### Jehovah Sabaoth - The Lord of Hosts!

- "Now this man would go up from his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests to the LORD there." (1 Samuel 1:3)
- ➢ Hosts, "Armies!" "He said, 'No; rather I indeed come now as captain of the host of the LORD.' And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down,...¹⁵ The captain of the LORD'S host said to Joshua, "Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so." (Joshua 5:14-15) 1) armies of earth, 2) armies of the stars, 3) Unseen armies of angels
- From Psalm 46! "The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah... The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah." (Psalms 46:7,11)

# I) What is the Context? of (Psalm 46)

- ➤ Amidst instability in the natural world! "Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; <sup>3</sup> Though its waters roar and foam, Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. Selah." (Psalm 46:2-3) Ref: Isa. 54:10
- Amidst instability amongst the nations! "The nations made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered; He raised His voice, the earth melted." (Psalm 46:6) Ref: Haggai 2:6-9
- ➤ God is working to make instabilities cease! "Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has wrought desolations in the earth. 9 He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariots with fire." (Psalm 46:8-9)

## II) Who is God? in (Psalm 46)

- ➤ God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1)
- ➤ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, The holy dwelling places of the Most High. <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns." (Psalm 46:4-5)
- ➤ The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah. (Psalms 46:7) The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah." (Psalm 46:11)

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- ➤ God with us! "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US." (Matthew 1:23) Ref: Isaiah 7:14
- Therefore, WE WILL NOT FEAR! "Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;..." (Psalm 46:2-3)

# IV) "Cease striving and know that I am God!"

### A) "Cease striving!"

- Cease striving against what God is doing (through Christ)!
- Cease striving through relying on our own strength and forgetting to wait for God's help in times of trouble!
- Cease striving from forcefully conquering out of selfish ambition and greed!
- > Cease striving without gladness and the fear of the Lord of Hosts!

#### B) "Know that I am God"!

- ➤ God is our refuge and strength!
- God is my very help in trouble!
- ➤ God is in His Holy temple among His people!
- > God is at work fighting the battle for me!
- God is my strong fortress!
- God, the Lord of Hosts, is with us!

"I have set the LORD continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will dwell securely." (Psalm 16:8-9)