

OFFENSIVE WEAPONS OF WARFARE #3 THE CLAPPING OR SMITING OF HANDS

PSA 47:1 {To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.} O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

PSA 47:2 For the LORD most high [is] terrible; [he is] a great King over all the earth.

PSA 47:3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

These verses make it absolutely clear that they are about warfare, and not worship.

1. God had a prophet to clap.

EZE 21:14 Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite [thine] hands together, and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain: it [is] the sword of the great [men that are] slain, which entereth into their privy chambers.

The clap is said to double the sword against the enemy.

2. God clapped.

EZE 21:16 Go thee one way or other, [either] on the right hand, [or] on the left, whithersoever thy face [is] set.

EZE 21:17 I will also smite mine hands together, and I will cause my fury to rest: I the LORD have said [it].

The clap is not for God but rather warfare against our enemy. It intensifies the sword against the enemy!

3. Hebrew words for “clap”.

a. “Macha”- “to rub or strike the hands together”

PSA 98:8 Let the floods clap [their] hands: let the hills be joyful together

PSA 98:9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

ISA 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap [their] hands.

EZE 25:5 And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the Ammonites a couchingplace for flocks: and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD.

EZE 25:6 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast clapped [thine] hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in heart with all thy despite against the land of Israel;

This word refers not to the clap as we know it, but the sound made by treeless, winds and waves.

It should be noted that in all David's examples of praise toward God, this Hebrew word is not used.

- b. "caphag" – "to clap the hands for contempt, derision, grief, indignation, or punishment. Rendered clap, smite, strike, suffice, and wallow."

LAM 2:15 All that pass by clap [their] hands at thee; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, [saying, Is] this the city that [men] call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?

NUM 24:10 ¶ And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed [them] these three times.

- c. "nakah"- "to strike lightly or severely, and is translated to beat, cast forth, kill, make a slaughter, punish, smite. "

2KI 11:12 And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, an [gave him] the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.

- d. "taqa"

NAH 3:19 [There is] no healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?

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This clap is not to God, but over the enemy as we smite him and shout over
The victory to God.