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## **Volunteers**

"Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet." YHWH will stretch forth the strong scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of Your enemies." Your people will volunteer freely in the day of your power; in holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to You as the dew. (Ps 110:1-3)

Acts 2:34-36; Mt 22:41-45; Mk 12:35-37; Lk 20:41-44; Acts 7:55; Heb 10:12-13

"Your people shall be *volunteers*." A *volunteer* is one who is not a draftee, not drafted, for he knows what is essential for victory by the King's troops.

Jdg 5:9 — "My heart is with the rulers of Israel who offered themselves willingly." The rulers are *volunteers*.

1 Chr 29:5-17 — The people were *volunteers*.

Pr 31:13 — "and she works willingly with her hands." The woman is a *volunteer*.

These are not draftees, but volunteers (Ps 110:3). *Volunteer* means one who serves of his own free will. The *volunteers* were all who willingly joined in the battle with their King. They were faithful to Him (Heb 10:13; Rev 17:14) and were worthy to be part of the war to end all wars in Rev 19:14.

The term "from the womb of the morning" describes the volunteer army in their robust and fresh vigor, born from the dawn, and ready for holy war. Who are these volunteers?

Ps 24:6 — This is Jacob. This is who we are (Isa 49:6). It is the generation of those who seek Him (Isa 29:22-24). Ps 102:13-18, and verse 28 is the way He will fulfill the promise to Abraham and to his seed (Gen 22:17). Isa 9:7 — The increase of His rule and reign (Rev 22:5) will be forever and ever (Rev 21:3; Eph 1:22; 3:21; 1 Cor 2:9-10).

Ps 110:2 — The Father commands the Son to take His Kingdom back from His enemies (Rev 11:15). The outcome was determined long ago (Ps 47:2-3). The promise of the victory is based upon the *volunteers* who give their lives willingly as Jn 10:17 says,

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like the example set before them. There is victory for His people who volunteer for the great battle under the leadership of their mighty King.

## **Understanding**

So we should praise Him for the victory in the way Ps 47:5-7 prophesies: "Sing praises with understanding," not in rote, not like a robot, but like the one who, as Dan 12:10 describes, has understanding. This will happen as verse 9 says, "in the time of the end." Do you understand what *understand* means? Do you have understanding? The volunteers are the ones who have understanding. They understand the battle, and this is why they volunteer. Because the book of Daniel is sealed until the time of the end, and will be unsealed at that time for those with understanding, then the volunteers will come forth. Acts 1:7 — They were not to know the times or seasons because Dan 12:9 said that no one would understand it until the book was unsealed. It is not until the end of time, as in Dan 2:28. The first disciples did not know when those days would be. It would be revealed later to the volunteers with understanding.

To have understanding is the quality of the volunteers who do battle with all of their King's enemies. They know the times and the seasons (1 Chr 12:32). They have the quality of discernment gained by Proverbs 2. They remained faithful, never became unfaithful and treacherous. Pr 2:11 — *Understanding* will keep you to deliver you from the underground, from the one who speaks perverse things, from those who leave the paths of uprightness (Pr 3:32) to walk in the ways of darkness, who rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perversity of the wicked, whose ways are crooked and who are devious in their paths. But Pr 2:21 are those with understanding. Sadly, verse 22 are those as Dan 12:10 speaks of, who will be uprooted from the land. Understanding is the internalization of wisdom (Pr 2:2,3,5,10,11; 3:32).

Jn 14:21 — The one with understanding has no part in the underground because he recognizes what is going on (Mt 16:18). The underground is like the underworld, the

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part of society organized for and engaged in crime and vice, which also is the world of spirits or Hades, the unseen realm. But one with understanding perceives and comprehends the nature of such goings-on and the significance of wisdom in all he does. He prays, sings, and dances with understanding. The wise ones grasp the significance of reality. The wicked will desert the standard because they have no understanding. That is why Daniel speaks of the wicked who will not be purified and will not understand (1 Jn 3:3).

Isa 29:24 — "Those who err in mind will come to know the truth, and those who complained will accept instruction." There are those who have "erred" as in Isa 29:24. *Erred* is not deliberate sin. These are different from those called the *wicked*. Those who err can learn; they can change. *Erred* means strayed. Those complainers were not the wicked who sow discord with their complaints, but were the weak-minded. They can change, and seek for and gain understanding.

## In the Day of His Power — Ps 110:3

Our Master made it clear in Mt 28:18 that the day of His power had come. Power indicates authority; it is a true Kingdom. Since the time when our Master resurrected and ascended, His authority and power had come.

The day of His power is from His ascension in Acts 2:30-36 to Rev 11:15 in this age. The volunteers that come forth in the day of His power will be that nation of Mt 21:43 who produce the fruit of that "day of power" (Kingdom).

"Sit at my right hand" (Ps 110:1) — This was the place of honor, after His resurrection and ascension; He was exalted to the right hand of God in heaven. This is the day of His power (Mt 28:18). 1 Cor 15:23-28 — Footstool is a place of dishonor and disgrace, symbolizing subjugation and defeat (Jos 10:24-26).

During the day of His power, He will send volunteers to put all His enemies under His feet (Heb 10:13). The Son will take His Father's kingdom back from His enemies

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through His volunteers. It will be through Messiah's people (1 Pet 2:10; Ps 110:5), from His ascension to the day of His wrath (Rev 19:14). Rev 17:14 are the volunteers during the day of His reign and power.

1 Cor 15:25; Rev 3:21 — We overcome as *volunteers*, like our Master in Jn 10:17-18; that is why our Father loved our Master, because He volunteered. Jn 12:26 — He honors those who serve Him voluntarily, of their own free will.

Heb 10:13 — We are the volunteers who will put all His enemies under His feet, and then the end can come. His authority has been given to His people to accomplish a great purpose (1 Cor 15:24,25,28); then all authority goes back to our Father.

So, in His name, we presently have all authority. This is the day of His power. In His name we can overcome all things (Ps 110:3).

We are in this together (Pr 17:17), allied in the same purpose and same struggle. We are allied with the One who has all authority, in the same purpose. Those who have deserted the cause are allied with the evil one and his angels.

Without understanding we will deceive our own heart (Jms 1:26).