Thirumurai/Thevaram songs on Rameswaram

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Glory to Lord Siva, who is worshipped in southern region
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Saivite saint-poet Sri Gnanasambanda Perumaan has composed wonderful hymns on Rameswaram in lilting Tamil. This comes as part of the 3rd canto of “Thirumurai”, a compendium of devotional songs on Lord Siva.

Having heard of the potential bad influence from the Navagrahas, Ravana imprisoned all of them - Saturn (sani), Mercury (Bhudha), Sun, Sukra, Moon (implicitly includes Guru, Mars(sevvaɪ), Rahu & Ketu) and gloated over. That Ravana was defeated by Rama, who in-order to dispel the accompanying karma as well as to receive the grace, had worshipped Lord Siva at Rameswaram. Here, the presiding Lord is the one, who dons the cool-chandra (on his matted hair) and performs the cosmic dance

Long ago, Ravana lifted Mt.Kailash and held it. (Having earned the wrath of the Lord), Due to that act, he was crushed by Lord and saw his fame & glory getting diminished (under the weight of the mountain or his own ego). To restore the lost grace, he pacified the Lord by singing the sama-vedic hymns. Lord Siva manifested his swarupa, when Lord Vishnu & Lord Brahma realized that he is the Absolute one. That Lord, who is the presiding deity of Rameswaram showed that he manifests himself in all beings. (9th song in this series is not available)
Renounce the attachments to the doctrines of Sakhyar/Buddhists, Jains and other in-stable one; Understand the glory of Lord Siva with the help of your intellect and praise him. This Lord was worshipped by the ace-archer (Lord Rama) at Rameswaram. With that Lord Siva’s grace, let all auspicious things are bequeathed (graced) on us.

There will be no sufferings for those who sung this 10 tamil poems, composed by Thirugnanasambandar of Thirupugal. These song praise Lord Siva, who was worshipped by Lord Rama, (in-turn) who had killed Ravana in the battle. Ravana is not a simple man but a powerful entity, who had obtained a boon and stopped the entry of Surya into his city.