old”**

Bible stories—we SHOULD pass onto to our CHILDREN

- Likewise, the Truths of Holy Writ ...**
- Both the tragic & the joy-filled stories too**

Especially ... of Christ ... His Cross ... MOST of all His Crown

Ballad of God's Grace



Psalm 78:65-72 – Lord Awoke as from Sleep

Like a lot of exquisite ballads ...

HEART is seen at ... *Start* ... *Middle* ... and *Close*

Starts ... ¹ My people, hear my teaching ...
I will Utter Hidden Things ... of Old ...

Middle ... ³⁵ They remembered that God was their Rock,
that God Most High was their Redeemer.

Close ... ⁷² So David fed them according to the purity of his heart;
and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

I suspect ... as Beethoven von Asaph, THE Chief Musician ...

I suspect ... as David's Top Rock Star Chief Musician ASAPH

as Asaph sang this song near 1000 B.C.



Psalm 78:65-72 – Lord Awoke as from Sleep

They felt and KNEW ... so well the lessons

Their HEARTS leapt with a joy as finding treasure

Hearing ... ¹ hidden things ... of old ...

Their COURAGE bristled with the nostalgic past

Remembering ... ³⁵ God was their Rock

And their HOPE was rekindled, even fortified

Knowing ... ⁷² David fed them from his heart

Asaph ... singing as the guitar strummed
melodies slow ... then fast ... then gently nostalgic

Look there, behind Asaph—see the **King's Choir echoing choruses**

Three Dozens of Asaph's Own Beloved Family



Psalm 78:65-72 – Lord Awoke as from Sleep

How precious ... how dear ...

EVERY single time that song was sung ...

Like the National Anthem ... one wanted to

STAND to their feet ... hand over their heart ...

How true, true, true, true it was ...

We are but WORMS ... turning soil ... too often rebellious ...

But GOD ... GOD our Great Redeemer ...

³⁵ **God was their Rock**

we should NEVER forget



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Never Forget God's Work**

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