

Psalm 68 paralleled with Jesus' Death and Resurrection (or, Jesus' descent and ascent)

- 68:1-3** – The Ark is on the move! God is intervening in history.
68:4-6 – Distinction between the believing faithful (oppressed) and the opposing rebels (proud rebels)
68:7-10 – God moves into a military battle at the front of his people
68:11-14 – The Lord's military victory
68:15-18 – The Lord has moved into his permanent sanctuary in Jerusalem, Mt. Zion (Mt. Moriah)
68:19-23 – God delivers his people or brings salvation
68:24-27 – The victory procession up to the Lord on Mt. Zion
68:28-31 – The defeated Gentiles come to the True God
68:32-35 – A call to all the nations of the earth to hear, learn and turn to the Lord

Matthew 27:45-54 –

- 45 "Now from the sixth hour there was **darkness** over all the land until the ninth hour.
 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
 47 And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah."
 48 And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink.
 49 But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."
 50 **(1) And Jesus cried out** again with a loud voice and **yielded up his spirit**.
 51 **(2) And** behold, the **curtain of the temple was torn** in two, from top to bottom.
(3) And the **earth shook**, and the **rocks were split**.
 52 **(4) (and)** The **tombs also were opened**.
(5) And many **bodies** of the saints who had fallen asleep **were raised**,
 53 **(6) and** coming out of the tombs **after his resurrection they went into the holy city**
(7) and **appeared to many**.
 54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Psalm 68	Matthew 27:45, 50-54
68:1-3, 7-10 – Ark is on the move; God intervening in history; God moves into a military battle at the front of his people.	45,50,51 – Darkness, Jesus cries out, Temple opens (curtain tears), earth shakes, rocks split
68:11-14 – The Lord's military victory	52 – tombs were opened,
68:15-18, 19-23 – Lord moves into his sanctuary; God brings deliverance and salvation	52 – bodies raised
68:24-27 – Victory procession up to the Lord on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem	53 – After his resurrection they went into the holy city
68:28-31, 32-35 – Gentiles come to the True God; call to all nations to hear and turn to the Lord	53-54 – raised dead appear to many; Centurion and those with him SAW the earthquake and events and said, "Truly this was the Son of God."

- Amos 8:8-10 (and other places) earthquake and darkness together indicate a theophany, a day of the Lord or a supernatural event is taking place.
- Same word for "tearing", used twice in 27:51, for the tearing of the curtain and the tearing of the rocks. Both, of these "tearings" indicate a theophany.