

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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### 42. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (22) – In the Fulfillment of the Types and Figures of the Old Testament

#### O 11. The **Lion** of Judah

Hymns: # 1100 / # 120 / # 26

✚ “In my heart I have treasured up Your word...” (Psa. 119:11)

[Type/Figure]

Gen. 49:9 - **Judah** is a young **lion**; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he stretches out like a **lion**, And like a lioness; who will rouse him up?

Gen. 49:10 - The **scepter** will not depart from **Judah**,

[Fulfillment]

Rev. 5:5 - And one of the elders said to me, Do not weep; behold, the **Lion** of the **tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has overcome so that He may open the scroll and its seven seals.

Rev. 5:6 - And **I saw** in the midst of the throne ... a **Lamb** standing as having *just* been slain...

✚ “...For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Jehovah, ...” (Isa. 11:9)

❖ **Christ**, the **Lion** of the tribe of Judah

➤ In **Genesis 49:9** we have the type of the **lion** of Judah:

“Judah is a young lion: *from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he couches, he lies down as a lion*”

The picture portrayed a lion dwell on the mountain.

- When he goes after some prey, *he descends* from the mountain.
- As he is waiting to seize his prey, he couches.
- But after he has taken his prey, he *brings it up* to the mountain with him.
- After eating it, the lion couches, that is, lies down in satisfaction.

➤ The **fulfillment** of the figure is in **Rev. 5:5**, **Christ**, “the **Lion** of the tribe of Judah,” has **overcome**.

- The **figure** of the **couching lion** describes **Christ** as the One **enjoying His rest** in the heavens.
  - **Christ** was first the young **lion** crouching as He waited for His prey.
  - After **seizing** the prey, He brought His **captive** to the heavens, where He enjoyed him.
  - After gaining the **victory** and **enjoying the prey**, He was **satisfied**.
  - Now He is resting in the heavens in His **satisfaction**.
- This **satisfaction** is the result of Christ’s **victory over the enemy**.
  - **Christ** went to the **cross** and there defeated His enemies.
  - Then in **resurrection** He led a train of vanquished foes to the heavens for His enjoyment (Eph. 4:8).
  - Now in the heavens He is resting.

✚ “And having gift that differ..., let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;” (Rom. 12:6)

✚ **Christ**, as the **young lion** seizes the prey; he takes the prey, and brings it up the mountain with him to devour it; after enjoying the prey, he lies down to rest in satisfaction. This is a picture of the **victory of Christ** over His enemies in His crucifixion (Col. 2:15; Heb. 2:14) and of His satisfaction and rest in His ascension as the issue of His victory (Eph. 4:8).

✚ **Christ**, the **Lion** of the tribe of Judah, has overcome. The **Lion** is a symbol of **Christ**, portraying Him as a strong fighter against the enemy. **Christ** is the fighting, victorious, and overcoming **Lion**. As the **Lion**, **Christ** has defeated Satan, the enemy of God.

### Hymn 1100

- 1 **God** shall rise,  
His **foes be scattered**,  
All that hate Him flee away.  
As the wax before the fire,  
All the **wicked** He shall slay.  
But the **righteous** shall rejoice  
With a loud, triumphant voice,  
Singing praises, singing praises,  
Singing praises unto **God**!
- 5 Lo, on high **Christ** hath **ascended**,  
**Leading captives in His train**;  
These **as gifts** He has perfected  
That the **Lord**  
may  **dwell with them**.  
Brothers, sisters, we are those,  
We're those transformed,  
**vanquished foes**!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Amen!
- 6 Blessed be the **Lord** forever:  
Day by day He loads with good,  
E'en the **God** of our **salvation**—  
Spread His worthy praise abroad.  
His the **goings forth from death**,  
Every **foe He conquereth**!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Amen!
- 7 They have seen,  
**O God**, Thy goings  
In Thy holy dwelling place,  
Thy **triumphal**, high **processions**  
Midst a mighty voice of praise.  
See the singers go before,  
Praising, praising o'er and o'er:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Amen!
- 8 Little Benjamin is leading,  
Then great **Judah's** company:  
Son of sorrow at God's right hand,  
**Lion** with the **scepter** see.  
Zebulun and Naphtali  
Make the joyful tidings fly:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Amen!

### Hymn 120

- 1 The **Lord** is ris'n;  
and death's dark judgment flood  
Is passed, in Him  
who **bought us** with His **blood**.  
The **Lord** is ris'n:  
we stand beyond the doom  
Of all our sin,  
through **Jesus' empty tomb**.
- 2 The **Lord** is ris'n:  
with Him **we also rose**,  
And in His grave  
see **vanquished all our foes**.  
The **Lord** is ris'n:  
beyond the judgment land,  
In Him,  
in **resurrection-life** we stand.
- 3 The **Lord** is ris'n:  
and now **redeemed to God**,  
We tread the desert  
which His feet have trod.  
The **Lord** is ris'n:  
the **sanctuary's our place**,  
Where now **we dwell**  
before the **Father's** face.
- 4 The **Lord** is ris'n:  
the **Lord** is gone before.  
We long to see Him,  
and to sin no more.  
The **Lord** is ris'n:  
our **triumph-shout** shall be,  
"Thou hast prevailed!  
Thy people, **Lord**, are **free**!"

### Hymn 26

- 1 **God**, we praise Thee  
for Thy **mercy**,  
'Tis so great and so profound!  
In our weakness and our failures;  
With its greatness it abounds.  
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!  
With such **mercy**  
**we've been crowned**!
- 2 How we marvel at this **mercy**  
So far-reaching and so vast!  
It has **reached us**, e'en the **sinners**,  
And will ever hold us fast.  
From this **mercy**, from this **mercy**,  
What can cause us to be cast?
- 3 For Thy **mercy** we are grateful,  
'Tis so rich, so plenteous!  
Thru Thy **mercy** in **redemption**,  
Thou hast richly favored us.  
If without this, if without this,  
How could we be favored thus?
- 4 Oh, Thy **mercy**, so inspiring!  
Gentle, tender, dear and sweet!  
With Thy patience  
and Thy kindness,  
Us in all our need it meets.  
It we treasure, it we treasure,  
Nothing can with it compete.
- 5 **Father**, we enjoy Thy **mercy**,  
Ever fresh and ever new;  
Every morning shed upon us,  
It refreshes as the dew.  
How we taste it! how we taste it!  
Giving Thee the **praises due**.
- 6 We can **never cease to praise** Thee,  
As Thy **mercy** e'er endures;  
All Thy grace and all Thy favor,  
Ever for us it secures.  
Trusting in it, trusting in it,  
Thy sure **mercy** us assures.