

The Book of  
Psalms

Book I

1 The Righteous and the Wicked contrasted. 2 The Reign of the LORD's Anointed. 3 Morning Prayer of Trust in God.

The Righteous and the Wicked contrasted.

- 1<sup>1</sup> Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in *the* counsel of *the* wicked,  
Nor standeth in *the* way of sinners,  
Nor sitteth in *the* seat of scoffers:  
2 But his delight *is* in *the* law of Jehovah;  
And on his law doth he meditate day and night.  
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by *the* streams of water,  
That bringeth forth its fruit in its season,  
Whose leaf also doth not wither;  
And <sup>2</sup>whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.  
4 The wicked *are* not so,  
But *are* like the chaff which *the* wind driveth away.  
5 Therefore *the* wicked shall not stand in the judgment,  
Nor sinners in *the* congregation of *the* righteous.  
6 For Jehovah knoweth *the* way of *the* righteous;  
But *the* way of *the* wicked shall perish.

The Reign of Jehovah's Anointed.

- 2 Why do *the* nations <sup>3</sup>rage,  
And *the* peoples meditate a vain thing?  
2 *The* kings of *the* earth set themselves,  
And *the* rulers take counsel together,  
Against Jehovah, and against his anointed, *saying*,  
3 Let us break their bonds asunder,  
And cast away their cords from us.  
4 He that sitteth in the heavens will laugh:  
<sup>4</sup>Jehovah will have them in derision.  
5 Then will he speak unto them in his wrath,  
And <sup>5</sup>vex them in his sore displeasure:  
6 Yet I have set my king  
Upon my holy hill of Zion.  
7 I will tell of *the* decree:  
Jehovah said unto me, Thou *art* my son;  
This day have I begotten thee.  
8 Ask of me, and I will give *thee* the nations for thine inheritance,  
And *the* uttermost parts of *the* earth for thy possession.  
9 Thou shalt <sup>6</sup>break them with a rod of iron;  
Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

<sup>1</sup> Or, Happy

<sup>2</sup> Or, in whatsoever he doeth he shall prosper.

<sup>3</sup> Or, tumultuously assemble,

<sup>4</sup> Sopherim *changed to the* Lord

<sup>5</sup> Or, trouble

<sup>6</sup> So Massoretic. But Sept., Aram. *read* shepherd them  
Vg. *reads* rule them

- 10 Now therefore be wise, O ye kings:  
Be instructed, ye judges of *the* earth.  
11 Serve Jehovah with fear,  
And rejoice with trembling.  
12 Kiss *the* son, lest he be angry, and ye perish in *the* way,  
For his wrath <sup>7</sup>will soon be kindled.  
<sup>8</sup>Blessed *are* all they that take refuge in him.

Morning Prayer of Trust in God.

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

- 3 Jehovah, how are mine adversaries increased!  
Many *are* they that rise up against me.  
2 Many *there are* that say <sup>9</sup>of my soul,  
*There is* <sup>10</sup>no help for him in God. [11Selah  
3 But thou, O Jehovah, *art* a shield about me;  
My glory, and *the* lifter up of my head.  
4 I cry unto Jehovah with my voice,  
And he answereth me out of his holy hill. [Selah  
5 I laid me down and slept;  
I awaked; for Jehovah sustaineth me.  
6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of *the* people  
That have set *themselves* against me round about.  
7 Arise, O Jehovah; save me, O my God:  
For thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon the*  
cheek bone;  
Thou hast broken *the* teeth of *the* wicked.  
8 <sup>12</sup>Salvation *belongeth* unto Jehovah:  
Thy blessing *be* upon thy people. [Selah

Evening Prayer of Trust in God.

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments A Psalm of David.

- 4 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;  
Thou hast set me at large *when I was* in distress:  
<sup>13</sup>Have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.  
2 O ye sons of men, how long *shall* my glory *be*  
*turned* into dishonor?  
*How long* will ye love vanity, and seek after  
falsehood? [Selah  
3 But know that Jehovah hath set apart for himself  
<sup>14</sup>him that is godly:

<sup>7</sup> Or, may soon be kindled.

<sup>8</sup> Or, Happy

<sup>9</sup> Or, to my soul, or, of my life,

<sup>10</sup> Or, no salvation for him in God.

<sup>11</sup> Meaning uncertain. Sept. *reads musical* interlude  
(διάψαλμα, dia-psalma). A few others think Forte!

<sup>12</sup> Or, The victory

<sup>13</sup> Or, Be gracious unto me,

<sup>14</sup> Or, one that he favoreth: Hb. hasiyd the saint:

Jehovah will hear when I call unto him.  
 4 <sup>15</sup>Stand in awe, and sin not:  
 Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and  
 be still. [Selah]  
 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,  
 And put your trust in Jehovah.  
 6 Many *there are* that say, Who will show us *any*  
 good?  
 Jehovah, lift thou up *the* light of thy countenance  
 upon us.  
 7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart,  
 More than *they have* when their grain and their new  
 wine are increased.  
 8 In peace will I both lay me down and sleep;  
 For thou, Jehovah, <sup>16</sup>alone makest me dwell in  
 safety.

**Prayer for Protection from the Wicked.**

For the Chief Musician; with the <sup>17</sup>Nehiloth. A Psalm of David.

5 Give ear to my words, O Jehovah,  
 Consider my meditation.  
 2 Hearken unto *the* voice of my cry, my King, and  
 my God;  
 For unto thee do I pray.  
 3 O Jehovah, in *the* morning shalt thou hear my voice;  
 In *the* morning will I order *my prayer* unto thee,  
 and will keep watch.  
 4 For thou *art* not a God that hath pleasure in  
 wickedness:  
<sup>18</sup>Evil shall not sojourn with thee.  
 5 <sup>19</sup>*The* arrogant shall not stand in thy sight:  
 Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.  
 6 Thou wilt destroy them that speak lies:  
 Jehovah abhorreth *the* blood-thirsty and deceitful  
 man.  
 7 But as for me, in the abundance of thy  
 lovingkindness will I come *into* thy house:  
 In thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.  
 8 Lead me, O Jehovah, in thy righteousness because  
 of <sup>20</sup>mine enemies;  
 Make thy way <sup>21</sup>straight before my face.  
 9 For *there is* no <sup>22</sup>faithfulness in their mouth;  
 Their inward part *is* <sup>23</sup>very wickedness;  
 Their throat is an open sepulchre;  
 They <sup>24</sup>flatter with their tongue.

<sup>15</sup> Or, Be ye angry, and sin not:

<sup>16</sup> Or, in solitude makest me dwell in safety.

<sup>17</sup> Or, wind instruments.

<sup>18</sup> Or, *The evil man* shall not sojourn with thee.

<sup>19</sup> Or, Fools shall not stand in thy sight:

<sup>20</sup> Or, them that lie in wait for me;

<sup>21</sup> Or, level

<sup>22</sup> Or, steadfastness

<sup>23</sup> Or, a yawning gulf;

<sup>24</sup> Hb. make smooth their tongue.

10 Hold them guilty, O God;  
 Let them fall <sup>25</sup>by their own counsels;  
 Thrust them out in *the* multitude of their  
 transgressions;  
 For they have rebelled against thee.  
 11 <sup>26</sup>But let all those that take refuge in thee rejoice,  
 Let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest  
 them:  
 Let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.  
 For thou wilt bless *the* righteous;  
 O Jehovah, thou wilt compass him with favor as  
*with* the shield.

**Prayer for Mercy in Time of Trouble.**

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments, set to <sup>27</sup>the  
 Sheminith. A Psalm of David.

6 O Jehovah, rebuke me not in thine anger,  
 Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.  
 2 Have mercy upon me, O Jehovah; for I *am* withered  
 away:  
 O Jehovah, heal me; for my bones are troubled.  
 3 My soul also is sore troubled:  
 And thou, O Jehovah, how long?  
 4 Return, O Jehovah, deliver my soul:  
 Save me for thy lovingkindness' sake.  
 5 For in death *there is* no remembrance of thee:  
 In Sheol who shall give thee thanks?  
 6 I am weary with my groaning;  
 Every night make I my bed to swim;  
 I water my couch with my tears.  
 7 Mine eye wasteth away because of grief;  
 It waxeth old because of all mine adversaries.  
 8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity;  
 For Jehovah hath heard *the* voice of my weeping.  
 9 Jehovah hath heard my supplication;  
 Jehovah will receive my prayer.  
 10 All mine enemies shall be put to shame and sore  
 troubled:  
 They shall turn back, they shall be put to shame  
 suddenly.

**Jehovah implored to defend the Psalmist against the Wicked.**

Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto Jehovah, concerning  
 the words of Cush a Benjamite.

7 O Jehovah my God, in thee do I take refuge:  
 Save me from all them that pursue me, and deliver  
 me,  
 2 Lest they tear my soul like a lion,  
 Rending *it* in pieces, while *there is* none to deliver.

<sup>25</sup> Or, from their counsels;

<sup>26</sup> Or, So shall all those that take refuge in thee rejoice,  
 They shall ever shout for joy, and thou shalt  
 defend them:  
 They also that love thy name shall be joyful in  
 thee.

<sup>27</sup> Or, the eighth.

3 O Jehovah my God, if I have done this;  
 If there be iniquity in my hands;  
 4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace  
 with me;  
 (Yes, I have delivered him that without cause was  
 mine adversary;)  
 5 Let *the* enemy pursue my soul, and overtake *it*;  
 Yes, let him tread my life down to the earth,  
 And lay my glory in the dust. [Selah]  
 6 Arise, O Jehovah, in thine anger;  
 Lift up thyself against *the* rage of mine adversaries,  
 And awake for me; thou hast commanded judgment.  
 7<sup>28</sup> And let *the* congregation of *the* peoples compass  
 thee about;  
 And over them return thou on high.  
 8 Jehovah ministereth judgment to *the* peoples:  
 Judge me, O Jehovah, according to my  
 righteousness, and to mine integrity<sup>29</sup> *that is* in me.  
 9 Oh let *the* wickedness of *the* wicked come to an end,  
 but establish thou *the* righteous:  
 For *the* righteous God trieth *the* minds and<sup>30</sup> hearts.  
 10 My shield *is* with God,  
 Who saveth *the* upright in heart.  
 11 God *is* a righteous judge,  
 Yes, a God *that* hath indignation every day.  
 12<sup>31</sup> If a man turn not, he will whet his sword;  
 He hath bent his bow, and made it ready.  
 13 He hath also prepared for him *the* instruments of  
 death;  
 He maketh his arrows fiery *shafts*.  
 14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity;  
 Yes, he hath conceived mischief, and brought forth  
 falsehood.  
 15 He hath made a pit, and digged it,  
 And is fallen into *the* ditch *which* he made.  
 16 His mischief shall return upon his own head,  
 And his violence shall come down upon his own  
 pate.  
 17 I will give thanks unto Jehovah according to his  
 righteousness,  
 And will sing praise to *the* name of Jehovah Most  
 High.

**Jehovah's Glory and Man's Dignity.**

For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith. A Psalm of David.

8 O Jehovah, our Lord,  
 How excellent *is* thy name in all the earth,  
 Who hast set thy glory<sup>32</sup> upon the heavens!  
 2 Out of *the* mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou  
 established strength,  
 Because of thine adversaries,

<sup>28</sup> Or, So shall *the* congregation

<sup>29</sup> Or, *be it* unto me.

<sup>30</sup> Hb. kidneys. (reins.)

<sup>31</sup> Or, Surely he will again whet his sword;

<sup>32</sup> Or, above the heavens!

That thou mightest still *the* enemy and *the* avenger.  
 3 When I consider thy heavens, *the* work of thy  
 fingers,  
*The* moon and *the* stars, which thou hast ordained;  
 4 What is<sup>33</sup> man, that thou art mindful of him?  
 And *the* son of man, that thou visitest him?  
 5 For thou hast made him but little lower than<sup>34</sup> God,  
 And crownest him with glory and honor.  
 6 Thou makest him to have dominion over *the* works  
 of thy hands;  
 Thou hast put all *things* under his feet:  
 7 All sheep and oxen,  
 Yes, and *the* beasts of *the* field,  
 8 *The* birds of *the* heavens and *the* fish of the sea,  
*Whatsoever* passeth through *the* paths of *the* seas.  
 9 O Jehovah, our Lord,  
 How excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

**A Psalm of Thanksgiving for God's Justice.**

For the Chief Musician; set to<sup>35</sup> Muthlabben. A Psalm of David.

9 I will give thanks unto Jehovah with my whole  
 heart;  
 I will show forth all thy marvellous works.  
 2 I will be glad and exult in thee;  
 I will sing praise to thy name, O thou<sup>36</sup> Most High.  
 3 When mine enemies turn back,  
 They stumble and perish at thy presence.  
 4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause;  
 Thou sittest in *the* throne judging righteously.  
 5 Thou hast rebuked *the* nations, thou hast destroyed  
*the* wicked;  
 Thou hast blotted out their name for ever and ever.  
 6<sup>37</sup> The enemy are come to an end, they are desolate  
 for ever;  
<sup>38</sup> And *the* cities which thou hast<sup>39</sup> overthrown,  
*The* very remembrance of them is perished.  
 7 But Jehovah sitteth *as king* for ever:  
 He hath prepared his throne for judgment;  
 8 And he will judge *the* world in righteousness,  
 He will minister judgment to *the*<sup>40</sup> peoples in  
 uprightness.  
 9 Jehovah also will be a high tower for the oppressed,  
 A high tower in times of trouble;  
 10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in  
 thee;  
 For thou, Jehovah, hast not forsaken them that seek  
 thee.

<sup>33</sup> Lit. a man (Hb. enosh), ...And the son of Adam,

<sup>34</sup> Or, *the* angels. Hb. Elohim.

<sup>35</sup> *That is,* death of the son.

<sup>36</sup> Or, Most High; because mine enemies turn back,

<sup>37</sup> Or, O thou enemy, desolations are come to a  
 perpetual end;

<sup>38</sup> Or, And their cities thou hast overthrown,

<sup>39</sup> Hb. plucked up,

<sup>40</sup> Or, people

11 Sing praises to Jehovah, who dwelleth in Zion:  
 Declare among the <sup>41</sup>people his doings.  
 12 <sup>42</sup>For he that maketh inquisition for blood  
 remembereth them;  
 He forgetteth not *the* cry of *the* <sup>43</sup>poor.  
 13 Have mercy upon me, O Jehovah;  
 Behold my affliction *which I suffer* of them that  
 hate me,  
 Thou that liftest me up from *the* gates of death;  
 14 That I may show forth all thy praise.  
 In *the* gates of *the* daughter of Zion  
 I will rejoice in thy <sup>44</sup>salvation.  
 15 *The* nations are sunk down in *the* pit *that* they made:  
 In *the* net which they hid is their own foot taken.  
 16 Jehovah hath made himself known, he hath  
 executed judgment:  
<sup>45</sup>*The* wicked is snared in *the* work of his own  
 hands. [Higgaion. Selah]  
 17 *The* wicked shall be turned back unto Sheol,  
 Even all *the* nations that forget God.  
 18 For *the* needy shall not always be forgotten,  
 Nor *the* expectation of *the* <sup>46</sup>poor perish for ever.  
 19 Arise, O Jehovah; let not man prevail:  
 Let *the* nations be judged in thy sight.  
 20 Put them in fear, O Jehovah:  
 Let *the* nations know themselves *to be but* men.

**A Prayer for the Overthrow of the Wicked.**

10 Why standest thou afar off, O Jehovah?  
 Why hidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble?  
 2 In *the* pride of *the* wicked <sup>47</sup>*the* poor <sup>48</sup>is hotly  
 pursued;  
<sup>49</sup>Let them be taken in *the* devices that they have  
 conceived.  
 3 For *the* wicked boasteth of his soul's desire,  
<sup>50</sup>And *the* robber blasphemeth, *yes*, revileth Jehovah.  
 4 *The* wicked, in *the* pride of his countenance, *saith*,  
 He will not require *it*.  
 All his thoughts *are*, *There is* no God.  
 5 His ways are <sup>51</sup>firm at all times;  
 Thy judgments *are* far above – out of his sight:

<sup>41</sup> Or, peoples

<sup>42</sup> Or, For *when* he maketh inquisition for blood he remembereth them;

<sup>43</sup> Or, meek.

<sup>44</sup> Or, saving help.

<sup>45</sup> Or, He snareth *the* wicked in *the* work *etc.*

<sup>46</sup> Or, meek

<sup>47</sup> Or, he doth hotly pursue *the* poor;

<sup>48</sup> *Hb.* is set on fire;

<sup>49</sup> Or, They are taken in *the* devices *etc.*

<sup>50</sup> Sopherim *changed to*, And *the* covetous renounceth,  
*yes*, abhorreth Jehovah. *or*, And blesseth *the*  
 covetous, *but* hath contempt *for* Jehovah.

<sup>51</sup> Or, grievous

*As for* all his adversaries, he puffeth at them.  
 6 He saith in his heart, I shall not be moved;  
 To all generations *I shall* not *be* in adversity.  
 7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and  
<sup>52</sup>oppression:  
 Under his tongue *is* mischief and iniquity.  
 8 He sitteth in *the* lurking-places of *the* villages;  
 In the secret places doth he murder *the* innocent;  
 His eyes are privily set against *the* <sup>53</sup>helpless.  
 9 He lurketh in secret as a lion in his covert;  
 He lieth in wait to catch *the* poor:  
 He doth catch *the* poor, when he draweth him in his  
 net.  
 10 <sup>54</sup>He croucheth, he boweth down,  
 And *the* helpless fall by his strong ones.  
 11 He saith in his heart, God hath forgotten;  
 He hideth his face; he will never see *it*.  
 12 Arise, O Jehovah; O God, lift up thy hand:  
 Forget not *the* <sup>55</sup>poor.  
 13 Wherefore doth *the* wicked revile God,  
 And say in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*?  
 14 Thou hast seen *it*; for thou beholdest <sup>56</sup>mischief and  
 spite, <sup>57</sup>to requite *it* with thy hand:  
*The* helpless committeth *himself* unto thee;  
 Thou hast been the helper of *the* fatherless.  
 15 Break thou *the* arm of *the* wicked;  
 And as for *the* evil man, seek out his wickedness *till*  
 thou find none.  
 16 Jehovah *is* King for ever and ever:  
*The* <sup>58</sup>nations are perished out of his land.  
 17 Jehovah, thou hast heard *the* desire of *the* meek:  
 Thou wilt <sup>59</sup>prepare their heart, thou wilt cause  
 thine ear to hear;  
 18 To judge *the* fatherless and *the* oppressed,  
 That man who is of the earth may be terrible no  
 more.

**Jehovah a Refuge and Defence.**

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David.

11 In Jehovah do I take refuge:  
 How say ye to my soul,  
 Flee <sup>60</sup>*as* a bird to your mountain;  
 2 For, lo, the wicked bend *the* bow,  
 They make ready their arrow upon *the* string,  
 That they may shoot in darkness at *the* upright in  
 heart;

<sup>52</sup> Or, fraud:

<sup>53</sup> Or, hapless. *Also in* vs. 10.

<sup>54</sup> *Hb*<sup>mg</sup> *reads* And being crushed,

<sup>55</sup> Or, meek.

<sup>56</sup> Or, travail and grief,

<sup>57</sup> Or, to take *it* into thy hand:

<sup>58</sup> Or, heathen

<sup>59</sup> Or, establish

<sup>60</sup> Or, *ye* birds to your mountain;

- 3<sup>61</sup> If the foundations be destroyed,  
What can *the* righteous do?  
4 Jehovah *is* in his holy temple;  
Jehovah, his throne *is* in the heavens;  
His eyes behold, his eyelids try, *the* children of men.  
5 Jehovah trieth *the* righteous;  
But *the* wicked and him that loveth violence his  
soul hateth.  
6 Upon *the* wicked he will rain snares;  
Fire and brimstone and burning wind *shall be the*  
portion of their cup.  
7 For Jehovah is righteous; he loveth <sup>62</sup>righteousness:  
<sup>63</sup>The upright shall behold his face.

**God a Helper against the Treacherous.**

For the Chief Musician; set to <sup>64</sup>the Sheminith. A Psalm of David.

- 12 Help, Jehovah; for *the* godly man ceaseth;  
For <sup>65</sup>*the* faithful fail from among *the* children of  
men.  
2 They speak falsehood every one with his neighbor:  
With flattering lip, *and* with a double heart, do they  
speak.  
3 Jehovah will cut off all flattering lips,  
*The* tongue that speaketh great things;  
4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail;  
Our lips *are* <sup>66</sup>our own: who *is* lord over us?  
5 Because of *the* oppression of *the* poor, because of  
*the* sighing of *the* needy,  
Now will I arise, saith Jehovah;  
I will set *him* in *the* safety he panteth for.  
6 *The* words of Jehovah *are* pure words;  
As silver tried in a furnace on the earth,  
Purified seven times.  
7 Thou wilt keep them, O Jehovah,  
Thou wilt preserve them from this generation for  
ever.  
8 *The* wicked walk on every side,  
When vileness is exalted among *the* sons of men.

**Prayer for Help in Affliction.**

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 13 How long, O Jehovah? wilt thou forget me forever?  
How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?  
2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul,  
*Having* sorrow in my heart all *the* day?  
How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?  
3 Consider *and* answer me, O Jehovah my God:  
Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep *the sleep of* death;

<sup>61</sup> Or, For the foundations are destroyed;  
What hath *the* righteous wrought?

<sup>62</sup> Or, righteous deeds:

<sup>63</sup> Or, His countenance doth behold the upright.

<sup>64</sup> Or, the eighth.

<sup>65</sup> Or, faithfulness faileth from among

<sup>66</sup> Hb. with us:

- 4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him;  
*Lest* mine adversaries rejoice when I am moved.  
5 But I have trusted in thy lovingkindness;  
My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.  
6 I will sing unto Jehovah,  
Because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

**Folly and Wickedness of Men.**

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 14 *The* fool hath said in his heart, *There is no*  
<sup>67</sup>Jehovah.  
They are corrupt, they have done abominable works;  
*There is* none that doeth good.  
2 Jehovah looked down from heaven upon *the*  
children of men,  
To see if there were *any* that did <sup>68</sup>understand,  
*That* did seek after <sup>69</sup>Jehovah.  
3 They are all gone aside; they are together become  
filthy;  
*There is* none that doeth good, no, not one.  
4 Have all *the* workers of iniquity no knowledge,  
Who eat up my people *as* they eat bread,  
And call not upon Jehovah?  
5 There were they in great fear;  
For Jehovah *is* in *the* generation of *the* righteous.  
6 Ye put to shame *the* counsel of *the* poor,  
<sup>70</sup>Because Jehovah *is* his refuge.  
7 Oh that *the* salvation of Israel *were* come out of  
Zion!  
When Jehovah <sup>71</sup>bringeth back *the* captivity of his  
people,  
Then shall Jacob rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

**Description of a Citizen of Zion.**

A Psalm of David.

- 15 Jehovah, who shall sojourn in thy <sup>72</sup>tent?  
Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?  
2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh  
righteousness,  
And speaketh truth in his heart;  
3 <sup>73</sup>*He that* slandereth not with his tongue,  
Nor doeth evil to his friend,  
Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor;  
4 In <sup>74</sup>whose eyes a reprobate is despised,  
But who honoreth them that fear Jehovah;  
<sup>75</sup>He sweareth to *his own* hurt, and changeth not;

<sup>67</sup> Sopherim *changed to* God.

<sup>68</sup> Or, deal wisely,

<sup>69</sup> Sopherim *changed to* God. Also in vs. 5

<sup>70</sup> Or, But

<sup>71</sup> Or, returneth to *the* captivity of his people,

<sup>72</sup> Hb. .leho להאOr loosely, tabernacle

<sup>73</sup> Or, He slandereth not with his tongue,

<sup>74</sup> Or, his eyes

<sup>75</sup> Or, He *that* sweareth to *his own* hurt,

5 <sup>76</sup>*He that putteth not out his money to interest,  
Nor taketh reward against the innocent.  
He that doeth these things shall never be moved.*

**Jehovah the Psalmist's Portion in Life and Deliverer in Death.**  
Michtam of David.

16 Preserve me, O God; for in thee do I take refuge.  
2 *O my soul, thou hast said unto Jehovah, Thou art*  
<sup>77</sup>*my Jehovah:*  
I have no good beyond thee.  
3 <sup>78</sup>*As for the saints that are in the earth,*  
<sup>79</sup>*They are the excellent in whom is all my delight.*  
4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied *that* <sup>80</sup>*give dowry*  
*gifts for another god:*  
Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer,  
Nor take their names upon my lips.  
5 Jehovah *is the* portion of mine inheritance and of  
my cup:  
Thou maintainest my lot.  
6 *The* lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places*;  
Yes, I have a goodly heritage.  
7 I will bless Jehovah, who hath given me counsel;  
Yes, my <sup>81</sup>heart instructeth me in *the* night seasons.  
8 I have set Jehovah always before me:  
Because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be  
moved.  
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:  
My flesh also shall dwell <sup>82</sup>in safety.  
10 For thou wilt not leave my soul to Sheol;  
Neither wilt thou suffer thy <sup>83</sup>holy one to see  
<sup>84</sup>corruption.  
11 Thou wilt show me *the* path of life:  
In thy presence *is* fulness of joy;  
In thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

**Prayer for Protection against Oppressors.**  
A Prayer of David.

17 Hear *the* right, O Jehovah, attend unto my cry;  
Give ear unto my prayer, *that goeth* not out of  
feigned lips.  
2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence;  
<sup>85</sup>Let thine eyes look upon equity.  
3 Thou provest my heart; thou visitest *me in the* night;  
Thou triest me, <sup>86</sup>and findest nothing;  
I am purposed *that* my mouth shall not transgress.

<sup>76</sup> *Or, He putteth not out his money to interest,*  
<sup>77</sup> *Sopherim changed to the Lord. or, my Lord.*  
<sup>78</sup> *Or, Unto the saints that are in the earth,*  
<sup>79</sup> *Or, And the excellent in whom is all my delight:*  
<sup>80</sup> *Or, hasten after another god.*  
<sup>81</sup> *Hb. kidneys (or, reins) instruct me*  
<sup>82</sup> *Or, confidently.*  
<sup>83</sup> *Or, godly one Hb<sup>mg</sup> reads holy ones*  
<sup>84</sup> *Or, the pit.*  
<sup>85</sup> *Or, Thine eyes behold with equity.*  
<sup>86</sup> *Or, and findest no evil purpose in me;*  
My mouth shall not transgress.

4 As for *the* works of men, by *the* word of thy lips  
I have kept *me from the* ways of *the* violent.  
5 My steps have held fast to thy paths,  
My feet have not slipped.  
6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt answer me,  
O God:  
Incline thine ear unto me, *and* hear my speech.  
7 Show thy marvellous lovingkindness,  
O thou that savest <sup>87</sup>by thy right hand them that take  
refuge *in thee*  
From those that rise up *against them.*  
8 Keep me as *the* <sup>88</sup>apple of *the* eye;  
Hide me under *the* shadow of thy wings,  
9 From *the* wicked that oppress me,  
<sup>89</sup>Mine enemies against *my* soul, *that* compass me  
about.  
10 <sup>90</sup>They are inclosed in their own fat:  
With their mouth they speak proudly.  
11 <sup>91</sup>They have now compassed us in our steps;  
They set their eyes to cast *us* down to the earth.  
12 He *is* like a lion *that is* greedy of his prey,  
And as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.  
13 Arise, O Jehovah,  
<sup>92</sup>Confront him, cast him down:  
Deliver my soul from <sup>93</sup>*the* wicked by thy sword;  
14 From <sup>94</sup>men *by* thy hand, O Jehovah,  
From men <sup>95</sup>of *the* world, whose portion *is* in *this*  
life,  
And whose belly thou fillest with thy treasure:  
They are satisfied with children,  
And leave *the* rest of their *substance* to their babes.  
15 As for me, I shall behold thy face in righteousness;  
<sup>96</sup>I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with *beholding*  
thy <sup>97</sup>form.

<sup>87</sup> *Or, them that take refuge in thee*  
From those that rise up against thy right hand.

<sup>88</sup> *Lit. pupil*

<sup>89</sup> *Or, my deadly enemies,*

<sup>90</sup> *Or, They have shut up their heart:*

<sup>91</sup> *So Massoretic. 11QPs<sup>c</sup> Sept. read They have  
expelled me, now they have compassed me;*

<sup>92</sup> *Or, Forestall him,*

<sup>93</sup> *Or, the wicked, who is thy sword;*

<sup>94</sup> *Or, men who are thy hand, So Massoretic. Sept.,  
Vg. read enemies... 11QPs<sup>c</sup> reads plagues from...*

<sup>95</sup> *Or, whose portion in life is of the world,*

<sup>96</sup> *Or, let me be satisfied,*

<sup>97</sup> *Lit. representation (whether material or spiritual)*  
*Hb. הַנּוֹמָהּ t' monah. Elsewhere only in Ex 20:4;  
Nu 12:8; Dt 4:12, 15, 16, 23, 25, 5:8; Job 4:16.*

**Jehovah praised for giving Victory and Dominion.**

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David *the* servant of Jehovah,  
<sup>98</sup>who spake unto Jehovah the words of this song in *the* day that  
 Jehovah delivered him from the hand of all his enemies,  
 and from *the* hand of Saul: and he said,

- 18 I love thee, O Jehovah, my strength.  
 2 Jehovah *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;  
 My God, my rock, in whom I will take refuge;  
 My shield, and *the* horn of my salvation, my high tower.  
 3 I will call upon Jehovah, *who is worthy* to be praised:  
 So shall I be saved from mine enemies.  
 4 *The* cords of death compassed me,  
 And *the* floods of <sup>99</sup>ungodliness made me afraid.  
 5 *The* cords of Sheol were round about me;  
*The* snares of death came upon me.  
 6 In my distress I called upon Jehovah,  
 And cried unto my God:  
 He heard my voice out of his temple,  
 And my cry before him came into his ears.  
 7 Then the earth shook and trembled;  
*The* foundations also of *the* mountains quaked  
 And were shaken, because he was wroth.  
 8 There went up a smoke <sup>100</sup>out of his nostrils,  
 And fire out of his mouth devoured:  
 Coals were kindled by it.  
 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down;  
 And thick darkness was under his feet.  
 10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly;  
 Yes, he soared upon *the* wings of *the* wind.  
 11 He made darkness his hiding-place, his booth  
 round about him,  
 Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.  
 12 At *the* brightness before him his thick clouds  
 passed,  
 Hailstones and coals of fire.  
 13 Jehovah also thundered in the heavens,  
 And *the* Most High uttered his voice,  
 Hailstones and coals of fire.  
 14 And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them;  
<sup>101</sup>Yes, lightnings manifold, and discomfited them.  
 15 Then *the* channels of waters appeared,  
 And *the* foundations of *the* world were laid bare,  
 At thy rebuke, O Jehovah,  
 At *the* blast of *the* breath of thy nostrils.  
 16 He sent from on high, he took me;  
 He drew me out of <sup>102</sup>many waters.  
 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy,  
 And from them that hated me; for they were too  
 mighty for me.

<sup>98</sup> See 2Sa 22:1-51.

<sup>99</sup> *Hb.* Belial *That is,* worthlessness

<sup>100</sup> *Or,* in his wrath,

<sup>101</sup> *Or,* And he shot out lightnings,

<sup>102</sup> *Or,* great waters.

- 18 They came upon me in *the* day of my calamity;  
 But Jehovah was my stay.  
 19 He brought me forth also into *a* large place;  
 He delivered me, because he delighted in me.  
 20 Jehovah hath rewarded me according to my  
 righteousness;  
 According to *the* cleanness of my hands hath he  
 recompensed me.  
 21 For I have kept *the* ways of Jehovah,  
 And have not wickedly departed from my God.  
 22 For all his ordinances *were* before me,  
 And I put not away his statutes from me.  
 23 I was also perfect with him,  
 And I kept myself from mine iniquity.  
 24 Therefore hath Jehovah recompensed me according  
 to my righteousness,  
 According to *the* cleanness of my hands in his  
 eyesight.  
 25 With *the* merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful;  
 With *the* perfect man thou wilt show thyself perfect;  
 26 With *the* pure thou wilt show thyself pure;  
 And with *the* perverse thou wilt show thyself  
 froward.  
 27 For thou wilt save *the* afflicted people;  
 But *the* haughty eyes thou wilt bring down.  
 28 For thou wilt light my lamp:  
 Jehovah my God will lighten my darkness.  
 29 For by thee I run <sup>103</sup>upon a troop;  
 And by my God do I leap over a wall.  
 30 *As for* God, his way *is* perfect:  
*The* word of Jehovah is tried;  
 He *is* a shield unto all them *that* take refuge in him.  
 31 For who *is* God, save Jehovah?  
 And who *is* a rock, besides our God,  
 32 The God *that* girdeth me with strength,  
 And maketh my way perfect?  
 33 He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*:  
 And setteth me upon my high places.  
 34 He teacheth my hands to war;  
 So that mine arms do bend a bow of copper.  
 35 Thou hast also given me *the* shield of thy salvation;  
 And thy right hand hath holden me up,  
 And thy <sup>104</sup>gentleness hath made me great.  
 36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,  
 And my <sup>105</sup>feet have not slipped.  
 37 I will pursue mine enemies, and overtake them;  
 Neither will I turn again till they are consumed.  
 38 I will smite them through, so that they shall not be  
 able to rise:  
 They shall fall under my feet.  
 39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the  
 battle:

<sup>103</sup> *Or,* through

<sup>104</sup> *Or,* condescension

<sup>105</sup> *Hb.* ankles wavered not.

Thou hast <sup>106</sup>subdued under me those that rose up against me.  
 40 Thou hast also made mine enemies turn their backs unto me,  
 That I might cut off them that hate me.  
 41 They cried, but *there was* none to save;  
*Even* unto Jehovah, but he answered them not.  
 42 Then did I beat them small as *the* dust before *the* wind;  
 I did <sup>107</sup>cast them out as *the* mire of *the* streets.  
 43 Thou hast delivered me from *the* strivings of *the* people;  
<sup>108</sup>Thou hast made me *the* head of *the* nations:  
 A people *whom* I have not known shall serve me.  
 44 As soon as they hear of me they shall obey me;  
<sup>109</sup>*The* foreigners shall <sup>110</sup>submit themselves unto me.  
 45 *The* foreigners shall fade away,  
 And shall come trembling out of their close places.  
 46 Jehovah liveth; and blessed *be* my rock;  
 And exalted *be* *the* God of my salvation,  
 47 *Even* the God that executeth vengeance for me,  
 And subdueth peoples under me.  
 48 He rescueth me from mine enemies;  
 Yes, thou liftest me up above them that rise up against me;  
 Thou deliverest me from *the* violent man.  
 49 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O Jehovah,  
 among the nations,  
 And will sing praises unto thy name.  
 50 Great <sup>111</sup>deliverance giveth he to his king,  
 And showeth lovingkindness to his anointed,  
 To David and to his seed, for evermore.

**The Works and the Word of God.**

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

**19** The heavens declare *the* glory of God;  
 And the *open* sky showeth his handiwork.  
 2 Day unto day uttereth speech,  
 And night unto night showeth knowledge.  
 3 *There is* no speech nor language;  
 Their voice is not heard.  
 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth,  
 And their words to *the* end of *the* world.  
 In them hath he set a tent for the sun,  
 5 Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
 And rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course.  
 6 His going forth *is* from *the* end of the heavens,  
 And his circuit unto *the* ends of it;  
 And there is nothing hid from *the* heat thereof.

<sup>106</sup> *Hb.* caused to bow under me

<sup>107</sup> *Hb.* empty

<sup>108</sup> *Or,* Thou wilt make me head of *the* nations:

<sup>109</sup> *Lit.* Sons of a foreigner shall *And in vs.* 45.

<sup>110</sup> *Or,* feign loyalty unto me. *Hb.* lie unto me.

<sup>111</sup> *Hb.* salvations

7 *The* law of Jehovah *is* perfect, restoring *the* soul:  
*The* testimony of Jehovah *is* sure, making wise *the* simple.  
 8 *The* precepts of Jehovah *are* right, rejoicing *the* heart:  
*The* commandment of Jehovah *is* pure, enlightening *the* eyes.  
 9 *The* fear of Jehovah *is* clean, enduring for ever:  
*The* ordinances of Jehovah *are* true, and righteous altogether.  
 10 More to be desired *are* *they* than gold, yes, than much fine gold;  
 Sweeter also than honey and *the* droppings of *the* honeycomb.  
 11 Moreover by them *is* thy servant warned:  
 In keeping them *there is* great reward.  
 12 Who can discern *his* errors?  
 Clear thou me from hidden *faults*.  
 13 Keep back thy servant also <sup>112</sup>from presumptuous *sins*;  
 Let them not have dominion over me:  
 Then shall I be upright,  
 And I shall be clear from great transgression.  
 14 Let *the* words of my mouth and *the* meditation of my heart  
 Be acceptable in thy sight,  
 O Jehovah, my rock, and my ransom.

**Prayer for Victory over Enemies.**

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

**20** Jehovah answer thee in *the* day of trouble;  
*The* name of *the* God of Jacob set thee up on high;  
 2 Send thee help from *the* Holy,  
 And <sup>113</sup>strengthen thee out of Zion;  
 3 Remember all thy <sup>114</sup>offerings,  
 And <sup>115</sup>accept thy burnt-offering; [Selah]  
 4 Grant thee thy heart's desire,  
 And fulfil all thy counsel.  
 5 We will triumph in thy <sup>116</sup>salvation,  
 And in *the* name of our God we will set up *our* banners:  
 Jehovah fulfil all thy petitions.  
 6 Now know I that Jehovah saveth his anointed;  
 He will answer him from his holy heaven  
 With *the* saving strength of his right hand.  
 7 Some *trust* in the chariot, and some in horses;  
 But we will make mention of *the* name of Jehovah our God.  
 8 They are bowed down and fallen;  
 But we are risen, and stand upright.

<sup>112</sup> *Or,* from *the* proud;

<sup>113</sup> *Or,* support

<sup>114</sup> *Or,* meal-offerings,

<sup>115</sup> *Hb.* accept as fat thy burnt-sacrifice;

<sup>116</sup> *Or,* victory,



9 Save, Jehovah:  
Let the King answer us when we call.

**Praise for Deliverance.**

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

21 The king shall joy in thy strength, O Jehovah;  
And in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!  
2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire,  
And hast not withholden *the* request of his lips. [Selah  
3 For thou meetest him *with the* blessings of  
<sup>117</sup>goodness:  
Thou settest a crown of fine gold on his head.  
4 He asked life of thee, thou gavest it him,  
*Even* length of days for ever and ever.  
5 His glory *is* great in thy salvation:  
Honor and majesty dost thou lay upon him.  
6 For thou <sup>118</sup>makest him most blessed for ever:  
Thou makest him glad with joy in thy presence.  
7 For the king trusteth in Jehovah;  
And through the lovingkindness of *the* Most High  
he shall not be moved.  
8 Thy hand will find out all thine enemies;  
Thy right hand will find out those that hate thee.  
9 Thou wilt make them as a fiery furnace in *the* time  
of <sup>119</sup>thine anger:  
Jehovah will swallow them up in his wrath,  
And *the* fire shall devour them.  
10 Their fruit wilt thou destroy from *the* earth,  
And their seed from among *the* children of men.  
11 For they intended evil against thee;  
They conceived a device *which* they are not able to  
*perform*.  
12 For thou wilt make them turn their back;  
Thou wilt make ready with thy bowstrings against  
their face.  
13 Be thou exalted, O Jehovah, in thy strength:  
*So* will we sing and praise thy power.

**A Cry of Anguish and a Song of Praise.**

For the Chief Musician; set to <sup>120</sup>Aijeleth hash-Shahar.  
A Psalm of David

22 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?  
<sup>121</sup>*Why art thou so far from helping me, and from  
the words of my groaning?*  
2 O my God, I cry in *the* daytime, but thou answerest  
not;  
And in *the* night season, <sup>122</sup>and am not silent.  
3 But thou *art* holy,  
*O thou* that <sup>123</sup>inhabitest *the* praises of Israel.

<sup>117</sup> *Or*, good things:

<sup>118</sup> *Hb.* settest him to be blessings forever See Ge 12:2.

<sup>119</sup> *Or*, thy presence: *Hb.* thy countenance:

<sup>120</sup> *That is*, *The* hind of the morning.

<sup>121</sup> *Or*, Far from my help *are* the words of my groaning.  
*Hb.* ...roaring.

<sup>122</sup> *Or*, but find no rest.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee:  
They trusted, and thou didst deliver them.  
5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered:  
They trusted in thee, and were not put to shame.  
6 But I *am* a *scarlet* worm, and no man;  
A reproach of men, and despised of *the* people.  
7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn:  
They shoot out *the* lip, they shake *the* head, *saying*,  
8 <sup>124</sup>Commit *thyself* unto Jehovah; let him deliver  
him:  
Let him rescue him, seeing he delighteth in him.  
9 But thou *art* he that took me out of *the* womb;  
Thou didst make me trust *when I was* upon my  
mother's breasts.  
10 I was cast upon thee from *the* womb;  
Thou *art* my God since my mother bare me.  
11 Be not far from me; for trouble *is* near;  
For *there is* none to help.  
12 Many bulls have compassed me;  
Strong *bulls* of Bashan have beset me round.  
13 They gape upon me *with* their mouth,  
As a ravening and a roaring lion.  
14 I am poured out like water,  
And all my bones are out of joint:  
My heart is like wax;  
It is melted within me.  
15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd;  
And my tongue cleaveth to my jaws;  
And thou hast brought me into *the* dust of death.  
16 For dogs have compassed me:  
A company of evil-doers have inclosed me;  
<sup>125</sup>They pierced my hands and my feet.  
17 I may count all my bones;  
They look *and* stare upon me.  
18 They part my garments among them,  
And upon my vesture do they cast lots.  
19 But be not thou far off, O Jehovah;  
O thou my succor, haste thee to help me.  
20 Deliver my soul from *the* sword,  
My <sup>126</sup>darling from *the* power of *the* dog.  
21 Save me from *the* lion's mouth;  
Yes, from *the* horns of *the* wild-oxen thou hast  
answered me.  
22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren:  
In *the* midst of *the* assembly will I praise thee.  
23 Ye that fear Jehovah, praise him;  
All ye *the* seed of Jacob, glorify him;  
And stand in awe of him, all ye *the* seed of Israel.

<sup>123</sup> *Or*, art enthroned upon *the* praises of Israel.

<sup>124</sup> *Or*, He trusted on Jehovah, *that* he would deliver  
him:

<sup>125</sup> *So* 5/6HevPs Sept., Aram., Vg. *Most* Massoretic  
mss., *as pointed, read* Like a lion *are* my hands

<sup>126</sup> *Hb.* only one from *Or*, dear soul from

- 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred *the* affliction of *the* afflicted;  
Neither hath he hid his face from him;  
But when he cried unto him, he heard.
- 25 Of thee *cometh* my praise in *the* great assembly:  
I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
- 26 *The* meek shall eat and be satisfied;  
They shall praise Jehovah that seek after him:  
Let your heart live for ever.
- 27 All *the* ends of *the* earth shall remember and turn unto Jehovah;  
And all *the* kindreds of *the* nations shall worship before thee.
- 28 For the kingdom *is* Jehovah's;  
And *he is the* ruler over the nations.
- 29 All *the* fat ones of *the* earth shall eat and worship:  
All they that go down to *the* dust shall bow before him,  
Even he that cannot keep his soul alive.
- 30 A seed shall serve him;  
It shall be <sup>127</sup>counted unto <sup>128</sup>Jehovah for *his* generation.
- 31 They shall come and shall declare his righteousness  
Unto a people that shall be born, that <sup>129</sup>it is finished.

**Jehovah the Psalmist's Shepherd.**

A Psalm of David.

- 23 Jehovah is my shepherd;  
I shall not *be in* want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside <sup>130</sup>still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul:  
He guideth me in *the* paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yes, though I walk through *the* valley of <sup>131</sup>*the* shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for thou *art* with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in *the* presence of mine enemies:  
<sup>132</sup>Thou hast anointed my head with oil;  
My cup runneth over.
- 6 <sup>133</sup>Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow me all *the* days of my life;  
And I shall dwell in *the* house of Jehovah <sup>134</sup>forever.

<sup>127</sup> *Or*, told of Jehovah unto the *next* generation.

<sup>128</sup> Sopherim *changed to* the Lord

<sup>129</sup> *Or*, he hath done *it*. *But compare* Jo 19:30.

<sup>130</sup> *Hb.* waters of rest.

<sup>131</sup> *Or*, deep darkness, *And so elsewhere*.

<sup>132</sup> *That is (according to* Abegg), Thou welcomest me as an honored guest;

<sup>133</sup> *Or*, only

<sup>134</sup> *Hb.* for length of days.

**The King of Glory entering Zion.**

A Psalm of David.

- 24 The earth *is* Jehovah's, and *the* fulness thereof;  
*The* world, and they that dwell therein.
- 2 For he hath founded it upon *the* seas,  
And established it upon *the* floods.
- 3 Who shall ascend into *the* hill of Jehovah?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;  
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto falsehood,  
And hath not sworn deceitfully.
- 5 He shall receive a blessing from Jehovah,  
And righteousness from God of his salvation;
- 6 This *is the* generation of them that seek after him,  
That seek thy face, *even* Jacob. [Selah]
- 7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;  
And be ye lifted up, ye <sup>135</sup>everlasting doors:  
And the King of glory will come in.
- 8 Who *is* this King of glory?  
Jehovah strong and mighty,  
Jehovah mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;  
Yes, lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors:  
And the King of glory will come in.
- 10 Who *is* he, this King of glory?  
Jehovah of hosts,  
He *is* the King of glory. [Selah]

**Prayer for Protection, Guidance, and Pardon.**

A Psalm of David.

- 25 Unto thee, O Jehovah, do I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, in thee have I trusted,  
Let me not be put to shame;  
Let not mine enemies triumph over me.
- 3 Yes, none that wait for thee shall be put to shame:  
They shall be put to shame *that* deal treacherously without cause.
- 4 Show me thy ways, O Jehovah;  
Teach me thy paths.
- 5 Guide me in thy truth, and teach me;  
For thou *art the* God of my salvation;  
For thee do I wait all the day.
- 6 Remember, O Jehovah, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses;  
For they *have been* ever of old.
- 7 Remember not *the* sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:  
According to thy lovingkindness remember thou me,  
For thy goodness' sake, O Jehovah.
- 8 Good and upright *is* Jehovah:  
Therefore will he instruct sinners in the way.
- 9 *The* meek will he guide in justice;  
And *the* meek will he teach his way.

<sup>135</sup> *Or*, ancient doors: *And in* vs. 9.

10 All *the* paths of Jehovah *are* lovingkindness and truth  
 Unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.  
 11 For thy name's sake, O Jehovah,  
 Pardon mine iniquity, for it *is* great.  
 12 What man *is* he that feareth Jehovah?  
 Him shall he instruct in *the* way *that* he shall choose.  
 13 His soul shall dwell at ease;  
 And his seed shall inherit *the* land.  
 14 *The* <sup>136</sup>friendship of Jehovah *is* with them that fear him;  
<sup>137</sup>And he will show them his covenant.  
 15 Mine eyes *are* ever toward Jehovah;  
 For he will pluck my feet out of *the* net.  
 16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me;  
 For I *am* desolate and afflicted.  
 17 *The* troubles of my heart <sup>138</sup>are enlarged:  
*Oh* bring thou me out of my distresses.  
 18 Consider mine affliction and my travail;  
 And forgive all my sins.  
 19 Consider mine enemies, for they are many;  
 And they hate me with cruel hatred.  
 20 Oh keep my soul, and deliver me:  
 Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in thee.  
 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
 For I wait for thee.  
 22 Redeem Israel, O God,  
 Out of all his troubles.

**Protestation of Integrity, and Prayer for Protection.**  
*A Psalm of David.*

26 Judge me, O Jehovah, for I have walked in mine integrity:  
 I have trusted also <sup>139</sup>in Jehovah without wavering.  
 2 Examine me, O Jehovah, and prove me;  
 Try my <sup>140</sup>heart and my mind.  
 3 For thy lovingkindness *is* before mine eyes;  
 And I have walked in thy truth.  
 4 I have not sat with men of falsehood;  
 Neither will I go in with dissemblers.  
 5 I hate *the* assembly of evil-doers,  
 And will not sit with *the* wicked.  
 6 I will wash my hands in innocency:  
 So will I compass thine altar, O Jehovah;  
 7 That I may <sup>141</sup>make *the* voice of thanksgiving to be heard,  
 And tell of all thy wondrous works.  
 8 Jehovah, I love *the* habitation of thy house,  
 And *the* place <sup>142</sup>where thy glory dwelleth.

<sup>136</sup> *Or*, counsel *or*, secret

<sup>137</sup> *Or*, And his covenant, to make them know it.

<sup>138</sup> *Hb*<sup>mg</sup> reads relieve thou, *And* bring me out of

<sup>139</sup> *Or*, in Jehovah; I shall not slide.

<sup>140</sup> *Hb*. kidneys (*or*, reins) and my heart.

<sup>141</sup> *Or*, publish with *the* voice of thanksgiving,

9 <sup>143</sup>Gather not my soul with sinners,  
 Nor my life with men of blood;  
 10 In whose hands *is* wickedness,  
 And their right hand is full of bribes.  
 11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity:  
 Redeem me, and be merciful unto me.  
 12 My foot standeth in an even place:  
 In *the* congregations will I bless Jehovah.

**A Psalm of Fearless Trust in God.**  
*A Psalm of David.*

27 Jehovah *is* my light and my salvation;  
 Whom shall I fear?  
 Jehovah *is* *the* <sup>144</sup>strength of my life;  
 Of whom shall I be afraid?  
 2 When evil-doers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
*Even* mine adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and fell.  
 3 Though a host should encamp against me,  
 My heart shall not fear:  
 Though war should rise against me,  
<sup>145</sup>Even then *will* I *be* confident.  
 4 One *thing* have I asked of Jehovah, that will I seek after;  
 That I may dwell in *the* house of Jehovah all *the* days of my life,  
 To behold <sup>146</sup>*the* beauty of Jehovah,  
 And to <sup>147</sup>inquire in his temple.  
 5 For in *the* day of trouble he will keep me secretly in his pavilion:  
 In *the* covert of his tent will he hide me;  
 He will lift me up upon a rock.  
 6 And now shall my head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me;  
 And I will offer in his tent sacrifices of <sup>148</sup>joy;  
 I will sing, yes, I will sing praises unto Jehovah.  
 7 Hear, O Jehovah, *when* I cry with my voice:  
 Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.  
 8 *When thou saidst*, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee,  
 Thy face, Jehovah, will I seek.  
 9 Hide not thy face from me;  
 Put not thy servant away in anger:  
 Thou hast been my help;  
 Cast me not off, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

<sup>142</sup> *Hb*. of *the* tabernacle of thy glory.

<sup>143</sup> *Or*, Take not away my soul with sinners,

<sup>144</sup> *Or*, stronghold of my life;

<sup>145</sup> *Or*, In this *will* I *be* confident.

<sup>146</sup> *Or*, *the* pleasantness of Jehovah,

<sup>147</sup> *Or*, consider his temple.

<sup>148</sup> *Or*, shouting; *or*, trumpet-sound;

- 10 <sup>149</sup>When my father and my mother forsake me,  
Then Jehovah will take me up.  
11 Teach me thy way, O Jehovah;  
And lead me in a plain path,  
Because of <sup>150</sup>mine enemies.  
12 Deliver me not over unto *the* soul of mine  
adversaries:  
For false witnesses are risen up against me,  
And such as breathe out cruelty.  
13 <sup>151</sup>I have believed that I shall see *the* goodness of  
Jehovah  
In *the* land of *the* living.  
14 Wait for Jehovah:  
Be strong, and let thy heart take courage;  
Yes, wait thou for Jehovah.

**A Prayer for Help, and Praise for its Answer.**  
*A Psalm of David.*

- 28** Unto thee, O Jehovah, will I call:  
My rock be not thou deaf unto me;  
Lest, *if* thou be silent unto me,  
I become like them that go down into *the* pit.  
2 Hear *the* voice of my supplications, when I cry unto  
thee,  
When I lift up my hands <sup>152</sup>toward thy holy Word.  
3 Draw me not away with *the* wicked,  
And with *the* workers of iniquity;  
That speak peace with their neighbors,  
But mischief is in their hearts.  
4 Give them according to their work, and according  
to *the* wickedness of their doings:  
Give them after *the* operation of their hands;  
Render to them their desert.  
5 Because they regard not *the* works of Jehovah,  
Nor *the* operation of his hands,  
He will break them down and not build them up.  
6 Blessed *be* Jehovah,  
Because he hath heard *the* voice of my supplications.  
7 Jehovah *is* my strength and my shield;  
My heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped:  
Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth;  
And with my song will I praise him.  
8 Jehovah *is* their strength,  
And he *is* a stronghold of salvation to his anointed.  
9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance:  
Be their shepherd also, and bear them up for ever.

<sup>149</sup> *Or*, For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
But Jehovah will take me up.

<sup>150</sup> *Or*, them that lie in wait for me.

<sup>151</sup> *So some Massoretic mss., Sept., Aram., Vg.*  
*Sopherim add extraordinary points (implying*  
*doubtful) on a word to read, I had fainted, unless*  
*I had believed to see the goodness of Jehovah*

<sup>152</sup> *Or*, toward *the* innermost *place* of thy sanctuary.  
*That is, toward the Holy of Holies. See 1Ki 6:16.*

**The Voice of Jehovah in the Storm.**

*A Psalm of David.*

- 29** Ascribe unto Jehovah, O ye <sup>153</sup>sons of *the*  
<sup>154</sup>mighty,  
Ascribe unto Jehovah glory and strength.  
2 Ascribe unto Jehovah *the* glory due unto his name;  
Worship Jehovah <sup>155</sup>in holy apparel.  
3 *The* voice of Jehovah *is* upon the waters:  
The God of glory thundereth,  
Even Jehovah upon <sup>156</sup>many waters.  
4 *The* voice of Jehovah *is* powerful;  
*The* voice of Jehovah *is* full of majesty.  
5 *The* voice of Jehovah breaketh *the* cedars;  
Yes, Jehovah breaketh in pieces the cedars of  
Lebanon.  
6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf;  
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild-ox.  
7 *The* voice of Jehovah <sup>157</sup>cleaveth *the* flames of fire.  
8 *The* voice of Jehovah shaketh *the* wilderness;  
Jehovah shaketh *the* wilderness of Kadesh.  
9 *The* voice of Jehovah maketh *the* hinds to calve,  
And strippeth *the* forests bare:  
And in his temple every thing saith, Glory.  
10 Jehovah sat *as King* at the Flood;  
Yes, Jehovah sitteth as King for ever.  
11 Jehovah will give strength unto his people;  
Jehovah will bless his people with peace.

**Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death.**

*A Psalm; a Song at the Dedication of the House. A Psalm of David.*

- 30** I will extol thee, O Jehovah; for thou hast <sup>158</sup>raised  
me up,  
And hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.  
2 O Jehovah my God,  
I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.  
3 O Jehovah, thou hast brought up my soul from  
Sheol;  
Thou hast kept me alive, <sup>159</sup>that I should not go  
down *to the* pit.  
4 Sing praise unto Jehovah, O ye <sup>160</sup>saints of his,  
And give thanks to his holy memorial *name*.  
5 For his anger *is but for* a moment;  
<sup>161</sup>His favor *is for* a lifetime:  
Weeping <sup>162</sup>may tarry for the night,  
But joy *cometh* in the morning.

<sup>153</sup> *Or*, sons of God,

<sup>154</sup> *Or*, gods, *See Ex 15:11.*

<sup>155</sup> *Or*, in *the* beauty of holiness.

<sup>156</sup> *Or*, great waters.

<sup>157</sup> *Or*, heweth out flames of fire.

<sup>158</sup> *Or*, drawn me up,

<sup>159</sup> *Hb<sup>mg</sup> reads* from among them that go down *to a* pit.

<sup>160</sup> *Lit.* merciful ones *And so many places in Psalms.*

<sup>161</sup> *Or*, In his favor *is* life:

<sup>162</sup> *Hb.* may *come in to* lodge at even,

6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
I shall never be moved.  
7 Thou, Jehovah, of thy favor hadst made my  
mountain to stand strong:  
Thou didst hide thy face; I was troubled.  
8 I cried to thee, O Jehovah;  
And unto <sup>163</sup>Jehovah I made supplication:  
9 What profit *is there* in my blood, when I go down  
to *the* pit?  
Shall dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?  
10 <sup>164</sup>Hear, O Jehovah, and have mercy upon me:  
Jehovah, be thou my helper.  
11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into  
dancing;  
Thou hast loosed my sackcloth, and girded me with  
gladness;  
12 To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to thee,  
and not be silent.  
O Jehovah my God, I will give thanks unto thee for  
ever.

**A Psalm of Complaint and of Praise.**  
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

31 In thee, O Jehovah, do I take refuge;  
Let me never be put to shame:  
Deliver me in thy righteousness.  
2 Bow down thine ear unto me; deliver me speedily:  
Be thou to me a strong rock,  
A house of <sup>165</sup>defence to save me.  
3 For thou *art* my rock and my fortress;  
Therefore for thy name's sake lead me and guide  
me.  
4 Pluck me out of *the* net that they have laid privily  
for me;  
For thou *art* my stronghold.  
5 Into thy hand I commend my spirit:  
Thou hast redeemed me, O Jehovah, thou God of  
truth.  
6 I hate them *that* regard lying vanities;  
But I trust in Jehovah.  
7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy lovingkindness;  
For thou hast seen my affliction:  
Thou hast known <sup>166</sup>my soul in adversities;  
8 And thou hast not shut me up into *the* hand of *the*  
enemy;  
Thou hast set my feet in *a* large place.  
9 Have mercy upon me, O Jehovah, for I am in  
distress:  
Mine eye wasteth away with grief, *yes*, my soul and  
my body.

<sup>163</sup> So 4QPs<sup>r</sup> some Massoretic mss., Aram.  
Sopherim *changed to the* Lord

<sup>164</sup> So Massoretic, Aram. But 4QPs<sup>r</sup> Sept., Vg.  
*read* Jehovah heard and was merciful to me:

<sup>165</sup> Hb. fortresses

<sup>166</sup> Or, *the* adversities of my soul;

10 For my life is spent with sorrow,  
And my years with sighing:  
My strength faileth because of mine iniquity,  
And my bones are wasted away.  
11 Because of all mine adversaries I am become a  
reproach,  
Yes, unto my neighbors exceedingly,  
And a fear to mine acquaintance:  
They that did see me without fled from me.  
12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind:  
I am like a broken vessel.  
13 For I have heard the defaming of many,  
Terror on every side:  
While they took counsel together against me,  
They devised to take away my soul.  
14 But I trusted in thee, O Jehovah:  
I said, Thou *art* my God.  
15 My times *are* in thy hand:  
Deliver me from *the* hand of mine enemies, and  
from them that persecute me.  
16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant:  
Save me in thy lovingkindness.  
17 Let me not be put to shame, O Jehovah; for I have  
called upon thee:  
Let *the* wicked be put to shame, let them be silent  
in Sheol.  
18 Let *the* lying lips be dumb,  
Which speak against *the* righteous insolently,  
With pride and contempt.  
19 *Oh* how great *is* thy goodness,  
Which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee,  
*Which* thou hast wrought for them *that* take refuge  
in thee,  
Before *the* sons of men!  
20 In *the* covert of thy presence wilt thou hide them  
from *the* plottings of man:  
Thou wilt keep them secretly in a <sup>167</sup>booth from *the*  
strife of tongues.  
21 Blessed *be* Jehovah;  
For he hath showed me his marvellous  
lovingkindness in a strong city.  
22 As for me, I said in my <sup>168</sup>haste,  
I am cut off from before thine eyes:  
Nevertheless thou heardest *the* voice of my  
supplications  
When I cried unto thee.  
23 Oh love Jehovah, all ye his saints:  
Jehovah preserveth <sup>169</sup>*the* faithful,  
And plentifully rewardeth him that dealeth proudly.  
24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
All ye *that* <sup>170</sup>hope in Jehovah.

<sup>167</sup> Or, pavillion Hb. succah

<sup>168</sup> Or, alarm,

<sup>169</sup> Or, faithfulness,

<sup>170</sup> Or, wait for Jehovah.

**Blessedness of Forgiveness and of Trust in God.***A Psalm of David.* <sup>171</sup>Maskil.

- 32 Blessed *is he* whose transgression is forgiven,  
Whose sin is covered.
- 2 Blessed *is the* man unto whom Jehovah imputeth  
not iniquity,  
And in whose spirit *there is* no guile.
- 3 When I kept silence, my bones wasted away  
Through my <sup>172</sup>groaning all the day *long*.
- 4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me:  
My moisture was changed <sup>173</sup>into *the* drought of  
summer. [Selah]
- 5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee,  
And mine iniquity did I not hide:  
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto  
Jehovah;  
And thou forgavest *the* iniquity of my sin. [Selah]
- 6 For this let every one that is godly pray unto thee in  
a time when thou mayest be found:  
Surely when *the* great waters overflow they shall  
not reach unto him.
- 7 Thou *art* my hiding-place; thou wilt preserve me  
from trouble;  
Thou wilt compass me about with songs of  
deliverance. [Selah]
- 8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in *the* way which  
thou shalt go:  
I will counsel thee with mine eye upon thee.
- 9 Be ye not as *the* horse, *or* as *the* mule, *which* have  
no understanding;  
Whose trappings must be bit and bridle to hold  
them in,  
<sup>174</sup>*Else* they will not come near unto thee.
- 10 Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked;  
But he *that* trusteth in Jehovah, lovingkindness  
shall compass him about.
- 11 Be glad in Jehovah, and rejoice, ye righteous;  
And shout for joy, all *ye that are* upright in heart.

**Praise to the Creator and Preserver.**<sup>175</sup>Of David, a Song, a Psalm.

- 33 Rejoice in Jehovah, O ye righteous:  
Praise is comely for the upright.
- 2 Give thanks unto Jehovah with *the* harp:  
Sing praises unto him with *the* psaltery of ten  
strings.
- 3 Sing unto him a new song;  
Play skilfully with a loud noise.
- 4 For *the* word of Jehovah is right;  
And all his work *is done* in faithfulness.

<sup>171</sup> *Or*, Contemplative poem. *And so everywhere.*<sup>172</sup> *Hb.* roaring<sup>173</sup> *Or*, as with *the* droughts of summer.<sup>174</sup> *Or*, *That* they come not near unto thee.<sup>175</sup> *So* 4QPs<sup>q</sup>. Sept. reads For David.Vg. reads *A Psalm for David. Massoretic omits.*

- 5 He loveth righteousness and justice:  
The earth is full of *the* lovingkindness of Jehovah.
- 6 By *the* word of Jehovah were *the* heavens made,  
And all *the* host of them by *the* breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathereth *the* waters of the sea together as a  
heap:  
He layeth up *the* deeps in store-houses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear Jehovah:  
Let all *the* inhabitants of *the* world stand in awe of  
him.
- 9 For he spake, and it was *done*;  
He commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 Jehovah bringeth *the* counsel of *the* nations to  
nought;  
He maketh *the* thoughts of *the* peoples to be of no  
effect.
- 11 *The* counsel of Jehovah standeth fast for ever,  
*The* thoughts of his heart to all generations.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah,  
The people *whom* he hath chosen for his own  
inheritance.
- 13 Jehovah looketh from heaven;  
He beholdeth all the sons of men;
- 14 From *the* place of his habitation he looketh forth  
Upon all *the* inhabitants of the <sup>176</sup>earth,
- 15 He *that* fashioneth *the* hearts of them all,  
*That* considereth all their works.
- 16 There is no king saved by <sup>177</sup>*the* multitude of a host:  
A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.
- 17 A horse *is* a vain thing for safety;  
Neither doth he deliver *any* by his great power.
- 18 Behold, *the* eye of Jehovah *is* upon them that fear  
him,  
Upon them that <sup>178</sup>hope in his lovingkindness;
- 19 To deliver their soul from death,  
And to keep them alive in famine.
- 20 Our soul hath waited for Jehovah:  
He *is* our help and our shield.
- 21 For our heart shall rejoice in him,  
Because we have trusted in his holy name.
- 22 Let thy lovingkindness, O Jehovah, be upon us,  
According as we have hoped in thee.

**Jehovah a Provider and Deliverer.***A Psalm of David;* <sup>179</sup>when he <sup>180</sup>changed his behavior before  
Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.

- 34 I will bless Jehovah at all times:  
His praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in Jehovah:  
*The* meek shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.

<sup>176</sup> *So* Massoretic, Aram., Vg. 4QPs<sup>q</sup> Sept. read world,<sup>177</sup> *Or*, a great power:<sup>178</sup> *Or*, wait for his lovingkindness;<sup>179</sup> See 1Sa 21:10-15.<sup>180</sup> *Or*, feigned madness before Abimelech,

3 Oh magnify Jehovah with me,  
And let us exalt his name together.  
4 I sought Jehovah, and he answered me,  
And delivered me from all my fears.  
5 They looked unto him, and were radiant;  
And their faces shall never be confounded.  
6 This poor man cried, and Jehovah heard *him*,  
And saved him out of all his troubles.  
7 *The* angel of Jehovah encampeth round about them  
that fear him,  
And delivereth them.  
8 Oh taste and see that Jehovah *is* good:  
Blessed *is* the man *that* taketh refuge in him.  
9 Oh fear Jehovah, ye his saints;  
For *there is* no want to them that fear him.  
10 *The* young lions do lack, and suffer hunger;  
But they that seek Jehovah shall not *be in* want of  
any good *thing*.  
11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me:  
I will teach you *the* fear of Jehovah.  
12 What man *is he* that desireth life,  
And loveth *many* days, that he may see good?  
13 Keep thy tongue from evil,  
And thy lips from speaking guile.  
14 Depart from evil, and do good;  
Seek peace, and pursue it.  
15 *The* eyes of Jehovah *are* toward *the* righteous,  
And his ears *are open* unto their cry.  
16 *The* face of Jehovah *is* against them that do evil,  
To cut off *the* remembrance of them from the earth.  
17 *The* righteous cried, and Jehovah heard,  
And delivered them out of all their troubles.  
18 Jehovah *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken  
heart,  
And saveth such *as are* of a contrite spirit.  
19 Many *are the* afflictions of *the* righteous;  
But Jehovah delivereth him out of them all.  
20 He keepeth all his bones:  
Not one of them is broken.  
21 Evil shall slay the wicked;  
And they that hate *the* righteous shall be  
<sup>181</sup>condemned.  
22 Jehovah redeemeth *the* souls of his servants;  
And none of them that take refuge in him shall be  
condemned.

**Prayer for Rescue from Enemies.**  
*A Psalm of David.*

35 Strive thou, O Jehovah, with them that strive with  
me:  
Fight thou against them that fight against me.  
2 Take hold of shield and buckler,  
And stand up for my help.

<sup>181</sup> *Or*, held guilty. *Also in* vs. 22.

3 Draw out also *the* spear, <sup>182</sup>and stop *the way* against  
them that pursue me:  
Say unto my soul, I *am* thy salvation.  
4 Let them be put to shame and brought to dishonor  
that seek after my soul:  
Let them be turned back and confounded that  
devise my hurt.  
5 Let them be as chaff before *the* wind,  
And *the* angel of Jehovah driving *them* on.  
6 Let their way be <sup>183</sup>dark and slippery,  
And *the* angel of Jehovah pursuing them.  
7 For without cause have they hid for me <sup>184</sup>their net  
*in* a pit;  
Without cause have they digged *a pit* for my soul.  
8 Let destruction come upon him unawares;  
And let his net that he hath hid catch himself:  
<sup>185</sup>With destruction let him fall therein.  
9 And my soul shall be joyful in Jehovah:  
It shall rejoice in his salvation.  
10 All my bones shall say, Jehovah, who *is* like unto  
thee,  
Who deliverest *the* poor *man* from him that is too  
strong for him,  
Yes, *the* poor *man* and *the* needy *man* from him  
that robbeth him?  
11 <sup>186</sup>Unrighteous witnesses rise up;  
They ask me *of things* that I know not.  
12 They reward me evil for good,  
*To the* bereaving of my soul.  
13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing  
*was* sackcloth:  
I afflicted my soul with fasting;  
And my prayer <sup>187</sup>returned into mine own bosom.  
14 I behaved myself as though *it had been* my friend  
or my brother:  
I bowed down mourning, as one that bewaileth *his*  
mother.  
15 But <sup>188</sup>in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered  
themselves together:  
*The* <sup>189</sup>abjects gathered themselves together against  
me, and <sup>190</sup>I knew *it* not;  
They did tear me, and ceased not:  
16 <sup>191</sup>Like *the* profane mockers in feasts,  
They gnashed upon me *with* their teeth.  
17 <sup>192</sup>Jehovah, how long wilt thou look on?

<sup>182</sup> *Or*, and *the* battle axe against them that pursue me:

<sup>183</sup> *Hb.* darkness and slippery places,

<sup>184</sup> *Or*, *the* pit of their net;

<sup>185</sup> *Or*, Into that very destruction let him fall.

<sup>186</sup> *Or*, Malicious *See* Ex 23:1.

<sup>187</sup> *Or*, shall return into mine own bosom.

<sup>188</sup> *Hb.* in my limping

<sup>189</sup> *Or*, smiters *or*, smitten ones

<sup>190</sup> *Or*, *those whom* I knew not;

<sup>191</sup> *Or*, Among

Rescue my soul from their destructions,  
 My <sup>193</sup>darling from *the* lions.  
 18 I will give thee thanks in *the* great assembly:  
 I will praise thee among <sup>194</sup>much people.  
 19 Let not them that are mine enemies <sup>195</sup>wrongfully  
 rejoice over me;  
*Neither* let them wink with *the* eye that hate me  
 without cause.  
 20 For they speak not peace;  
 But they devise deceitful words against *them that*  
*are* quiet in *the* land.  
 21 Yes, they opened their mouth wide against me;  
 They said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen *it*.  
 22 Thou hast seen *it*, O Jehovah; keep not silence:  
<sup>196</sup>Jehovah, be not far from me.  
 23 Stir up thyself, and awake to *the* justice *due* unto  
 me,  
*Even* unto my cause, my God and my Jehovah.  
 24 Judge me, O Jehovah my God, according to thy  
 righteousness;  
 And let them not rejoice over me.  
 25 Let them not say in their heart, <sup>197</sup>Aha, so would we  
 have it:  
 Let them not say, We have swallowed him up.  
 26 Let them be put to shame and confounded together  
 that rejoice at my hurt:  
 Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor that  
 magnify *themselves* against me.  
 27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that <sup>198</sup>favor  
 my righteous cause:  
 Yes, let them say continually, Jehovah be  
 magnified,  
<sup>199</sup>Who hath pleasure in *the* prosperity of his  
 servant.  
 28 And my tongue shall talk of thy righteousness  
 And of thy praise all the day *long*.

**Wickedness of Men and Lovingkindness of God.**

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David *the* servant of Jehovah.

36 <sup>200</sup>*The* transgression of the wicked <sup>201</sup>saith within  
 my heart,  
*There is* no fear of God before his eyes.  
 2 For <sup>202</sup>he flattereth himself in his own eyes,

<sup>192</sup> Sopherim *changed to* Lord,

<sup>193</sup> *Hb.* only one *or*, dear *soul*

<sup>194</sup> *Or*, a mighty people.

<sup>195</sup> *Hb.* falsely

<sup>196</sup> Sopherim *changed to* Lord, *and in* verse 23.

<sup>197</sup> *Hb.* Aha, our soul: *or*, Aha, our desire:

<sup>198</sup> *Hb.* have pleasure in my righteousness:

<sup>199</sup> *So* Massoretic, Aram., Vg.

4QPs<sup>a</sup> Sept. *read* *Ye* who have pleasure *etc.*

<sup>200</sup> *Or*, Transgression saith to the wicked *one* within

<sup>201</sup> *Or*, uttereth its oracle,

<sup>202</sup> *Or*, it (*or*, he) flattereth him in his eyes,

<sup>203</sup>That his iniquity will not be found out and be  
 hated.  
 3 *The* words of his mouth *are* iniquity and deceit:  
 He hath ceased to be wise *and* to do good.  
 4 He deviseth iniquity upon his bed;  
<sup>204</sup>He setteth himself in a way *that is* not good;  
 He abhorreth not evil.  
 5 Thy lovingkindness, O Jehovah, *is* in the heavens;  
 Thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto *the* skies.  
 6 Thy righteousness *is* like *the* mountains of God;  
 Thy judgments *are* a great deep:  
 O Jehovah, thou preservest man and beast.  
 7 How precious *is* thy lovingkindness, O God!  
 And *the* children of man take refuge under *the*  
 shadow of thy wings.  
 8 They shall be <sup>205</sup>abundantly satisfied with *the*  
 fatness of thy house;  
 And thou wilt make them drink of *the* river of thy  
 pleasures.  
 9 For with thee *is* *the* fountain of life:  
 In thy light shall we see light.  
 10 Oh continue thy lovingkindness unto them that  
 know thee,  
 And thy righteousness to *the* upright in heart.  
 11 Let not *the* foot of pride come against me,  
 And let not *the* hand of *the* wicked drive me away.  
 12 There are *the* workers of iniquity fallen:  
 They are thrust down, and shall not be able to rise.

**Security of those who trust in Jehovah,  
 and Insecurity of the Wicked.**

*A Psalm* of David.

37 Fret not thyself because of the evil-doers,  
 Neither be thou envious against them that work  
 unrighteousness.  
 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,  
 And wither as *the* green herb.  
 3 Trust in Jehovah, and do good;  
<sup>206</sup>Dwell *in* the land, and <sup>207</sup>feed on *his* faithfulness.  
 4 <sup>208</sup>Delight thyself also in Jehovah;  
 And he will give thee *the* <sup>209</sup>desires of thy heart.  
 5 <sup>210</sup>Commit thy way unto Jehovah;  
 Trust also in him, and he will bring *it* to pass.

<sup>203</sup> *Or*, Until his iniquity be found and be hated.

*Hb.* Concerning *the* finding out of his iniquity  
 and hating *it*.

<sup>204</sup> *So* Massoretic. Sept. Vg. *read* They set themselves  
 in every way that is not good; 4QPs<sup>a</sup> *reads* He  
 conspireth in every way that is not good;

<sup>205</sup> *Hb.* watered with

<sup>206</sup> *Or*, *So* shalt thou dwell *in* the land and feed securely

<sup>207</sup> *Or*, *truly* thou shalt be fed.

<sup>208</sup> *Or*, *So* shalt thou have *thy* delight in Jehovah;

<sup>209</sup> *Hb.* petitions

<sup>210</sup> *Hb.* Roll thy way upon Jehovah;



6 And he will make thy righteousness to go forth as the light,  
 And thy justice as the noonday.  
 7 <sup>211</sup>Rest in Jehovah, and wait patiently for him:  
 Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way,  
 Because of *the* man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.  
 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath:  
 Fret not thyself, *it tendeth* only to evil-doing.  
 9 For evil-doers shall be cut off;  
 But those that wait for Jehovah, they shall inherit <sup>212</sup>*the* land.  
 10 For yet a little while, and *the* wicked *shall not be*:  
 Yes, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and <sup>213</sup>*he shall not be*.  
 11 But *the* meek shall inherit *the* land,  
 And shall delight themselves in *the* abundance of peace.  
 12 *The* wicked plotteth against the just,  
 And gnasheth upon him with his teeth.  
 13 <sup>214</sup>Jehovah will laugh at him;  
 For he seeth that his day is coming.  
 14 *The* wicked have drawn out *the* sword, and have bent their bow,  
 To cast down *the* poor and needy,  
 To slay such as are upright in *the* way.  
 15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart,  
 And their bows shall be broken.  
 16 Better *is* a little that the righteous hath  
 Than *the* abundance of many wicked.  
 17 For *the* arms of *the* wicked shall be broken;  
 But Jehovah upholdeth *the* righteous.  
 18 Jehovah knoweth *the* days of *the* perfect;  
 And their inheritance shall be for ever.  
 19 They shall not be put to shame in *the* time of evil;  
 And in *the* days of famine they shall be satisfied.  
 20 But *the* wicked shall perish,  
 And *the* enemies of Jehovah *shall be* as <sup>215</sup>*the* fat of lambs:  
 They shall consume; <sup>216</sup>in smoke shall they consume away.  
 21 *The* wicked borroweth, and payeth not again;  
 But *the* righteous dealeth graciously, and giveth.  
 22 For *such as* are blessed of him shall inherit *the* land;  
 And *they that* are cursed of him shall be cut off.  
 23 A man's goings are established of Jehovah;  
 And he delighteth in his way.

<sup>211</sup> *Or*, Be still before Jehovah, *Hb.* Be silent to...

<sup>212</sup> *Or*, *the* earth. *And so in* vss. 11, 22, 29, 34.

<sup>213</sup> *Or*, it

<sup>214</sup> *Sopherim changed to The Lord*

<sup>215</sup> *Or*, *the* excellency of *the* pastures:

<sup>216</sup> *Or*, like the smoke

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;  
 For Jehovah <sup>217</sup>upholdeth *him with* his hand.  
 25 I have been young, and *now* am old;  
 Yet have I not seen *the* righteous forsaken,  
 Nor his seed begging bread.  
 26 All the day *long he dealeth* graciously, and lendeth;  
 And his seed *is* blessed.  
 27 Depart from evil, and do good;  
 And dwell for evermore.  
 28 For Jehovah loveth justice,  
 And forsaketh not his saints;  
 They are preserved for ever:  
 But *the* seed of *the* wicked shall be cut off.  
 29 *The* righteous shall inherit *the* land,  
 And dwell therein for ever.  
 30 *The* mouth of *the* righteous talketh of wisdom,  
 And his tongue speaketh justice.  
 31 *The* law of his God *is* in his heart;  
 None of his steps shall slide.  
 32 *The* wicked watcheth the righteous,  
 And seeketh to slay him.  
 33 Jehovah will not leave him in his hand,  
 Nor condemn him when he is judged.  
 34 Wait for Jehovah, and keep his way,  
 And he will exalt thee to inherit *the* land:  
 When *the* wicked are cut off, thou shalt see *it*.  
 35 I have seen *the* wicked in great power,  
 And spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil.  
 36 <sup>218</sup>But one passed by, and, lo, he *was* not:  
 Yes, I sought him, but he could not be found.  
 37 Mark *the* perfect *man*, and behold *the* upright *man*;  
<sup>219</sup>For *there are* latter *times* for *the* man of peace.  
 38 As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together:  
*The* end of *the* wicked shall be cut off.  
 39 But *the* salvation of *the* righteous *is* of Jehovah:  
*He is* their stronghold in *the* time of trouble.  
 40 And Jehovah helpeth them, and rescueth them:  
 He rescueth them from the wicked, and saveth them,  
 Because they have taken refuge in him.

**Prayer of a Suffering Penitent.**

A Psalm of David, <sup>220</sup>to bring to remembrance.

38 O Jehovah, rebuke me not in thy wrath;  
 Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.  
 2 For thine arrows <sup>221</sup>stick fast in me,  
 And thy hand <sup>222</sup>sticketh on me sore.

<sup>217</sup> *Or*, upholdeth his hand.

<sup>218</sup> *Or*, Yet he passed away, and, lo, he *was* not:

<sup>219</sup> *Or*, For there is a *happy* end to *the* man of peace.

<sup>220</sup> *Or*, to make memorial.

<sup>221</sup> *Hb.* lighted into me, *or*, came down into me,

<sup>222</sup> *Hb.* lighted on me. *or*, came down on me.

3 *There is* no soundness in my flesh because of thine indignation;  
 Neither *is there any* <sup>223</sup>health in my bones because of my sin.  
 4 For mine iniquities are gone over my head:  
 As a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.  
 5 My wounds are loathsome *and* corrupt,  
 Because of my foolishness.  
 6 I am <sup>224</sup>pained and bowed down greatly;  
 I go mourning all the day *long*.  
 7 For my loins are filled with burning;  
 And *there is* no soundness in my flesh.  
 8 I am faint and sore bruised:  
 I have <sup>225</sup>groaned by reason of *the* disquietness of my heart.  
 9 <sup>226</sup>Jehovah, all my desire *is* before thee;  
 And my groaning is not hid from thee.  
 10 My heart throbbeth, my strength faileth me:  
 As for *the* light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.  
 11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my plague;  
 And my kinsmen stand afar off.  
 12 They also that seek after my soul lay snares *for me*;  
 And they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things,  
 And meditate deceits all the day *long*.  
 13 But I, as a deaf *man*, hear not;  
 And *I am* as a dumb man *that* openeth not his mouth.  
 14 Yes, I am as a man that heareth not,  
 And in whose mouth *are* no <sup>227</sup>reproofs.  
 15 For in thee, O Jehovah, do I hope:  
 Thou wilt answer, <sup>228</sup>Jehovah my God.  
 16 For I said, Lest they rejoice over me:  
 When my foot slippeth, they magnify *themselves* against me.  
 17 For I *am* ready to fall,  
 And my sorrow *is* continually before me.  
 18 For I will declare mine iniquity;  
 I will be sorry for my sin.  
 19 But mine enemies *are* lively, *and* are strong;  
 And they that hate me <sup>229</sup>wrongfully are multiplied.  
 20 They also that render evil for good  
 Are adversaries unto me, because I follow *the thing that is good*.  
 21 Forsake me not, O Jehovah:  
 O my God, be not far from me.

<sup>223</sup> *Or*, rest

<sup>224</sup> *Hb.* bent

<sup>225</sup> *Hb.* roared

<sup>226</sup> Sopherim *changed to* Lord

<sup>227</sup> *Or*, arguments.

<sup>228</sup> Sopherim *changed to* Lord *Also in vs.22*

<sup>229</sup> *Hb.* falsely

22 Make haste to help me,  
 O Jehovah, my salvation.  
**The Vanity of Life.**  
 For the Chief Musician, for <sup>230</sup>Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.  
 39 I said, I will take heed to my ways,  
 That I sin not with my tongue:  
 I will keep <sup>231</sup>my mouth with a bridle,  
 While *the* wicked is before me.  
 2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, <sup>232</sup>*even*  
 from good;  
 And my sorrow was stirred.  
 3 My heart was hot within me;  
 While I was musing *the* fire burned  
 Then spake I with my tongue:  
 4 Jehovah, make me to know mine end,  
 And *the* measure of my days, what it *is*;  
 Let me know how frail I *am*.  
 5 Behold, thou hast made my days *as* handbreadths;  
 And my lifetime *is* as nothing before thee:  
 Surely every man <sup>233</sup>at his best estate *is* altogether  
 vanity. [Selah]  
 6 Surely every man walketh <sup>234</sup>*in* a vain show;  
 Surely they are disquieted <sup>235</sup>*in* vain:  
 He heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall  
 gather them.  
 7 And now, <sup>236</sup>Jehovah, what wait I for?  
 My hope *is* in thee.  
 8 Deliver me from all my transgressions:  
 Make me not *the* reproach of *the* foolish.  
 9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth;  
 Because thou didst *it*.  
 10 Remove thy stroke away from me:  
 I am consumed by *the* <sup>237</sup>blow of thy hand.  
 11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for  
 iniquity,  
 Thou <sup>238</sup>makest his beauty to consume away like a  
 moth:  
 Surely every man *is* vanity. [Selah]  
 12 Hear my prayer, O Jehovah, and give ear unto my  
 cry;  
 Hold not thy peace at my tears:  
 For I *am* a stranger with thee,  
 A sojourner, as all my fathers *were*.  
 13 Oh <sup>239</sup>spare me, that I may <sup>240</sup>recover strength,

<sup>230</sup> Ps 62 title; 72 title; 1Chr 16:41; 25:1.

<sup>231</sup> *Hb.* a bridle (*or*, a muzzle) for my mouth,

<sup>232</sup> *Or*, and had no comfort; *Hb.* away from good;

<sup>233</sup> *Hb.* standing firm *is* altogether a breath.

<sup>234</sup> *Or*, as a shadow;

<sup>235</sup> *Or*, for vanity:

<sup>236</sup> Sopherim *changed to* Lord,

<sup>237</sup> *Hb.* conflict

<sup>238</sup> *Or*, consumest like the moth his delights:

<sup>239</sup> *Or*, look away from me,

<sup>240</sup> *Hb.* brighten up,

Before I go hence, and be no more.

**A Sacrifice of Praise, and Prayer for Help.**

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 40 I waited patiently for Jehovah;  
And he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
- 2 He brought me up also out of <sup>241</sup>a horrible pit, out of the miry clay;  
And he set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings.
- 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God:  
Many shall see *it*, and fear,  
And shall trust in Jehovah.
- 4 Blessed *is* the man that maketh Jehovah his trust,  
And respecteth not *the* proud, nor such as <sup>242</sup>turn aside to lies.
- 5 Many, O Jehovah my God, *are the* wonderful works *which* thou hast done,  
And thy thoughts *which are* toward us:  
<sup>243</sup>They cannot be set in order unto thee;  
*If* I would declare and speak *of them*,  
They are more than can be numbered.
- 6 Sacrifice and <sup>244</sup>offering thou hast no delight in;  
<sup>245</sup>Mine ears hast thou opened:  
Burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required.
- 7 Then said I, Lo, I am come;  
In *the* roll of *the* book *it is* <sup>246</sup>written of me:
- 8 I delight to do thy will, O my God;  
Yes, thy law *is* within my heart.
- 9 I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in *the* great assembly;  
Lo, I will not refrain my lips,  
O Jehovah, thou knowest.
- 10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart;  
I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation;  
I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from *the* great assembly.
- 11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me,  
O Jehovah;  
Let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.
- 12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about;  
Mine iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up;  
They are more than *the* hairs of my head;  
And my heart hath <sup>247</sup>failed me.

<sup>241</sup> *Hb.* a pit of tumult (*or*, of destruction)

<sup>242</sup> *Or*, fall away treacherously.

<sup>243</sup> *Or*, There is none to be compared unto thee;

<sup>244</sup> *Or*, meal-offering

<sup>245</sup> *Hb.* Ears hast thou digged (*or*, pierced) for me:

<sup>246</sup> *Or*, prescribed to me:

<sup>247</sup> *Hb.* forsaken

- 13 Be pleased, O Jehovah, to deliver me:  
Make haste to help me, O Jehovah.
- 14 Let them be put to shame and confounded together  
That seek after my soul to destroy it:  
Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonor  
That delight in my hurt.
- 15 Let them be <sup>248</sup>desolate by reason of their shame  
That say unto me, Aha, aha.
- 16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee:  
Let such as love thy salvation say continually,  
Jehovah be magnified.
- 17 But I *am* poor and needy;  
*Yet* <sup>249</sup>Jehovah thinketh upon me:  
Thou *art* my help and my deliverer;  
Make no tarrying, O my God.

**The Psalmist in Sickness complains of Enemies and False Friends.**

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 41 Blessed *is* he that considereth <sup>250</sup>*the* poor:  
Jehovah will deliver him in *the* day of evil.
- 2 Jehovah will preserve him, and keep him alive,  
*And* he shall be blessed <sup>251</sup>upon the earth;  
And deliver not thou him unto *the* soul of his enemies.
- 3 Jehovah will support him upon *the* couch of languishing:  
Thou <sup>252</sup>makest all his bed in his sickness.
- 4 I said, O Jehovah, have mercy upon me:  
Heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.
- 5 Mine enemies speak evil against me, *saying*,  
When will he die, and his name perish?
- 6 And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh falsehood;  
His heart gathereth iniquity to itself:  
*When* he goeth abroad, he telleth *it*.
- 7 All that hate me whisper together against me;  
Against me do they devise my hurt.
- 8 <sup>253</sup>An evil disease, *say they*, <sup>254</sup>cleaveth fast unto him;  
And *now* that he lieth he shall rise up no more.
- 9 Yes, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted,  
Who did eat of my bread,  
Hath lifted up *his* heel against me.
- 10 But thou, O Jehovah, have mercy upon me, and raise me up,  
That I may requite them.

<sup>248</sup> *Or*, astonished

<sup>249</sup> Sopherim *changed to the* Lord

<sup>250</sup> *Or*, *the* weak:

<sup>251</sup> *Or*, in the land;

<sup>252</sup> *Hb.* turnest *or*, changest

<sup>253</sup> *Or*, Some wicked thing,

<sup>254</sup> *Or*, is poured out upon him;

- 11 By this I know that thou delightest in me,  
Because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.  
12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity,  
And settest me before thy face for ever.  
13 Blessed *be* Jehovah, *the* God of Israel,  
From everlasting and to everlasting.  
Amen, and Amen.

Book II

**Thirsting for God in Trouble and Exile.**

For the Chief Musician. Maskil of *the* sons of Korah.

- 42 As *the* hart panteth after *the* water brooks,  
So panteth my soul after thee, O God.  
2 My soul thirsteth for God, for *the* living God:  
When shall I come and appear before God?  
3 My tears have been my food day and night.  
While they <sup>255</sup>continually say unto me, Where is  
thy God?  
4 These *things* I remember, and pour out my soul  
<sup>256</sup>within me,  
How I went with the throng, and <sup>257</sup>led them to *the*  
house of God,  
With *the* voice of joy and praise, a multitude  
keeping holyday.  
5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul?  
And *why* art thou disquieted within me?  
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him  
*For the* help of his countenance.  
6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me:  
Therefore do I remember thee from *the* land of *the*  
Jordan,  
And *the* Hermons, from <sup>258</sup>*the* hill Mizar.  
7 Deep calleth unto deep at *the* noise of thy waterfalls:  
All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.  
8 *Yet* Jehovah will command his lovingkindness in  
the daytime;  
And in *the* night his song *shall be* with me,  
*Even* a prayer unto *the* God of my life.  
9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou  
forgotten me?  
Why go I mourning <sup>259</sup>because of *the* oppression of  
*the* enemy?  
10 As with a sword in my bones, mine adversaries  
reproach me,  
While they continually say unto me, Where *is* thy  
God?  
11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul?  
And why art thou disquieted within me?  
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him,  
*Who is the* help of my countenance, and my God.

<sup>255</sup> *Hb.* all *the* day say unto me, *Similarly in* vs. 10.

<sup>256</sup> *Hb.* upon

<sup>257</sup> *Or,* went in procession with them to *the* house

<sup>258</sup> *Or,* *the* little mountain.

<sup>259</sup> *Or,* while *the* enemy oppreseth

**Prayer for Deliverance.**

- 43 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an  
ungodly nation:  
Oh deliver me from *the* deceitful and unjust man.  
2 For thou *art the* God of my strength; why hast thou  
cast me off?  
Why go I mourning <sup>260</sup>because of *the* oppression of  
*the* enemy?  
3 Oh send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead  
me:  
Let them bring me unto thy holy hill,  
And to thy tabernacles.  
4 Then will I go unto *the* altar of God,  
Unto God <sup>261</sup>my exceeding joy;  
And upon *the* harp will I praise thee, O God,  
my God.  
5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul?  
And why art thou disquieted within me?  
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him,  
*Who is the* help of my countenance, and my God.

**Former Deliverances and Present Troubles.**

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of *the* sons of Korah. Maskil.

- 44 We have heard with our ears, O God,  
Our fathers have told us,  
*What* work thou didst in their days,  
*In the* days of old.  
2 Thou didst drive out *the* nations with thy hand;  
But them thou didst plant:  
Thou didst afflict *the* peoples;  
But them thou didst spread abroad.  
3 For they gat not *the* land in possession by their own  
sword,  
Neither did their own arm save them;  
But thy right hand, and thine arm, and *the* light of  
thy countenance,  
Because thou wast favorable unto them.  
4 Thou art my King, O God:  
Command <sup>262</sup>deliverance for Jacob.  
5 Through thee will we push down our adversaries:  
Through thy name will we tread them under  
that rise up against us.  
6 For I will not trust in my bow,  
Neither shall my sword save me.  
7 But thou hast saved us from our adversaries,  
And hast put them to shame that hate us.  
8 In God have we made our boast all the day *long*,  
And we will give thanks unto thy name for ever.  
9 But now thou hast cast *us* off, and brought us to  
dishonor,  
And goest not forth with our hosts.

<sup>260</sup> *Or,* while *the* enemy oppreseth

<sup>261</sup> *Hb.* *the* gladness of my joy.

<sup>262</sup> *Or,* victories

10 Thou makest us to turn back from *the* adversary;  
 And they that hate us take spoil for themselves.  
 11 Thou hast made us like sheep *appointed* for food,  
 And hast scattered us among the nations.  
 12 Thou sellest thy people for nought,  
 And hast not increased *thy wealth* by their price.  
 13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbors,  
 A scoffing and a derision to them that are round  
 about us.  
 14 Thou makest us a byword among the nations,  
 A shaking of *the* head among the peoples.  
 15 All the day long is my dishonor before me,  
 And *the* shame of my face hath covered me,  
 16 For *the* voice of him that reproacheth and  
 blasphemeth,  
 By reason of *the* enemy and *the* avenger.  
 17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten  
 thee,  
 Neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.  
 18 Our heart is not turned back,  
 Neither have our steps declined from thy way,  
 19 That thou hast sore broken us in *the* place of  
 jackals,  
 And covered us with *the* shadow of death.  
 20 If we have forgotten *the* name of our God,  
 Or spread forth our hands to a strange god;  
 21 Will not God search this out?  
 For he knoweth *the* secrets of *the* heart.  
 22 Yes, for thy sake are we killed all the day *long*;  
 We are accounted as sheep for slaughter.  
 23 Awake, why sleepest thou, <sup>263</sup>O Jehovah?  
 Arise, cast *us* not off for ever.  
 24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face,  
 And forgettest our affliction and our oppression?  
 25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust:  
 Our body cleaveth unto the earth.  
 26 Rise up for our help,  
 And redeem us for thy lovingkindness' sake.

**A Song celebrating the King's Marriage.**

For the Chief Musician; set to <sup>264</sup>Shoshannim.

*A Psalm of the sons of Korah. Maskil. A Song of loves.*

45 My heart overfloweth with a goodly matter;  
<sup>265</sup>I speak *the* things which I have made touching  
*the* king:  
 My tongue *is* the pen of a ready writer.  
 2 Thou art fairer than *the* children of men;  
 Grace is poured <sup>266</sup>into thy lips:  
 Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.  
 3 Gird thy sword upon *thy* thigh, O mighty one,  
 Thy glory and thy majesty.

<sup>263</sup> Sopherim *changed to* O Lord

<sup>264</sup> *That is,* Lilies.

<sup>265</sup> *Or,* I speak: my work is for a king:

<sup>266</sup> *Or,* upon

4 And *in* thy majesty ride on prosperously,  
<sup>267</sup>Because of truth and meekness *in* righteousness:  
 And <sup>268</sup>thy right hand shall teach thee fearful things.  
 5 Thine arrows *are* sharp;  
*The* peoples fall under thee;  
*They are* in *the* heart of the king's enemies.  
 6 <sup>269</sup>Thy throne *is* *the* throne of God forever and ever:  
 A sceptre of equity *is* *the* sceptre of thy kingdom.  
 7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated  
 wickedness:  
 Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee  
 With *the* oil of gladness above thy fellows.  
 8 All thy garments *smell of* myrrh, and aloes, and  
 cassia;  
 Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have  
 made thee glad.  
 9 Kings' daughters *are* among thy honorable women:  
 At thy right hand doth stand *the* queen in gold of  
 Ophir.  
 10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline  
 thine ear;  
 Forget also thine own people, and thy father's  
 house:  
 11 So will the king desire thy beauty;  
 For he *is* thy lord; and reverence thou him.  
 12 And *the* daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift;  
*The* rich among *the* people shall entreat thy favor.  
 13 *The* king's daughter <sup>270</sup>within *the* palace *is* all  
 glorious:  
 Her clothing *is* inwrought with gold.  
 14 She shall be led unto the king <sup>271</sup>in brodered work:  
*The* virgins her companions that follow her  
 Shall be brought unto thee.  
 15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be led:  
 They shall enter into *the* king's palace.  
 16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children,  
 Whom thou shalt make princes in all the earth.  
 17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all  
 generations:  
 Therefore shall *the* peoples give thee thanks for  
 ever and ever.

**God the Refuge of his People.**

For the Chief Musician.

*A Psalm of the sons of Korah; set to Alamothe. A Song.*

46 God *is* our refuge and strength,  
 A very present help in trouble.  
 2 Therefore will we not fear, though *the* earth do  
 change,  
 And though *the* mountains be shaken into *the* heart  
 of *the* seas;

<sup>267</sup> *Or,* In behalf of truth

<sup>268</sup> *Or,* let thy right hand teach thee

<sup>269</sup> *Or,* Thy throne, O God, *is* forever and ever:

<sup>270</sup> *Or,* within *is or,* in *the* inner part of *the* palace *is*

<sup>271</sup> *Or,* upon

- 3 *Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,  
Though the mountains tremble with the* <sup>272</sup> *swelling thereof.* [Selah]
- 4 *There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God,  
The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.*
- 5 *God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:  
God will help her, at the dawn of morning.*
- 6 *The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved:  
He uttered his voice, the earth melted,*
- 7 *Jehovah of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our* <sup>273</sup> *refuge.* [Selah]
- 8 *Come, behold the works of Jehovah,  
<sup>274</sup>What desolations he hath made in the earth.*
- 9 *He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth;  
He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder;  
He burneth the chariots in the fire.*
- 10 <sup>275</sup> *Be still, and know that I am God:  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.*
- 11 *Jehovah of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our refuge.* [Selah]

**God the King of the Earth.**

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- 47 *Oh clap your hands, all ye peoples;  
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.*
- 2 *For* <sup>276</sup> *Jehovah Most High is awesome;  
He is a great King over all the earth.*
- 3 *He subdueth peoples under us,  
And nations under our feet.*
- 4 *He chooseth our inheritance for us,  
The glory of Jacob whom he* <sup>277</sup> *loved.* [Selah]
- 5 *God is gone up with a shout,  
Jehovah with the sound of a trumpet.*
- 6 *Sing praises to God, sing praises:  
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.*
- 7 *For God is the King of all the earth:  
Sing ye praises* <sup>278</sup> *with understanding.*
- 8 *God reigneth over the nations:  
God sitteth upon his holy throne.*
- 9 *The princes of the peoples are gathered together  
<sup>279</sup>To be the people of the God of Abraham:  
For the shields of the earth belong unto God;  
He is greatly exalted.*

<sup>272</sup> *Or, pride thereof.*

<sup>273</sup> *Or, high tower. And in vs. 11.*

<sup>274</sup> *Or, Who hath made desolations in the earth.*

<sup>275</sup> *Or, Let be still,*

<sup>276</sup> *Or, Jehovah is most high and awesome;*

<sup>277</sup> *Or, loveth.*

<sup>278</sup> *Or, in a skilful psalm Hb. Maskil.*

<sup>279</sup> *Or, Unto the people*

**The Beauty and Glory of Zion.**

A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- 48 *Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised,  
In the city of our God, in his holy mountain.*
- 2 *Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth,  
Is mount Zion, on the sides of the north,  
The city of the great King.*
- 3 *God hath made himself known in her palaces for a* <sup>280</sup> *refuge.*
- 4 *For, lo, the kings assembled themselves,  
They* <sup>281</sup> *passed by together.*
- 5 *They saw it, then were they amazed;  
They were dismayed, they* <sup>282</sup> *hasted away.*
- 6 *Trembling took hold of them there,  
Pain, as of a woman in travail.*
- 7 <sup>283</sup> *With the east wind  
Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish.*
- 8 *As we have heard, so have we seen  
In the city of Jehovah of hosts, in the city of our God:  
God will establish it for ever.* [Selah]
- 9 *We have thought on thy lovingkindness, O God,  
In the midst of thy temple.*
- 10 *As is thy name, O God,  
So is thy praise unto the ends of the earth:  
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.*
- 11 *Let mount Zion be glad,  
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice,  
Because of thy judgments.*
- 12 *Walk about Zion, and go round about her;  
Number the towers thereof;*
- 13 *Mark ye well her bulwarks;  
<sup>284</sup>Consider her palaces:  
That ye may tell it to the generation following.*
- 14 *For this God is our God for ever and ever:  
He will be our guide even unto death.*

**The Folly of trusting in Riches.**

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- 49 *Hear this, all ye peoples;  
Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world,*
- 2 *Both* <sup>285</sup> *low and high,  
Rich and poor together.*
- 3 *My mouth shall speak wisdom;  
And the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.*
- 4 *I will incline mine ear to a parable:  
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.*

<sup>280</sup> *Or, high tower.*

<sup>281</sup> *Or, passed away together.*

<sup>282</sup> *Or, were stricken with terror.*

<sup>283</sup> *Or, As with the east wind that breaketh the ships*

<sup>284</sup> *Or, Traverse*

<sup>285</sup> *Lit. sons of Adam and sons of man,*

5 Wherefore should I fear in *the* days of evil,  
 When <sup>286</sup>iniquity at my heels compasseth me about?  
 6 They *that* trust in their wealth,  
 And boast themselves in *the* multitude of their  
 riches;  
 7 None *of them* can by any means redeem his brother,  
 Nor give to God *an atoning* payment for him;  
 8 (For *the* redemption of their life *is* costly,  
 And it faileth for ever;)  
 9 That he should still live always,  
 That he should not see <sup>287</sup>corruption.  
 10 For <sup>288</sup>he shall see *it*. Wise men die;  
 The fool and *the* brutish alike perish,  
 And leave their wealth to others.  
 11 Their inward thought *is*, *that* their houses *shall*  
*continue* for ever,  
 And their dwelling-places to all generations;  
 They call *their* lands after their own names.  
 12 But man *being* in honor abideth not:  
 He is like the beasts *that* perish.  
 13 This <sup>289</sup>their way *is* <sup>290</sup>their folly:  
 Yet after them men approve their sayings. [Selah]  
 14 They are appointed as *a* flock for Sheol;  
 Death shall be their shepherd:  
 And *the* upright shall have dominion over them in  
 the morning;  
 And their <sup>291</sup>beauty shall be for Sheol to consume,  
 That there be no habitation for it.  
 15 But God will redeem my soul from *the* <sup>292</sup>power of  
 Sheol;  
 For he will receive me. [Selah]  
 16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich,  
 When *the* <sup>293</sup>glory of his house is increased:  
 17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away;  
 His glory shall not descend after him.  
 18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul,  
 (And *men* praise thee, when thou doest well to  
 thyself,)  
 19 <sup>294</sup>He shall go to *the* generation of his fathers;  
<sup>295</sup>They shall never see *the* light.  
 20 Man *that is* in honor, and understandeth not,  
 Is like the beasts *that* perish.

<sup>286</sup> *Or, the iniquity of them that would supplant me compasseth me about, 6 Even of them that trust in their wealth,*

<sup>287</sup> *Or, the pit.*

<sup>288</sup> *Or, he seeth that wise men die;*

<sup>289</sup> *Or, is the way of them that are foolish:*

<sup>290</sup> *Or, their confidence: And after them etc.*

<sup>291</sup> *Or, form*

<sup>292</sup> *Hb. hand of Sheol;*

<sup>293</sup> *Or, wealth*

<sup>294</sup> *Hb. Thou shalt go or, It shall go*

<sup>295</sup> *Or, Who never more see the light.*

**God the Judge of the Righteous and the Wicked.**

A Psalm of Asaph.

**50** *The* Mighty One, God, Jehovah, hath spoken,  
 And called *the* earth from *the* rising of *the* sun unto  
*the* going down thereof.  
 2 Out of Zion, *the* perfection of beauty,  
 God hath shined forth.  
 3 Our God cometh, and doth not keep silence;  
 A fire devoureth before him,  
 And it is very tempestuous round about him.  
 4 He calleth to the heavens above,  
 And to the earth, that he may judge his people:  
 5 Gather my saints together unto me,  
 Those that <sup>296</sup>have made a covenant with me by  
 sacrifice.  
 6 And *the* heavens shall declare his righteousness;  
 For God *is* judge himself. [Selah]  
 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak;  
 O Israel, and I will testify <sup>297</sup>unto thee:  
 I *am* God, *even* thy God.  
 8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices;  
<sup>298</sup>And thy burnt-offerings *are* continually before me.  
 9 I will take no bullock out of thy house,  
 Nor he-goats out of thy folds.  
 10 For every beast of *the* forest *is* mine,  
 And *the* cattle <sup>299</sup>upon a thousand hills.  
 11 I know all *the* birds of *the* mountains;  
 And *the* wild beasts of *the* field *are* <sup>300</sup>mine.  
 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee;  
 For *the* world *is* mine, and *the* fulness thereof.  
 13 Will I eat *the* flesh of bulls,  
 Or drink *the* blood of goats?  
 14 Offer unto God *the* sacrifice of thanksgiving;  
 And pay thy vows unto *the* Most High:  
 15 And call upon me in *the* day of trouble;  
 I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.  
 16 But unto the wicked God saith,  
 What hast thou to do to declare my statutes,  
 And *that* thou hast taken my covenant in thy  
 mouth?  
 17 Seeing thou hatest <sup>301</sup>instruction,  
 And castest my words behind thee.  
 18 When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst with  
 him,  
 And <sup>302</sup>hast been partaker with adulterers.  
 19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil,  
 And thy tongue frameth deceit.  
 20 Thou sittest *and* speakest against thy brother;

<sup>296</sup> *Lit. have cut my covenant by sacrifice.*

<sup>297</sup> *Or, against thee:*

<sup>298</sup> *Or, Nor for thy burnt-offerings, which are etc.*

<sup>299</sup> *Or, upon the mountains where thousands are.*

<sup>300</sup> *Or, in my mind. Hb. with me.*

<sup>301</sup> *Or, correction,*

<sup>302</sup> *Hb. thy portion was with adulterers.*

Thou <sup>303</sup>slanderest thine own mother's son.  
 21 These *things* hast thou done, and I kept silence;  
 Thou thoughtest that I was altogether *such a one* as  
 thyself:  
*But* I will reprove thee, and set *them* in order before  
 thine eyes.  
 22 Now consider this, ye that forget God,  
 Lest I tear *you* in pieces, and *there be* none to  
 deliver:  
 23 Whoso offereth *the* sacrifice of thanksgiving  
 glorifieth me;  
 And <sup>304</sup>to him that ordereth *his way aright*  
 Will I show *the* salvation of God.

**A Contrite Sinner's Prayer for Pardon.**

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David; when Nathan  
 the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.

51 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy  
 lovingkindness:  
 According to *the* multitude of thy tender mercies  
 blot out my transgressions.  
 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,  
 And cleanse me from my sin.  
 3 For I know my transgressions;  
 And my sin *is* ever before me.  
 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,  
 And done *that which is* evil in thy sight;  
 That thou mayest be justified when thou speakest,  
 And be clear when thou judgest.  
 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity;  
 And in sin did my mother conceive me.  
 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts;  
 And in *the hidden part* thou wilt make me to know  
 wisdom.  
 7 Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:  
 Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness,  
 That *the bones which* thou hast broken may rejoice.  
 9 Hide thy face from my sins,  
 And blot out all mine iniquities.  
 10 Create <sup>305</sup>in me a clean heart, O God;  
 And renew a <sup>306</sup>right spirit within me.  
 11 Cast me not away from thy presence;  
 And take not thy holy spirit from me.  
 12 Restore unto me *the* joy of thy salvation;  
 And uphold me *with a* willing spirit.  
 13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways;  
 And sinners shall <sup>307</sup>be converted unto thee.  
 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God  
 of my salvation;

<sup>303</sup> Or, givest a thrust against thine own mother's son.  
<sup>304</sup> Or, prepareth a way That I may show *him* the *etc.*  
<sup>305</sup> Or, for me  
<sup>306</sup> Or, stedfast spirit  
<sup>307</sup> Or, return converted unto thee.

And my tongue shall sing aloud of thy  
 righteousness.  
 15 <sup>308</sup>O Jehovah, open thou my lips;  
 And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
 16 For thou delightest not in sacrifice; <sup>309</sup>else would I  
 give *it*:  
 Thou hast no pleasure in burnt-offering.  
 17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit:  
 A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not  
 despise.  
 18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion:  
 Build thou *the* walls of Jerusalem.  
 19 Then wilt thou delight in *the* sacrifices of  
 righteousness,  
 In burnt-offering and whole burnt-offering:  
 Then will they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

**Futility of Boastful Wickedness.**

For the Chief Musician. Maskil of David; when Doeg the Edomite  
 came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to *the* house  
 of Ahimelech.

52 Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty  
 man?  
*The* lovingkindness of God *endureth* continually.  
 2 Thy tongue deviseth very wickedness,  
 Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.  
 3 Thou lovest evil more than good,  
 And lying rather than to speak righteousness. [Selah  
 4 Thou lovest all devouring words,  
<sup>310</sup>O *thou* deceitful tongue.  
 5 God will likewise <sup>311</sup>destroy thee for ever;  
 He will take thee up, and pluck thee out of *thy* tent,  
 And root thee out of *the* land of *the* living. [Selah  
 6 *The* righteous also shall see *it*, and fear,  
 And shall laugh at him, *saying*,  
 7 Lo, *this is* the man *that* made not God his strength,  
 But trusted in *the* abundance of his riches,  
 And strengthened himself in his wickedness.  
 8 But *as for me*, I *am* like a green olive-tree in *the*  
 house of God:  
 I trust in *the* lovingkindness of God *for* ever and  
 ever.  
 9 I will give thee thanks for ever, because thou hast  
 done *it*;  
 And I will hope in thy name, for *it is* good, in *the*  
 presence of thy saints.

**Folly and Wickedness of Men.**

For the Chief Musician; set to Mahalath. Maskil of David.

53 *The* fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God.  
 Corrupt are they, and have done abominable  
 iniquity;

<sup>308</sup> Sopherim *changed to* O Lord,  
<sup>309</sup> Or, that I should give *it*:  
<sup>310</sup> Or, *And the* deceitful tongue.  
<sup>311</sup> Or, break thee down for ever;



*There is none that doeth good.*  
 2 God looked down from heaven upon *the* children of men,  
 To see if there were *any* that did understand,  
 That did seek after God.  
 3 Every one *of them* is gone back; they are together become filthy;  
*There is none that doeth good, no, not one.*  
 4 Have *the* workers of iniquity no knowledge,  
 Who eat up my people *as* they eat bread,  
 And call not upon God?  
 5 There were they in great fear, *where* no fear was;  
 For God hath scattered *the* bones of him that encampeth *against* thee:  
 Thou hast put *them* to shame, because God hath rejected them.  
 6 Oh that *the* salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion!  
 When God <sup>312</sup>bringeth back *them of the* captivity of his people,  
 Then shall Jacob rejoice; Israel shall be glad.

**Prayer for Defence against Enemies.**

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. Maskil of David; when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?

54 Save me, O God, by thy name,  
 And judge me in thy might.  
 2 Hear my prayer, O God;  
 Give ear to *the* words of my mouth.  
 3 For strangers are risen up against me,  
 And violent men have sought after my soul:  
 They have not set God before them. [Selah]  
 4 Behold, God *is* my helper:  
<sup>313</sup>Jehovah *is* <sup>314</sup>of them that uphold my soul.  
 5 <sup>315</sup>He will requite the evil unto <sup>316</sup>mine enemies:  
 Destroy thou them in thy truth.  
 6 With a freewill-offering will I sacrifice unto thee:  
 I will give thanks unto thy name, O Jehovah, for *it is* good.  
 7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble;  
 And mine eye hath seen *my desire* upon mine enemies.

**Prayer for the Destruction of the Treacherous.**

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. Maskil of David.

55 Give ear to my prayer, O God;  
 And hide not thyself from my supplication.  
 2 Attend unto me, and answer me:  
 I am restless in my complaint, and moan,  
 3 Because of *the* voice of *the* enemy,

<sup>312</sup> *Or*, returneth to *the* captivity  
<sup>313</sup> Sopherim *changed to* *The* Lord  
<sup>314</sup> *Or*, with them  
<sup>315</sup> Hb<sup>mg</sup> *reads* The evil shall return unto  
<sup>316</sup> *Or*, them that lie in wait for me:

Because of *the* oppression of *the* wicked;  
 For they cast iniquity upon me,  
 And in anger they persecute me.  
 4 My heart is sore pained within me:  
 And *the* terrors of death are fallen upon me.  
 5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me,  
 And horror hath overwhelmed me.  
 6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove!  
*Then* would I fly away, and be at rest.  
 7 Lo, *then* would I wander far off,  
 I would lodge in the wilderness. [Selah]  
 8 I would <sup>317</sup>haste me to a shelter  
 From *the* stormy wind *and* tempest.  
 9 <sup>318</sup>Destroy, <sup>319</sup>O Jehovah, *and* divide their tongue;  
 For I have seen violence and strife in the city.  
 10 Day and night they go about it upon *the* walls thereof:  
 Iniquity also and mischief *are* in *the* midst of it.  
 11 Wickedness *is* in *the* midst thereof:  
<sup>320</sup>Oppression and guile depart not from its streets.  
 12 For *it was* not an enemy *that* reproached me;  
 Then I could have borne it:  
 Neither *was it* he that hated me that did magnify *himself* against me;  
 Then I would have hid myself from him:  
 13 But *it was* thou, a man mine equal,  
 My companion, and my familiar friend.  
 14 We took sweet counsel together;  
 We walked in *the* house of God with *the* throng.  
 15 <sup>321</sup>Let death come suddenly upon them,  
 Let them go down alive into Sheol;  
 For wickedness *is* in their dwelling, in <sup>322</sup>*the* midst of them.  
 16 As for me, I will call upon God;  
 And Jehovah will save me.  
 17 Evening, and morning, and at noonday, will I complain, and moan;  
 And he will hear my voice.  
 18 He hath redeemed my soul in peace <sup>323</sup>from *the* battle *that was* against me;  
 For they were many *that strove* with me.  
 19 God will hear, and <sup>324</sup>answer them,  
 Even he that abideth of old, [Selah]  
*The men* who have no changes,  
 And who fear not God.  
 20 He hath put forth his hands against such as were at peace with him:

<sup>317</sup> *Or*, hasten my escape From *the* stormy wind *etc.*  
<sup>318</sup> *Hb.* Swallow up, O Lord,  
<sup>319</sup> Sopherim *changed to* O Lord,  
<sup>320</sup> *Or*, Fraud  
<sup>321</sup> Hb<sup>mg</sup> *reads* Desolations be upon them!  
<sup>322</sup> *Or*, their inward part.  
<sup>323</sup> *Or*, so that none *came* nigh me;  
<sup>324</sup> *Or*, afflict them,

He hath profaned his covenant.  
 21 His mouth was smooth as butter,  
 But his heart *was* war:  
 His words were softer than oil,  
 Yet *were* they drawn swords.  
 22 Cast <sup>325</sup>thy burden upon Jehovah, and he will  
 sustain thee:  
 He will never suffer the righteous to be moved.  
 23 But thou, O God, wilt bring them down into *the* pit  
 of destruction:  
 Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out  
 half their days;  
 But I will trust in thee.

**Supplication for Deliverance, and Grateful Trust in God.**

For the Chief Musician; set to <sup>326</sup>Jonath elem rehookim.  
 A Psalm of David. Michtam; when *the* Philistines took him in Gath.

56 Be merciful unto me, O God; for man would  
 swallow me up:  
 All the day *long* he fighting oppresseth me.  
 2 <sup>327</sup>Mine enemies would swallow *me* up all the day  
*long*;  
 For *they are* many that fight proudly against me.  
 3 What time I am afraid,  
 I will put my trust in thee.  
 4 In God (I will praise his word),  
 In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid;  
 What can flesh do unto me?  
 5 All the day long they wrest my words:  
 All their thoughts *are* against me for evil.  
 6 They gather themselves together, they hide  
 themselves,  
 They mark my steps,  
<sup>328</sup>Even as they have waited for my soul.  
 7 <sup>329</sup>Shall they escape by iniquity?  
 In anger cast down *the* peoples, O God.  
 8 Thou numberest my wanderings:  
 Put thou my tears into thy bottle;  
*Are they* not in thy <sup>330</sup>book?  
 9 Then shall mine enemies turn back in *the* day that I  
 call:  
 This I know, <sup>331</sup>that God *is* for me.  
 10 In God (I will praise *his* word),  
 In Jehovah (I will praise *his* word),  
 11 In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid;  
 What can man do unto me?  
 12 Thy vows *are* upon me, O God:

<sup>325</sup> *Or*, what he hath given thee upon Jehovah,

<sup>326</sup> *That is*, *The* silent dove of them that are afar off.  
*or*, Hb<sup>mg</sup> reads *The* dove of *the* distant terebinths.

<sup>327</sup> *Or*, They that lie in wait for me would *etc.*

<sup>328</sup> *Or*, Inasmuch as they have waited for my soul.

<sup>329</sup> They think to escape by iniquity.

<sup>330</sup> *Or*, record

<sup>331</sup> *Or*, for God *is* for me.

I will render thank-*offerings* unto thee.  
 13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death:  
*Hast thou* not *delivered* my feet from falling,  
 That I may walk before God  
 In *the* light of <sup>332</sup>the living?

**Prayer for Rescue from Persecutors.**

For the Chief Musician; set to *Al-tashheth*. A Psalm of David.  
 Michtam; when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

57 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me;  
 For my soul taketh refuge in thee:  
 Yes, in *the* shadow of thy wings will I take refuge,  
 Until *these* <sup>333</sup>calamities be overpast.  
 2 I will cry unto God Most High,  
 Unto God that performeth *all things* for me.  
 3 He will send from heaven, and save me,  
 When he that would swallow me up reproacheth;  
 [Selah  
 God will send forth his lovingkindness and his truth.  
 4 My soul *is* among lions;  
 I <sup>334</sup>lie *among* them that are set on fire,  
 Even the sons of men, whose teeth *are* spears and  
 arrows,  
 And their tongue a sharp sword.  
 5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
 Let thy glory *be* above all the earth.  
 6 They have prepared a net for my steps;  
 My soul is bowed down:  
 They have digged a pit before me;  
 They are fallen into *the* midst thereof *themselves*.  
 [Selah  
 7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:  
 I will sing, yes, I will sing praises.  
 8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp:  
 I *myself* will awake at *the* dawn.  
 9 I will give thanks unto thee, <sup>335</sup>O Jehovah, among  
 the peoples:  
 I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.  
 10 For thy lovingkindness *is* great unto the heavens  
 And thy truth unto *the* skies.  
 11 Be thou exalted, O God, above *the* heavens;  
 Let thy glory *be* above all the earth.

**Prayer for the Punishment of the Wicked.**

For the Chief Musician; set to *Al-tashheth*.  
 A Psalm of David. Michtam.

58 <sup>336</sup>Do ye indeed <sup>337</sup>in silence speak righteousness?  
 Do ye <sup>338</sup>judge uprightly, O ye sons of Adam?  
 2 No, in heart ye work wickedness;

<sup>332</sup> *Or*, life *Lit.* the lives

<sup>333</sup> *Or*, wickednesses

<sup>334</sup> *Or*, must lie *among* them

<sup>335</sup> Sopherim *changed to* O Lord

<sup>336</sup> *Or*, *Is the* righteousness ye should speak dumb

<sup>337</sup> Hb<sup>mg</sup> reads O ye gods *or*, O ye mighty ones

<sup>338</sup> *Or*, judge uprightly *the* sons of men

Ye weigh out the violence of your hands in the earth.  
 3 *The* wicked are estranged from the womb:  
 They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.  
 4 Their poison *is* like *the* poison of a serpent:  
*They are* like *the* deaf adder that stoppeth her ear,  
 5 Which hearkeneth not to *the* voice of <sup>339</sup>charmers,  
 Charming never so wisely.  
 6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth:  
 Break out *the* great teeth of *the* young lions,  
 O Jehovah.  
 7 Let them melt away as water *that* runneth apace:  
 When he aimeth his arrows, let them be as though  
 they were cut off.  
 8 Let *them be* as a snail *which* melteth and passeth  
 away,  
 Like *the* untimely birth of a woman, <sup>340</sup>*that* hath not  
 seen *the* sun.  
 9 Before your pots can feel a thorn,  
<sup>341</sup>He will take them away with a whirlwind, *the*  
 green and *the* burning alike.  
 10 *The* righteous shall rejoice when he seeth *the*  
 vengeance:  
 He shall wash his feet in *the* blood of the wicked;  
 11 So that men shall say, Truly *there is* <sup>342</sup>a reward for  
 the righteous:  
 Truly there is a God that judgeth in the earth.

**Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies.**

For the Chief Musician; set to Al-tashheth. A Psalm of David.  
 Michtam; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

59 Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God:  
 Set me on high from them that rise up against me.  
 2 Deliver me from *the* workers of iniquity,  
 And save me from *the* bloodthirsty men.  
 3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul;  
 The mighty gather themselves together against me:  
 Not *for* my transgression, nor *for* my sin, O Jehovah.  
 4 They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault:  
 Awake thou to <sup>343</sup>help me, and behold.  
 5 Even thou, O Jehovah God of hosts, *the* God of  
 Israel,  
 Arise to visit all the nations:  
 Be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. [Selah  
 6 They return towards evening, they howl like *a* dog,  
 And go round about *the* city.  
 7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth;  
 Swords *are* in their lips:

<sup>339</sup> Or, enchanters,

<sup>340</sup> Or, like them that have not seen the sun.

<sup>341</sup> Or, Wrath shall take them away while living as  
 with a whirlwind, the green and the burning alike.

<sup>342</sup> Hb. fruit

<sup>343</sup> Hb. meet me,

For who, say they, doth hear?  
 8 But thou, O Jehovah, wilt laugh at them;  
 Thou wilt have all *the* nations in derision.  
 9 <sup>344</sup>Because of his strength I will give heed unto  
 thee;  
 For God *is* my high tower.  
 10 My God with his lovingkindness will meet me:  
 God will let me see *my desire* upon <sup>345</sup>mine  
 enemies.  
 11 Slay them not, lest my people forget:  
<sup>346</sup>Scatter them by thy power, and bring them down,  
<sup>347</sup>O Jehovah our shield.  
 12 For *the* sin of their mouth, and *the* words of their  
 lips,  
 Let them even be taken in their pride,  
 And for cursing and lying *which* they speak.  
 13 Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them*, so that  
 they *shall be* no more:  
 And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob,  
 Unto *the* ends of the earth. [Selah  
 14 And towards evening let them return, let them howl  
 like a dog,  
 And go round about *the* city.  
 15 They shall wander up and down for food,  
 And tarry all night if they be not satisfied.  
 16 But I will sing of thy strength;  
 Yes, I will sing aloud of thy lovingkindness in the  
 morning:  
 For thou hast been my high tower,  
 And a refuge in *the* day of my distress.  
 17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing praises:  
 For God *is* my high tower, *the* God of my mercy.

**Lament over Defeat in Battle, and Prayer for Help.**

For the Chief Musician; set to <sup>348</sup>Shushan Eduth. Michtam of David,  
 to teach; when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah,  
 and Joab returned, and smote 12,000 of Edom in *the* Valley of Salt.

60 O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast broken us  
 down;  
 Thou hast been angry; oh restore us again.  
 2 Thou hast made *the* land to tremble; thou hast rent it:  
 Heal *the* breaches thereof; for it shaketh.  
 3 Thou hast showed thy people hard things:  
 Thou hast made us to drink *the* wine of staggering.  
 4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee,  
 That it may be displayed because of *the* truth. [Selah  
 5 That thy beloved may be delivered,  
 Save *with* thy right hand, and answer <sup>349</sup>us.  
 6 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult;

<sup>344</sup> Sept., Vg. read My strength will etc.

<sup>345</sup> Or, them that lie in wait for me.

<sup>346</sup> Or, Make them wander to and fro by thy power,

<sup>347</sup> Sopherim changed to O Lord

<sup>348</sup> That is, The lily of testimony.

<sup>349</sup> Hb<sup>mg</sup> reads me.

I will divide Shechem, and mete out *the* valley of Sukkoth.  
 7 Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is the* defence of my head; Judah *is* my <sup>350</sup>sceptre.  
 8 Moab *is* my washpot; <sup>351</sup>Upon Edom will I cast my shoe: Philistia, shout thou because of me.  
 9 Who will bring me *into the* besieged city? <sup>352</sup>Who hath led me unto Edom?  
 10 <sup>353</sup>Hast not thou, O God, cast us off? And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.  
 11 Give us help against *the* adversary; For vain *is the* <sup>354</sup>help of man.  
 12 Through God we shall do valiantly; For he *it is that* will tread down our adversaries.

**Confidence in God's Protection.**

For the Chief Musician; on a stringed instrument. *A Psalm* of David.

**61** Hear my cry, O God; Attend unto my prayer.  
 2 From *the* end of the earth will I call unto thee, when my heart <sup>355</sup>is overwhelmed: Lead me to <sup>356</sup>*the* rock *that* is higher than I.  
 3 For thou hast been a refuge for me, A strong tower from *the* enemy.  
 4 I will dwell in thy <sup>357</sup>tent for ever: I will take refuge in *the* covert of thy wings. [Selah]  
 5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: Thou hast <sup>358</sup>given *me the* heritage of those that fear thy name.  
 6 Thou wilt prolong *the* king's life; His years *shall be* as many generations.  
 7 He shall abide before God for ever: Oh prepare lovingkindness and truth, *that* they may preserve him.  
 8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, That I may daily perform my vows.

**God alone a Refuge from Treachery and Oppression.**

For the Chief Musician; after *the* manner of Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

**62** My soul <sup>359</sup>*waiteth* in silence for God only: From him *cometh* my salvation.

<sup>350</sup> *Or*, lawgiver.

<sup>351</sup> *Or*, Unto Edom

<sup>352</sup> *Or*, Who will lead me unto Edom

<sup>353</sup> *Or*, Wilt not thou, O God, *who* hast cast us off, And goest not forth, O God, with our hosts?

<sup>354</sup> *Hb.* salvation of man.

<sup>355</sup> *Or*, fainteth:

<sup>356</sup> *Or*, a rock *that* shall be too high for me.

<sup>357</sup> *Or*, tabernacle

<sup>358</sup> *Or*, given a heritage unto those that fear thy name.

<sup>359</sup> *Hb.* Only unto God *is* my soul silent:

2 He only *is* my rock and my salvation: *He is* my high tower; I shall not be greatly moved.  
 3 How long will ye set upon a man, <sup>360</sup>That ye may slay *him*, all of you, Like a leaning wall, *like a* tottering fence?  
 4 They only consult to thrust *him* down from his dignity; They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. [Selah]  
 5 <sup>361</sup>My soul, wait thou in silence for God only; For my expectation *is* from him.  
 6 He only *is* my rock and my salvation: *He is* my high tower; I shall not be moved.  
 7 With God *is* my salvation and my glory: *The* rock of my strength, *even my* refuge, *is* in God.  
 8 Trust in him at all times, ye people; Pour out your heart before him: God *is* a refuge for us. [Selah]  
 9 Surely <sup>362</sup>men of low degree *are* vanity, *and* men of high degree *are* a lie: In *the* balances they will go up; They *are* together *lighter* than vanity.  
 10 Trust not in oppression, And become not vain in robbery: If riches increase, set not your heart *thereon*.  
 11 God hath spoken once, Twice have I heard this; That power *belongeth* unto God:  
 12 Also unto thee, <sup>363</sup>O Jehovah, *belongeth* lovingkindness; For thou renderest to *every* man according to his work.

**The Thirsting Soul satisfied in God.**

A Psalm of David, when he was in *the* wilderness of Judah.

**63** O God, thou *art* my God; earnestly will I seek thee: My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee, In a dry and weary land, where no water is.  
 2 So have I looked upon thee in the Holy, To see thy power and thy glory.  
 3 Because thy lovingkindness *is* better than life, My lips shall praise thee.  
 4 So will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.  
 5 My soul shall be satisfied as *with* <sup>364</sup>marrow and fatness; And my mouth shall praise *thee* with joyful lips;  
 6 When I remember thee upon my bed,

<sup>360</sup> *Hb*<sup>mg</sup> *reads* Ye shall be slain, all of you,

<sup>361</sup> *Hb.* Only unto God be thou silent, *O* my soul;

<sup>362</sup> *Hb.* sons of Adam *are* a breath, and sons of a man *are* a lie:

<sup>363</sup> *Sopherim changed to* O Lord,

<sup>364</sup> *Hb.* fat

<sup>365</sup> *And* meditate on thee in *the* night-watches.  
 7 For thou hast been my help,  
 And in *the* shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.  
 8 My soul followeth hard after thee:  
 Thy right hand upholdeth me.  
 9 But those *that* seek my soul, <sup>366</sup> to destroy *it*,  
 Shall go into *the* lower parts of the earth.  
 10 They shall be <sup>367</sup> given over to *the* power of *the*  
 sword:  
 They shall be a portion for <sup>368</sup> foxes.  
 11 But the king shall rejoice in God:  
 Every one *that* sweareth by him shall glory;  
 For *the* mouth of them that speak lies shall be  
 stopped.

**Prayer for Deliverance from Secret Enemies.**  
 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

64 Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint:  
 Preserve my life from fear of *the* enemy.  
 2 Hide me from *the* secret counsel of evil-doers,  
 From *the* <sup>369</sup> tumult of *the* workers of iniquity;  
 3 Who have whet their tongue like *a* sword,  
 And have aimed their arrows, *even* bitter words,  
 4 That they may shoot in secret places at *the* perfect:  
 Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.  
 5 They encourage themselves *in* an evil purpose;  
 They commune of laying snares privily;  
 They say, Who will see them?  
 6 They search out iniquities;  
<sup>370</sup> We have accomplished, *say they*, a diligent  
 search:  
 And *the* inward *thought* and *the* heart of every one  
*is* deep.  
 7 But God will shoot at them;  
 With an arrow suddenly shall they be wounded.  
 8 <sup>371</sup> So they shall be made to stumble, their own  
 tongue being against them:  
 All that see them shall <sup>372</sup> wag *the* head.  
 9 And all men shall fear;  
 And they shall declare *the* work of God,  
 And shall wisely consider of his doing.  
 10 *The* righteous shall be glad in Jehovah, and shall  
 take refuge in him;  
 And all *the* upright in heart shall glory.

<sup>365</sup> *Or*, I will meditate on thee in *the* watches.  
<sup>366</sup> *Or*, shall be destroyed; They shall go into *etc.*  
<sup>367</sup> *Or*, poured out by *the* power of *the* sword:  
<sup>368</sup> *Or*, jackals.  
<sup>369</sup> *Or*, throng  
<sup>370</sup> Hb<sup>mg</sup> reads They have accomplished, (*or*, hidden.)  
<sup>371</sup> *Or*, So shall they, against whom their tongue was,  
 make them to stumble:  
<sup>372</sup> *Or*, flee away.

**God's Abundant Favor to Earth and Man.**  
 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm. A Song of David.  
 65 <sup>373</sup> Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion;  
 And unto thee shall *the* vow be performed.  
 2 O thou that hearest prayer,  
 Unto thee shall all flesh come.  
 3 <sup>374</sup> Iniquities prevail against me:  
 As *for* our transgressions, thou wilt <sup>375</sup> forgive them.  
 4 Blessed *is the man* whom thou choosest, and causest  
 to approach *unto thee*,  
 That he may dwell in thy courts:  
 We shall be satisfied with *the* goodness of thy  
 house,  
*The* Holy of thy temple.  
 5 By awesome things thou wilt answer us in  
 righteousness,  
 O God of our salvation,  
*Thou that art the* confidence of all *the* ends of *the*  
 earth,  
 And <sup>376</sup> of them *that are* afar off *upon the* sea:  
 6 Who by his strength setteth fast *the* mountains,  
 Being girded about with might;  
 7 Who stilleth *the* roaring of *the* seas,  
*The* roaring of their waves,  
 And *the* tumult of *the* peoples.  
 8 They also that dwell in *the* uttermost parts are afraid  
 at thy <sup>377</sup> tokens:  
 Thou makest *the* outgoings of *the* morning and  
 evening to rejoice.  
 9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it,  
 Thou greatly enrichest it;  
*The* river of God is full of water:  
 Thou providest them grain, <sup>378</sup> when thou hast so  
 prepared <sup>379</sup> *the* earth.  
 10 Thou waterest its furrows abundantly;  
 Thou <sup>380</sup> settlest *the* ridges thereof:  
 Thou makest it soft with showers;  
 Thou blessest *the* springing thereof.  
 11 Thou crownest <sup>381</sup> *the* year with thy goodness;  
 And thy paths drop fatness.  
 12 <sup>382</sup> They drop *upon the* pastures of *the* wilderness;  
 And *the* hills are girded with joy.  
 13 *The* pastures are clothed with flocks;  
*The* valleys also are covered over with grain;  
 They shout for joy, they also sing.

<sup>373</sup> *Or*, There shall be silence before thee, and praise,  
<sup>374</sup> *Hb.* Words (*or*, Matters) of iniquities prevail  
<sup>375</sup> *Or*, expiate them.  
<sup>376</sup> *Or*, of *the* sea, afar off:  
<sup>377</sup> *Lit.* signs. *from* ("vat dna hpela") תוא  
<sup>378</sup> *Or*, for so preparest thou *the* earth.  
<sup>379</sup> *Hb.* it.  
<sup>380</sup> *Hb.* lowerest  
<sup>381</sup> *Hb.* *the* year of thy goodness;  
<sup>382</sup> *Or*, *The* pastures of *the* wilderness do drop;

**Praise for God's Mighty Deeds and for his Answer to Prayer.**  
For the Chief Musician. A Song, a Psalm.

- 66** Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth:  
2 Sing forth *the* glory of his name:  
Make his praise glorious.  
3 Say unto God, How awesome *are* thy works!  
Through *the* greatness of thy power shall thine  
enemies <sup>383</sup>submit themselves unto thee.  
4 All the earth shall worship thee,  
And shall sing unto thee;  
They shall sing to thy name. [Selah]  
5 Come, and see *the* works of God;  
*He is* awesome in his doing toward *the* children of  
men.  
6 He turned *the* sea into dry land;  
They went through the river on foot:  
There <sup>384</sup>did we rejoice in him.  
7 He ruleth by his might for ever;  
His eyes observe the nations:  
Let not the rebellious exalt themselves. [Selah]  
8 Oh bless our God, ye peoples,  
And make *the* voice of his praise to be heard;  
9 Who <sup>385</sup>holdeth our soul in life,  
And suffereth not our feet to be moved.  
10 For thou, O God, hast proved us:  
Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.  
11 Thou broughtest us into the net;  
Thou layedst a sore burden upon our loins.  
12 Thou didst cause men to ride over our heads;  
We went through fire and through water;  
But thou broughtest us out into <sup>386</sup>*a* wealthy place.  
13 I will come into thy house with burnt-offerings;  
I will pay thee my vows,  
14 Which my lips uttered,  
And my mouth spake, when I was in distress.  
15 I will offer unto thee burnt-offerings of fatlings,  
With *the* incense of rams;  
I will offer a bullock with goats. [Selah]  
16 Come, *and* hear, all ye that fear God,  
And I will declare what he hath done for my soul.  
17 I cried unto him with my mouth,  
And <sup>387</sup>he was extolled with my tongue.  
18 If I <sup>388</sup>regard iniquity in my heart,  
<sup>389</sup>Jehovah <sup>390</sup>will not hear:  
19 *But* truly God hath heard;  
He hath attended to *the* voice of my prayer.

<sup>383</sup> *Or*, yield feigned obedience *Hb.* lie (deceitfully)

<sup>384</sup> *Or*, let us rejoice in him.

<sup>385</sup> *Hb.* putteth

<sup>386</sup> *Hb.* abundance.

<sup>387</sup> *Hb*<sup>mg</sup> reads high praise was under my tongue.

<sup>388</sup> *Or*, had regarded

<sup>389</sup> Sopherim *changed to The Lord*

<sup>390</sup> *Or*, would

- 20 Blessed *be* God,  
Who hath not turned away my prayer,  
Nor his lovingkindness from me.

**The Nations exhorted to praise God.**

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A Psalm, a Song.

- 67** God be merciful unto us, and bless us,  
*And* cause his face to shine <sup>391</sup>upon us; [Selah]  
2 That thy way may be known upon earth,  
Thy salvation among all nations.  
3 Let *the* peoples <sup>392</sup>praise thee, O God;  
Let all *the* peoples praise thee.  
4 Oh let *the* nations be glad and sing for joy;  
For thou wilt judge *the* peoples with equity,  
And govern *the* nations upon earth. [Selah]  
5 Let *the* peoples praise thee, O God;  
Let all *the* peoples praise thee.  
6 *The* earth yieldeth its increase:  
God, *even* our own God, will bless us.  
7 God will bless us;  
And all *the* ends of *the* earth shall fear him.

**Jehovah the God of Sinai and of the Holy.**

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David, a Song.

- 68** <sup>393</sup>Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered;  
Let them also that hate him flee before him.  
2 As smoke is driven away, *so* drive *them* away:  
As wax melteth before *the* fire,  
*So* let *the* wicked perish at *the* presence of God.  
3 But let *the* righteous be glad; let them exult before  
God:  
Yes, let them rejoice with gladness.  
4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name:  
Cast up a highway for him *that* rideth through the  
deserts;  
His name is <sup>394</sup>*Jehovah*; and exult ye before him.  
5 A father of *the* fatherless, and a judge of *the*  
widows,  
*Is* God in his holy habitation.  
6 God <sup>395</sup>setteth *the* solitary in families:  
He bringeth out *the* prisoners into prosperity;  
But *the* rebellious dwell in a parched *land*.  
7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people,  
When thou didst march through *the* wilderness; [Selah]  
8 *The* earth trembled,  
*The* heavens also dropped *rain* at *the* presence of  
God:  
Yon Sinai *trembled* at *the* presence of God, *the* God  
of Israel.  
9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain,  
Thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was  
weary.

<sup>391</sup> *Hb.* with us;

<sup>392</sup> *Or*, give thanks unto thee,

<sup>393</sup> *Or*, God ariseth *Similarly throughout* vss. 1, 2, 3.

<sup>394</sup> *Hb.* Jah;

<sup>395</sup> *Hb.* maketh *the* solitary to dwell in a house:

10 Thy <sup>396</sup>congregation dwelt therein:  
 Thou, O God, didst prepare of thy goodness for the  
 poor.  
 11 <sup>397</sup>Jehovah giveth *the* word:  
 The *women* that publish *the* tidings *are* a great host.  
 12 Kings of armies shall flee, they shall flee;  
 And she that tarrieth at home divideth *the* spoil.  
 13 <sup>398</sup>When ye lie among *the* sheepfolds,  
*It is as the* wings of a dove covered with silver,  
 And her pinions with yellow gold.  
 14 When *the* Almighty scattered kings therein,  
<sup>399</sup>*It is as when* it snoweth in Zalmon.  
 15 A mountain of God *is the* mountain of Bashan;  
 A <sup>400</sup>high mountain *is the* mountain of Bashan.  
 16 Why look ye askance, ye high mountains,  
 At the mountain which God hath desired for his  
 abode?  
 Yes, Jehovah will dwell *in it* for ever.  
 17 *The* chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, *even*  
 thousands upon thousands:  
<sup>401</sup>Jehovah *is* among them, <sup>402</sup>*as in* Sinai, in the Holy.  
 18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led away  
 captives;  
 Thou hast received gifts among men,  
 Yes, *among the* rebellious also, that <sup>403</sup>Jehovah God  
 might <sup>404</sup>dwell *with them*.  
 19 Blessed *be* <sup>405</sup>Jehovah, *who* daily beareth our  
*burden*,  
*Even the* God *who is* our salvation. [Selah]  
 20 God *is* unto us a God of salvations;  
 And unto Jehovah *the* Lord *belongeth* escape from  
 death.  
 21 But God will smite through *the* head of his enemies,  
*The* hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his  
 guiltiness.  
 22 <sup>406</sup>Jehovah said, I will bring again from Bashan,  
 I will bring *them* again from *the* depths of the sea;  
 23 That thou mayest crush *them*, *dipping* thy foot in  
 blood,  
*That the* tongue of thy dogs *may have* its portion  
 from *thine* enemies.

<sup>396</sup> Or, troop

<sup>397</sup> Sopherim *changed to* The Lord

<sup>398</sup> Or, Will ye lie among *the* sheepfolds,  
*As the* wings of a dove covered with silver,  
 And her pinions with yellow gold?

<sup>399</sup> Or, It snowed in Zalmon.

<sup>400</sup> Hb. mountain of summits *is the* mountain of Bashan.

<sup>401</sup> Sopherim *changed to* The Lord

<sup>402</sup> Or, Sinai *is* in the sanctuary.

<sup>403</sup> Hb. Jah See vs. 4.

<sup>404</sup> Or, dwell *there*.

<sup>405</sup> Sopherim *changed to* the Lord, Or, Jehovah day  
 by day: If one oppresses us, God is our salvation.

<sup>406</sup> Sopherim *changed to* The Lord

24 They have seen thy goings, O God,  
*Even the* goings of my God, my King, <sup>407</sup>in the Holy.  
 25 *The* singers went before, *the* minstrels *followed*  
 after,  
 In *the* midst of *the* damsels playing with timbrels.  
 26 Bless ye God in *the* congregations,  
*Even* <sup>408</sup>Jehovah, *ye that are* of *the* fountain of  
 Israel.  
 27 There *is* little Benjamin their ruler,  
*The* princes of Judah *and* their <sup>409</sup>council,  
*The* princes of Zebulun, *the* princes of Naphtali.  
 28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength:  
<sup>410</sup>Strengthen, O God, that which thou <sup>411</sup>hast  
 wrought for us.  
 29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem  
 Kings shall bring presents unto thee.  
 30 Rebuke *the* wild beast of *the* reeds,  
*The* multitude of *the* bulls, with *the* calves of *the*  
 peoples,  
<sup>412</sup>Trampling under foot *the* pieces of silver:  
<sup>413</sup>He hath scattered *the* peoples *that* delight in war.  
 31 Princes shall come out of Egypt;  
<sup>414</sup>Ethiopia shall haste to stretch out her hands unto  
 God.  
 32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth;  
 Oh sing praises unto <sup>415</sup>Jehovah; [Selah]  
 33 To him *that* rideth upon *the* heaven of heavens,  
*which are* of old;  
 Lo, he uttereth his voice, a mighty voice.  
 34 Ascribe ye strength unto God:  
 His excellency *is* over Israel,  
 And his strength *is* in the skies.  
 35 <sup>416</sup>O God, *thou art* awesome out of thy sanctuaries:  
*The* God of Israel, he giveth strength and power  
 unto *his* people.  
 Blessed *be* God.

**A Cry of Distress, and Imprecation on Adversaries.**

For the Chief Musician; set to <sup>417</sup>Shoshannim. *A Psalm* of David.

**69** Save me, O God;  
 For *the* waters are come in unto *my* soul.

<sup>407</sup> Or, in the sanctuary. or, in holiness.

<sup>408</sup> Sopherim *changed to* the Lord,

<sup>409</sup> Or, company,

<sup>410</sup> Or, Be strong, O God, thou that hast wrought for us.

<sup>411</sup> Or, hast wrought for us out of thy temple. 29 Unto  
 Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee.

<sup>412</sup> Or, *Every one* submitting himself with pieces  
 of silver:

<sup>413</sup> Hb<sup>mg</sup> reads Scatter thou *the* peoples *that etc.*

<sup>414</sup> Hb. Cush or, Black Africa

<sup>415</sup> Sopherim *changed to* the Lord;

<sup>416</sup> Or, Awesome is God out of thy holy places:

<sup>417</sup> That is, Lilies.

2 I sink in deep mire, where *there is* no standing:  
I am come into deep waters where *the* floods  
overflow me.

3 I am weary with my crying; my throat is dried:  
Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

4 They that hate me without a cause are more than *the*  
hairs of my head:  
They that would cut me off, *being* mine enemies  
<sup>418</sup>wrongfully, are mighty:  
*That* which I took not away I have to restore.

5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness;  
And my <sup>419</sup>sins are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that wait for thee be put to shame  
through me, O Lord Jehovah of hosts:  
Let not those that seek thee be brought to dishonor  
through me, O God of Israel:

7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach;  
Shame hath covered my face.

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren,  
And an alien unto my mother's children.

9 For *the* zeal of thy house hath eaten me up;  
And *the* reproaches of them that reproach thee are  
fallen upon me.

10 When I wept, *and chastened* my soul with fasting,  
That was to my reproach.

11 When I made sackcloth my clothing,  
I became a byword unto them.

12 They that sit in *the* gate talk of me;  
And *I am* the songs of the drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer *is* unto thee, O Jehovah,  
*in* an acceptable time:  
O God, in *the* abundance of thy lovingkindness,  
Answer me in *the* truth of thy salvation.

14 Deliver me out of *the* mire, and let me not sink:  
Let me be delivered from them that hate me, and  
out of *the* deep waters.

15 Let not *the* waterflood overwhelm me,  
Neither let *the* deep swallow me up;  
And let not *the* pit shut its mouth upon me.

16 Answer me, O Jehovah; for thy lovingkindness *is*  
good:  
According to *the* multitude of thy tender mercies  
turn thou unto me.

17 And hide not thy face from thy servant;  
For I am in distress; answer me speedily.

18 Draw nigh unto my soul, *and* ransom it:  
Redeem me because of mine enemies.

19 Thou knowest my reproach, and my shame, and my  
dishonor:  
Mine adversaries *are* all before thee.

20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am <sup>420</sup>full of  
heaviness:

<sup>418</sup> *Hb.* falsely, *or, with* falsehood,

<sup>419</sup> *Hb.* guiltinesses

<sup>420</sup> *Or,* sore sick:

And I looked *for some* to take pity, but there was  
none;  
And for comforters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also gall for my food;  
And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

22 Let their table before them become a snare;  
And *when they are* in peace, *let it become* a trap.

23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they cannot see;  
And make their loins continually to shake.

24 Pour out thine indignation upon them,  
And let *the* fierceness of thine anger overtake them.

25 Let their <sup>421</sup>habitation be desolate;  
Let none dwell in their tents.

26 For they persecute *him* whom thou hast smitten;  
And they tell of *the* <sup>422</sup>sorrow of those whom thou  
hast wounded.

27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity;  
And let them not come into thy righteousness.

28 Let them be blotted out of <sup>423</sup>*the* book of life,  
And not be written with *the* righteous.

29 But I *am* poor and <sup>424</sup>sorrowful:  
Let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30 I will praise *the* name of God with a song,  
And will magnify him with thanksgiving.

31 And it will please Jehovah better than an ox,  
*Or* a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

32 *The* meek have seen *it, and* shall be glad:  
Ye that seek after God, let your heart live.

33 For Jehovah heareth *the* needy,  
And despiseth not his prisoners.

34 Let heaven and earth praise him,  
*The* seas, and every thing that moveth therein.

35 For God will save Zion, and build *the* cities of  
Judah;  
And they shall abide there, and have it in  
possession.

36 *The* seed also of his servants shall inherit it;  
And they that love his name shall dwell therein.

**Prayer for Help against Persecutors.**

For the Chief Musician.

*A Psalm* of David; <sup>425</sup>to bring to remembrance.

**70** *Make haste*, O God, to deliver me;  
Make haste to help me, O Jehovah.

2 Let them be put to shame and confounded  
That seek after my soul:  
Let them be turned backward and brought to  
dishonor  
That delight in my hurt.

<sup>421</sup> *Or,* encampment be desolate;

<sup>422</sup> *Or,* pain

<sup>423</sup> *Or,* *the* book of *the* living,

<sup>424</sup> *Or,* in pain:

<sup>425</sup> *Or,* to make memorial.



3 Let them be turned back <sup>426</sup>by reason of their shame  
That say, Aha, aha.  
4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee;  
And let such as love thy salvation say continually,  
Let God be magnified.  
5 But I *am* poor and needy;  
Make haste unto me, O God:  
Thou *art* my help and my deliverer;  
O Jehovah, make no tarrying.

**Prayer of an old Man for Deliverance.**

71 In thee, O Jehovah, do I take refuge:  
Let me never be put to shame.  
2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and rescue me:  
Bow down thine ear unto me, and save me.  
3 Be thou to me a rock of habitation, whereunto I  
may continually resort:  
Thou hast given commandment to save me;  
For thou *art* my rock and my fortress.  
4 Rescue me, O my God, out of *the* hand of the  
wicked,  
Out of *the* hand of *the* unrighteous and cruel man.  
5 For thou *art* my hope, O Lord Jehovah:  
*Thou art* my trust from my youth.  
6 By thee have I been holden up from *the* womb;  
Thou <sup>427</sup>*art* he that took me out of my mother's  
bowels:  
My praise *shall be* continually of thee.  
7 I am as a wonder unto many;  
But thou *art* my strong refuge.  
8 My mouth shall be filled *with* thy praise,  
*And with* thy honor all the day.  
9 Cast me not off in *the* time of old age;  
Forsake me not when my strength faileth.  
10 For mine enemies speak concerning me;  
And they that watch for my soul take counsel  
together,  
11 Saying, God hath forsaken him:  
Pursue and take him; for *there is* none to deliver.  
12 O God, be not far from me;  
O my God, make haste to help me.  
13 Let them be put to shame and consumed *that are*  
adversaries to my soul;  
Let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonor  
that seek my hurt.  
14 But I will hope continually,  
And will praise thee yet more and more.  
15 My mouth shall tell of thy righteousness,  
*And of* thy salvation all the day;  
For I know not the numbers *thereof*.  
16 I will come <sup>428</sup>*with the* mighty acts of *the* Lord  
Jehovah:

<sup>426</sup> *Or*, for a reward of shame

<sup>427</sup> *Or*, *hast been* my benefactor from *etc.*

I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even of*  
thine only.  
17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth;  
And hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.  
18 Yes, even <sup>429</sup>when I am old and grayheaded,  
O God, forsake me not,  
Until I have declared <sup>430</sup>thy strength unto *the next*  
generation,  
Thy might to every one *that* is to come.  
19 Thy righteousness also, O God, *is* very high;  
Thou who hast done great things,  
O God, who *is* like unto thee?  
20 *Thou*, who hast showed <sup>431</sup>us many and sore  
troubles,  
Wilt quicken us again,  
And wilt bring us up again from *the* depths of the  
earth.  
21 Increase thou my greatness,  
And turn again and comfort me.  
22 I will also praise thee with *the* psaltery,  
*Even* thy truth, O my God:  
Unto thee will I sing praises with *the* harp,  
O thou Holy One of Israel.  
23 My lips shall shout for joy when I sing praises unto  
thee;  
And my soul, which thou hast redeemed.  
24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all  
the day *long*;  
For they are put to shame, for they are confounded,  
that seek my hurt.

**The Reign of the Righteous King.**

*A Psalm of Solomon.*

72 Give *the* king thy judgments, O God,  
And thy righteousness unto *the* king's son.  
2 <sup>432</sup>He will judge thy people with righteousness,  
And thy poor with justice.  
3 *The* mountains shall bring peace to the people,  
And *the* hills in righteousness.  
4 He will judge *the* poor of *the* people,  
He will save *the* children of *the* needy,  
And will break in pieces *the* oppressor.  
5 They shall fear thee while *the* sun endureth,  
And so <sup>433</sup>long as *the* moon, throughout all  
generations.  
6 He will come down like rain upon *the* mown grass,  
As showers *that* water *the* earth.  
7 In his days shall *the* righteous flourish,  
And abundance of peace, till *the* moon be no more.

<sup>428</sup> *Or*, in the strength of *the* Lord Jehovah:

<sup>429</sup> *Hb.* unto old age and gray hairs,

<sup>430</sup> *Hb.* thine arm unto

<sup>431</sup> *Hb*<sup>mg</sup> reads me (*three times*)

<sup>432</sup> *Or*, Let him (*and so throughout the Psalm.*)

<sup>433</sup> *Hb.* before *the* moon,

8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,  
 And from *the* River unto *the* ends of *the* earth.  
 9 They that dwell in *the* wilderness shall bow before  
 him;  
 And his enemies shall lick *the* dust.  
 10 *The* kings of Tarshish and of *the* isles shall render  
 tribute:  
*The* kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.  
 11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before him;  
 All nations shall serve him.  
 12 For he will deliver *the* needy when he crieth,  
 And *the* poor,<sup>434</sup> that hath no helper.  
 13 He will have pity on *the* <sup>435</sup>poor and needy,  
 And *the* souls of *the* needy he will save.  
 14 He will ransom their soul from <sup>436</sup>oppression and  
 violence;  
 And precious will their blood be in his sight:  
 15 And <sup>437</sup>they shall live; and to him shall be given of  
*the* gold of Sheba:  
 And men shall pray for him continually;  
<sup>438</sup>*They* shall bless him all the day long.  
 16 There shall be <sup>439</sup>abundance of grain in the <sup>440</sup>earth  
 upon *the* top of *the* mountains;  
 The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon:  
 And *they* of *the* city shall flourish like grass of *the*  
 earth.  
 17 His name shall endure for ever;  
 His name shall <sup>441</sup>be continued <sup>442</sup>as long as *the* sun:  
 And *men* shall <sup>443</sup>bless themselves in him;  
 All nations shall call him happy.  
 18 Blessed *be* Jehovah God, *the* God of Israel,  
 Who only doeth wondrous things:  
 19 And blessed *be* his glorious name for ever;  
 And let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory  
 Amen and Amen  
 20 *The* prayers of David *the* son of Jesse are ended.

Book III

**The End of the Wicked contrasted with that of the Righteous.**

A Psalm of Asaph.

**73** <sup>444</sup>Surely God *is* good to Israel,  
*Even* to such as are pure in heart.  
 2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone;  
 My steps had well nigh slipped.

<sup>434</sup> *Or*, and him that hath no helper.

<sup>435</sup> *Or*, weak

<sup>436</sup> *Or*, fraud

<sup>437</sup> *Or*, he

<sup>438</sup> *Lit.*, *He or, One*

<sup>439</sup> *Or*, a handful of grain

<sup>440</sup> *Or*, land

<sup>441</sup> *Or*, have issue

<sup>442</sup> *Hb.* before *the* sun:

<sup>443</sup> *Reflexive tense, as in* Ge 22:18, 26:4; Jr 4:2.

<sup>444</sup> *Or*, Only good *is* God to Israel,

3 For I was envious at the <sup>445</sup>arrogant,  
 When I saw *the* prosperity of *the* wicked.  
 4 For *there are* no pangs in their death;  
 But their strength *is* firm.  
 5 They *are* not in trouble *as other* men;  
 Neither are they plagued like *other* men.  
 6 Therefore pride is as a chain about their neck;  
 Violence covereth them *as* a garment.  
 7 Their eyes stand out with fatness:  
<sup>446</sup>They have more than heart could wish.  
 8 They scoff, and in wickedness utter oppression:  
 They speak <sup>447</sup>loftily.  
 9 They have set their mouth <sup>448</sup>in the heavens,  
 And their tongue walketh through the earth.  
 10 Therefore <sup>449</sup>his people return hither:  
 And waters of a full *cup* are drained by them.  
 11 And they say, How doth God know?  
 And is there knowledge in *the* Most High?  
 12 Behold, these *are the* wicked;  
 And, being always at ease, they increase *in* riches.  
 13 Surly *in* vain have I cleansed my heart,  
 And washed my hands in innocency;  
 14 For all the day long have I been plagued,  
 And <sup>450</sup>chastened every morning.  
 15 If I had said, I will speak thus;  
 Behold, I had dealt treacherously *with the*  
 generation of thy children.  
 16 When I thought how I might know this,  
 It *seemed* <sup>451</sup>too painful for me;  
 17 Until I went into *the* <sup>452</sup>sanctuaries of God,  
 And considered their latter end.  
 18 Surely thou settest them in slippery places:  
 Thou castest them down to <sup>453</sup>destruction.  
 19 How are they become a desolation in a moment!  
 They are utterly consumed with terrors.  
 20 As a dream when one awaketh,  
 So, <sup>454</sup>O Jehovah, <sup>455</sup>when thou awakest, thou wilt  
 despise their image.  
 21 For my soul <sup>456</sup>was grieved,  
 And I was pricked in my kidneys:  
 22 So brutish <sup>457</sup>was I, and ignorant;  
 I was *as* a beast <sup>458</sup>before thee.

<sup>445</sup> *Or*, fools

<sup>446</sup> *Or*, *The* imaginations of their heart overflow.

<sup>447</sup> *Or*, from on high.

<sup>448</sup> *Or*, against the heavens,

<sup>449</sup> *Hb<sup>mg</sup> reads* he will bring back his people:

<sup>450</sup> *Hb.* my chastisement was every morning.

<sup>451</sup> *Hb.* labor in mine eyes.

<sup>452</sup> *Or perhaps*, Holies

<sup>453</sup> *Hb.* ruins.

<sup>454</sup> *Sopherim changed to* O Lord,

<sup>455</sup> *Or*, in the city,

<sup>456</sup> *Hb.* was in a ferment,

<sup>457</sup> *Or*, am I,

23 Nevertheless I *am* continually with thee:  
Thou hast holden my right hand.

24 Thou wilt guide me with thy counsel,  
And afterward receive me <sup>459</sup>to glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven *but thee*?  
And *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire  
<sup>460</sup>besides thee.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth;  
But God *is the* <sup>461</sup>strength of my heart and my  
portion for ever.

27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish:  
Thou hast destroyed all them that play *the* harlot,  
*departing* from thee.

28 But *it* is good for me to draw near unto God:  
I have made the Lord Jehovah my refuge,  
That I may tell of all thy works.

**A Complaint over the Devastation of the Land by the Enemy.**  
Maskil of Asaph.

74 O God, why hast thou cast *us* off for ever?  
Why doth thine anger smoke against *the* sheep of  
thy pasture?

2 Remember thy congregation, *which* thou hast gotten  
of old,  
*Which* thou hast ransomed to be *the* tribe of thine  
inheritance;  
And mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto *the* perpetual ruins,  
<sup>462</sup>All *the* evil *that the* enemy hath done in the Holy.

4 Thine adversaries have roared in *the* midst of thine  
assembly;  
They have set up their *ensigns* for signs.

5 *They* <sup>463</sup>seem *as men* that lifted up  
Axes upon a thicket of trees.

6 And now all *the* carved work thereof  
They break down with hatchet and hammers.

7 They have set thy sanctuary on fire;  
They have profaned *the* dwelling-place of thy name  
*by casting it* to the ground.

8 They said in their heart, Let us make havoc of them  
altogether:  
They have burned up all *the* <sup>464</sup>synagogues of God  
in the earth.

9 We see not our signs:  
*There is* no more any prophet;  
Neither *is there* among us any that knoweth how  
long.

10 How long, O God, shall *the* adversary reproach?  
Shall *the* enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

<sup>458</sup> *Hb.* with thee.

<sup>459</sup> *Or,* with glory.

<sup>460</sup> *Or,* with thee.

<sup>461</sup> *Hb.* rock

<sup>462</sup> *Or,* The enemy hath wrought all evil in the Holy.

<sup>463</sup> *Or,* make themselves known as

<sup>464</sup> *Or,* places of assembly of God in the land.

11 Why drawest thou back thy hand, even thy right  
hand?  
*Pluck it* out of thy bosom *and* consume *them*.

12 Yet God *is* my King of old,  
Working salvation in *the* midst of the earth.

13 Thou didst <sup>465</sup>divide *the* sea by thy strength:  
Thou brakest *the* heads of *the* sea-monsters in the  
waters.

14 Thou brakest *the* heads of leviathan in pieces;  
Thou gavest him *to be* food to *the* people inhabiting  
*the* wilderness.

15 Thou didst cleave fountain and flood:  
Thou driedst up <sup>466</sup>mighty rivers.

16 *The* day *is* thine, *the* night also *is* thine:  
Thou hast prepared *the* <sup>467</sup>light and *the* sun.

17 Thou hast set all *the* borders of *the* earth:  
Thou hast made summer and winter.

18 Remember this, *that the* enemy <sup>468</sup>hath reproached,  
O Jehovah,  
And *that* a foolish people hath blasphemed thy  
name.

19 Oh deliver not <sup>469</sup>*the* soul of thy turtle-dove unto  
*the* wild beast:  
Forget not *the* <sup>470</sup>life of thy poor for ever.

20 Have respect unto the covenant;  
For *the* dark places of *the* <sup>471</sup>earth are full of *the*  
habitations of violence.

21 Oh let not *the* oppressed return ashamed:  
Let *the* poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause:  
Remember how *the* foolish man reproacheth thee  
all the day.

23 Forget not *the* voice of thine adversaries:  
*The* tumult of those that rise up against thee  
<sup>472</sup>ascendeth continually.

**God abases the Proud, but exalts the Righteous.**

For the Chief Musician; set to Al-tashheth.

A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

75 We give thanks unto thee, O God;  
We give thanks, <sup>473</sup>for thy name *is* near:  
*Men* tell of thy wondrous works.

2 When I shall <sup>474</sup>find *the* set time,  
I will judge uprightly.

<sup>465</sup> *Hb.* break up *the* sea by thy strength:

<sup>466</sup> *Or,* ever-flowing rivers.

<sup>467</sup> *Hb.* luminary

<sup>468</sup> *Or,* hath reproached Jehovah,

<sup>469</sup> *Or,* thy turtle-dove unto *the* greedy multitude:

<sup>470</sup> *Or,* multitude

<sup>471</sup> *Or,* land

<sup>472</sup> *Or,* which ascendeth continually.

<sup>473</sup> *Or,* for *that* thy name *is* near

Thy wondrous works have declared *it*.

<sup>474</sup> *Hb.* take

3 <sup>475</sup>*The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved:*  
 I have <sup>476</sup>set up *the* pillars of it. [Selah]  
 4 I said unto the <sup>477</sup>arrogant, Deal not arrogantly;  
 And to the wicked, Lift not up *the* horn:  
 5 Lift not up your horn on high;  
*Nor* speak <sup>478</sup>with a stiff neck.  
 6 For neither from *the* east, nor from *the* west,  
 Nor yet <sup>479</sup>from *the* <sup>480</sup>south, *cometh* lifting up.  
 7 But God *is the* judge:  
 He putteth down one, and lifteth up another.  
 8 For in *the* hand of Jehovah *there is* a cup, and *the*  
 wine <sup>481</sup>foameth;  
 It is full of mixture, and he poureth out of *the* same:  
 Surely *the* dregs thereof, all *the* wicked of *the* earth  
 shall drain *them, and* drink *them*.  
 9 But I will declare for ever,  
 I will sing praises to *the* God of Jacob.  
 10 All *the* horns of *the* wicked also will I cut off;  
*But the* horns of *the* righteous shall be lifted up.

**The Victorious Power of the God of Jacob.**

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments.

A Psalm of Asaph, a Song

76 In Judah *is* God known:  
 His name *is* great in Israel.  
 2 In Salem also is his <sup>482</sup>tabernacle,  
 And his <sup>483</sup>dwelling-place in Zion,  
 3 There he brake *the* <sup>484</sup>arrows of *the* bow;  
*The* shield, and *the* sword, and *the* battle. [Selah]  
 4 Glorious *art* thou *and* excellent,  
<sup>485</sup>From *the* mountains of prey.  
 5 *The* stout-hearted are made a spoil,  
 They have slept their sleep;  
 And none of *the* men of might have found their  
 hands.  
 6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,  
 Both chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.  
 7 Thou, *even* thou, *art* to be feared;  
 And who may stand in thy sight when once thou art  
 angry?  
 8 Thou didst cause sentence to be heard from heaven;  
*The* earth feared, and was still,

<sup>475</sup> Or, When *the* earth and... are dissolved: I set up *etc.*

<sup>476</sup> Hb. proportioned *the* pillars of it.

<sup>477</sup> Or, fools,

<sup>478</sup> Or, insolently with a *haughty* neck.

<sup>479</sup> Or, from *the* wilderness of mountains *cometh*  
*judgment.*

<sup>480</sup> Hb. wilderness,

<sup>481</sup> Or, is red;

<sup>482</sup> Or, covert, Hb. sok (cf. sukkoth, booth)

<sup>483</sup> Or, lair

<sup>484</sup> Or, lightnings or, fiery shafts

<sup>485</sup> Or, More than *the* mountains of prey.

9 When God arose to judgment,  
 To save all *the* meek of *the* earth. [Selah]  
 10 Surely *the* wrath of man shall praise thee:  
*The* residue of wrath shalt thou <sup>486</sup>gird upon thee.  
 11 Vow, and pay unto Jehovah your God:  
 Let all that are round about him bring presents unto  
 him *that* ought to be feared.  
 12 He will cut off *the* spirit of princes:  
*He is* awesome to *the* kings of *the* earth.

**Comfort in Trouble from recalling God's Mighty Deeds.**

For the Chief Musician; after *the* manner of Jeduthun.

A Psalm of Asaph.

77 I will cry unto God with my voice,  
*Even* unto God with my voice; and he will give ear  
 unto me.  
 2 In *the* day of my trouble I sought <sup>487</sup>Jehovah:  
 My hand was stretched out in *the* night, and slacked  
 not;  
 My soul refused to be comforted.  
 3 I remember God, and am disquieted:  
 I complain, and my spirit <sup>488</sup>is overwhelmed. [Selah]  
 4 Thou holdest mine eyes watching:  
 I am so troubled that I cannot speak.  
 5 I have considered *the* days of old,  
*The* years of ancient times.  
 6 I call to remembrance my song in the night:  
 I commune with mine own heart;  
 And my spirit maketh diligent search.  
 7 Will <sup>489</sup>Jehovah cast off for ever?  
 And will he be favorable no more?  
 8 Is his lovingkindness clean gone for ever?  
 Doth *his* promise fail for evermore?  
 9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious?  
 Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? [Selah]  
 10 And I said, <sup>490</sup>This *is* my infirmity;  
*But I will remember the* years of *the* right hand of  
*the* Most High.  
 11 I will make mention of *the* deeds of <sup>491</sup>Jehovah;  
 For I will remember thy wonders of old.  
 12 I will meditate also upon all thy work,  
 And muse on thy doings.  
 13 Thy way, O God, *is* in *the* Holy:  
 Who *is* a great god like unto God?  
 14 Thou *art* the God that doest wonders:  
 Thou hast made known thy strength among the  
 peoples.  
 15 Thou hast with *thine* arm ransomed thy people,  
*The* sons of Jacob and Joseph. [Selah]

<sup>486</sup> Or, restrain.

<sup>487</sup> Sopherim *changed to the* Lord:

<sup>488</sup> Or, fainteth.

<sup>489</sup> Sopherim *changed to the* Lord

<sup>490</sup> Or, This *is* my grief,

*That the* right hand of *the* Most High doth change.

<sup>491</sup> Hb. Jah;

16 *The* waters saw thee, O God;  
*The* waters saw thee, they <sup>492</sup>were afraid:  
*The* depths also trembled.

17 *The* clouds poured out water;  
*The* skies sent out a sound:  
 Thine arrows also went abroad.

18 *The* voice of thy thunder *was* in the whirlwind;  
*The* lightnings lightened *the* world:  
 The earth trembled and shook.

19 Thy way *was* in the sea,  
 And thy paths in *the* great waters,  
 And thy footsteps were not known.

20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock,  
 By *the* hand of Moses and Aaron.

**God's Guidance of his People in spite of their Unfaithfulness.**  
 Maskil of Asaph.

78 Give ear, O my people, to my <sup>493</sup>law:  
 Incline your ears to *the* words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable;  
 I will utter dark sayings of old,

3 Which we have heard and known,  
 And our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide *them* from their children,  
 Telling to *the* generation to come *the* praises of  
 Jehovah,  
 And his strength, and his wondrous works that he  
 hath done.

5 For he established a testimony in Jacob,  
 And appointed a law in Israel,  
 Which he commanded our fathers,  
 That they should make them known to their  
 children;

6 That *the* generation to come might know *them*, even  
*the* children that should be born:  
 Who should arise and tell *them* to their children,

7 That they might set their hope in God,  
 And not forget *the* works of God,  
 But keep his commandments,

8 And might not be as their fathers,  
 A stubborn and rebellious generation,  
 A generation <sup>494</sup>that set not their heart aright,  
 And whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

9 *The* children of Ephraim, *being* armed and carrying  
 bows,  
 Turned back in *the* day of battle.

10 They kept not *the* covenant of God,  
 And refused to walk in his law;

11 And they forgot his doings,  
 And his wondrous works that he had showed them.

12 Marvellous things did he in *the* sight of their fathers,  
 In *the* land of Egypt, in *the* field of Zoan.

<sup>492</sup> *Or*, were in pain:

<sup>493</sup> *Or*, teaching:

<sup>494</sup> *Or*, that prepared not their heart,

13 He clave *the* sea, and caused them to pass through;  
 And he made *the* waters to stand as a heap.

14 In *the* day-time also he led them with the cloud,  
 And all the night with a light of fire.

15 He clave rocks in the wilderness,  
 And gave *them* drink abundantly as *out of the*  
 depths.

16 He brought streams also out of *the* rock,  
 And caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 Yet went they on still to sin against him,  
 To rebel against *the* Most High in <sup>495</sup>the desert.

18 And they tempted God in their heart  
 By asking food <sup>496</sup>according to their desire.

19 Yes, they spake against God;  
 They said, Can God prepare a table in the  
 wilderness?

20 Behold, he smote *the* rock, so that waters gushed  
 out,  
 And streams overflowed;  
 Can he give bread also?  
 Will he provide flesh for his people?

21 Therefore Jehovah heard, and was wroth;  
 And a fire was kindled against Jacob,  
 And anger also went up against Israel;

22 Because they believed not in God,  
 And trusted not in his salvation.

23 Yet he commanded *the* skies above,  
 And opened *the* doors of heaven;

24 And he rained down manna upon them to eat,  
 And gave them <sup>497</sup>food from heaven.

25 <sup>498</sup>Man did eat the bread of *the* mighty:  
 He sent them food to *the* full

26 He <sup>499</sup>caused *the* east wind to blow in the heavens;  
 And by his power he guided *the* south wind.

27 He rained flesh also upon them as the dust,  
 And winged birds as *the* sand of *the* seas;

28 And he let *it* fall in *the* midst of their camp,  
 Round about their habitations.

29 So they did eat, and were well filled;  
 And he gave them their own desire.

30 They were not estranged from that which they  
 desired,  
 Their food *was* yet in their mouths,

31 When *the* anger of God went up against them,  
 And slew of *the* fattest of them,  
 And smote down *the* young men of Israel.

32 For all this they sinned still,  
 And believed not in his wondrous works.

33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity,  
 And their years in terror.

<sup>495</sup> *Or*, a dry land.

<sup>496</sup> *Hb.* for their soul.

<sup>497</sup> *Hb.* grain

<sup>498</sup> *Or possibly*, Every one did eat

<sup>499</sup> *Hb.* led forth *the* east wind to blow in the heavens;

34 When he slew them, then they inquired after him;  
 And they returned and sought God earnestly.  
 35 And they remembered that God *was* their rock,  
 And *the* Most High God their ransom.  
 36 But they flattered him with their mouth,  
 And lied unto him with their tongue.  
 37 For their heart was not <sup>500</sup>right with him,  
 Neither were they faithful in his covenant.  
 38 But he, *being* merciful, forgave *their* iniquity, and  
 destroyed *them* not:  
 Yes, many a time turned he his anger away,  
 And did not stir up all his wrath.  
 39 And he remembered that they were *but* flesh,  
 A wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.  
 40 How oft did they rebel against him in the  
 wilderness,  
 And grieve him *in the* desert!  
 41 And they turned again and tempted God,  
 And <sup>501</sup>provoked *the* Holy One of Israel.  
 42 They remembered not his hand,  
 Nor *the* day when he redeemed them from *the*  
 adversary;  
 43 How he set his signs in Egypt,  
 And his wonders *in the* field of Zoan,  
 44 And turned their rivers into blood,  
 And their streams, so that they could not drink.  
 45 He sent among them swarms of flies, which  
 devoured them;  
 And frogs, which destroyed them.  
 46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar,  
 And their labor unto the locust.  
 47 He <sup>502</sup>destroyed their vines with hail,  
 And their sycamore-trees with <sup>503</sup>frost.  
 48 He gave over their cattle also to the hail,  
 And their flocks to hot thunderbolts.  
 49 He cast upon them *the* fierceness of his anger,  
 Wrath, and indignation, and trouble,  
<sup>504</sup>A band of angels of evil.  
 50 He <sup>505</sup>made a path for his anger;  
 He spared not their soul from death,  
 But gave <sup>506</sup>their life over to the pestilence,  
 51 And smote all *the* firstborn in Egypt,  
*The* <sup>507</sup>chief of their strength in *the* tents of Ham.  
 52 But he led forth his own people like sheep,  
 And guided them in the wilderness like *a* flock.  
 53 And he led them safely, so that they feared not;  
 But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

<sup>500</sup> *Or*, stedfast

<sup>501</sup> *Or*, limited

<sup>502</sup> *Hb.* killed

<sup>503</sup> *Or*, the great hailstones.

<sup>504</sup> *Hb.* A sending of angels of evils.

<sup>505</sup> *Hb.* levelled a path

<sup>506</sup> *Or*, their beasts to the murrain,

<sup>507</sup> *Hb.* beginning See Dt 21:17.

54 And he brought them to <sup>508</sup>*the* border of his Holy,  
 To this <sup>509</sup>mountain, *which* his right hand had gotten.  
 55 He drove out *the* nations also before them,  
 And allotted them for an inheritance by line,  
 And made *the* tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.  
 56 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most  
 High God,  
 And kept not his testimonies;  
 57 But turned back, and dealt treacherously like their  
 fathers:  
 They were turned aside like a deceitful bow.  
 58 For they provoked him to anger with their high  
 places,  
 And moved him to jealousy with their graven  
 images.  
 59 When God heard *this*, he was wroth,  
 And greatly abhorred Israel;  
 60 So that he forsook *the* tabernacle of Shiloh,  
*The* tent *which* he placed among men;  
 61 And delivered his strength into captivity,  
 And his glory into *the* adversary's hand.  
 62 He gave his people over also unto the sword,  
 And was wroth with his inheritance.  
 63 Fire devoured their young men;  
 And their virgins had no marriage-song.  
 64 Their priests fell by the sword;  
 And their widows made no lamentation.  
 65 Then <sup>510</sup>Jehovah awaked as one out of sleep,  
 Like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.  
 66 And he smote his adversaries backward:  
 He put them to a perpetual reproach.  
 67 Moreover he refused *the* tent of Joseph,  
 And chose not *the* tribe of Ephraim,  
 68 But chose the tribe of Judah,  
 The mount Zion which he loved.  
 69 And he built his <sup>511</sup>sanctuary like *the* heights,  
 Like *the* earth which he hath established for ever.  
 70 He chose David also his servant,  
 And took him from *the* sheepfolds:  
 71 From following *the* ewes that have their young he  
 brought him,  
 To be *the* shepherd of Jacob his people, and Israel  
 his inheritance.  
 72 So he was their shepherd according to *the* integrity  
 of his heart,  
 And guided them by *the* skilfulness of his hands.

**A Lament over the Destruction of Jerusalem,  
 and Prayer for Help.**

A Psalm of Asaph.

**79** O God, *the* nations are come into thine inheritance;  
 Thy holy temple have they defiled;

<sup>508</sup> *Or*, his holy border, *or*, ...border of his Holy *place*,

<sup>509</sup> *Or*, mountain *land*,

<sup>510</sup> Sopherim *changed to the* Lord

<sup>511</sup> *Or*, Holy *Hb.* miqdash

They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.  
 2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given  
*to be* food unto *the* birds of the heavens,  
*The* flesh of thy saints unto *the* beasts of *the* earth.  
 3 Their blood have they shed like water round about  
 Jerusalem;  
 And *there was* none to bury *them*.  
 4 We are become a reproach to our neighbors,  
 A scoffing and derision to them that are round  
 about us.  
 5 How long, O Jehovah? wilt thou be angry for ever?  
 Shall thy jealousy burn like fire?  
 6 Pour out thy wrath upon the nations that know thee  
 not,  
 And upon *the* kingdoms that call not upon thy name.  
 7 For they have devoured Jacob,  
 And laid waste his <sup>512</sup>habitation.  
 8 Remember not against us *the* iniquities of our  
 forefathers:  
 Let thy tender mercies speedily meet us;  
 For we are brought very low.  
 9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for *the* glory of thy  
 name;  
 And deliver us, and <sup>513</sup>forgive our sins, for thy  
 name's sake.  
 10 Wherefore should the nations say, Where *is* their  
 God?  
 Let the avenging of *the* blood of thy servants which  
 is shed  
 Be known among the nations in our sight.  
 11 Let *the* sighing of *the* prisoner come before thee:  
 According to *the* greatness of <sup>514</sup>thy power preserve  
 thou <sup>515</sup>those *that are* appointed to death;  
 12 And render unto our neighbors sevenfold into their  
 bosom  
 Their reproach, wherewith they have reproached  
 thee, <sup>516</sup>O Jehovah.  
 13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture  
 Will give thee thanks for ever:  
 We will show forth thy praise to all generations.

**God implored to rescue his People from their Calamities.**

For the Chief Musician; set to <sup>517</sup>Shoshannim Eduth.

A Psalm of Asaph.

**80** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
 Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;  
 Thou that <sup>518</sup>sittest *above* the cherubim, shine forth.  
 2 Before the face of Ephraim and Benjamin and  
 Manasseh, stir up thy might,

<sup>512</sup> *Or*, pasture.

<sup>513</sup> *Or*, expiate

<sup>514</sup> *Hb.* thine arm

<sup>515</sup> *Hb.* the sons of death;

<sup>516</sup> Sopherim *changed to* O Lord.

<sup>517</sup> *That is*, Lilies, a testimony.

<sup>518</sup> *Or*, art enthroned *between*

And come to save us.  
 3 <sup>519</sup>Turn us again, O God;  
 And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.  
 4 O Jehovah God of hosts,  
 How long wilt thou be angry against *the* prayer of  
 thy people?  
 5 Thou hast fed them with *the* bread of tears,  
 And given them tears to drink in large measure.  
 6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbors;  
 And our enemies laugh among themselves.  
 7 <sup>520</sup>Turn us again, O God of hosts;  
 And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.  
 8 Thou broughtest a vine out of Egypt:  
 Thou didst drive out *the* nations, and plantedst it.  
 9 Thou preparedst *room* before it,  
 And it took deep root, and filled *the* land.  
 10 *The* mountains were covered with *the* shadow of it,  
 And <sup>521</sup>*the* boughs thereof *were like* <sup>522</sup>cedars of  
 God.  
 11 It sent out its branches unto *the* sea,  
 And its shoots unto *the* River.  
 12 Why hast thou broken down its walls,  
 So that all they that pass by *the* way do pluck it?  
 13 *The* boar out of *the* wood doth ravage it.  
 And *the* wild beasts of *the* field feed on it.  
 14 Turn again, we beseech thee, O God of hosts:  
 Look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this  
 vine,  
 15 And <sup>523</sup>*the* stock which thy right hand planted,  
 And *the* <sup>524</sup>branch *that* thou madest strong for  
 thyself.  
 16 *It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut down:  
 They perish at *the* rebuke of thy countenance.  
 17 Let thy hand be upon *the* man of thy right hand,  
 Upon *the* son of man *whom* thou madest strong for  
 thyself.  
 18 So shall we not go back from thee:  
 Quicken thou us, and we will call upon thy name.  
 19 <sup>525</sup>Turn us again, O Jehovah God of hosts;  
 Cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

**God's Goodness and Israel's Waywardness.**

For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith. A Psalm of Asaph.

**81** Sing aloud unto God our strength:  
 Make a joyful noise unto *the* God of Jacob.  
 2 Raise a song, and <sup>526</sup>bring hither *the* timbrel,  
*The* pleasant harp with *the* psaltery.

<sup>519</sup> *Or*, Restore us, O God;

<sup>520</sup> *Or*, Restore us, O God of hosts;

<sup>521</sup> *Or*, *the* cedars of God with *the* boughs thereof.

<sup>522</sup> *Or*, goodly cedars.

<sup>523</sup> *Or*, protect (*or*, maintain) *that* which *etc.*

<sup>524</sup> *Hb.* son

<sup>525</sup> *Or*, Restore us, O Jehovah God of hosts;

<sup>526</sup> *Or*, strike *the* timbrel,

3 Blow *the* trumpet at the new moon,  
At the full moon, on our feast-day.  
4 For *it is* a statute for Israel,  
An ordinance of *the* God of Jacob.  
5 He appointed it in Joseph *for* a testimony,  
When he went out <sup>527</sup>over *the* land of Egypt,  
Where I heard <sup>528</sup>a language *that* I knew not.  
6 I removed his shoulder from *the* burden:  
His hands were freed from *the* basket.  
7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee;  
I answered thee in *the* secret place of thunder;  
I proved thee at *the* waters of Meribah. [Selah]  
8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee:  
O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken unto me!  
9 There shall no strange god be in thee;  
Neither shalt thou worship any foreign god.  
10 I *am* Jehovah thy God,  
Who brought thee up out of *the* land of Egypt:  
Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.  
11 But my people hearkened not to my voice;  
And Israel would *have* none of me.  
12 So I let them go after *the* stubbornness of their heart,  
*That* they might walk in their own counsels.  
13 Oh that my people would hearken unto me,  
*That* Israel would walk in my ways!  
14 I would soon subdue their enemies,  
And turn my hand against their adversaries.  
15 *The* haters of Jehovah should <sup>529</sup>submit themselves  
unto him:  
But their time should endure for ever.  
16 He would feed them also with *the* <sup>530</sup>finest of *the*  
wheat;  
And with honey out of *the* rock would I satisfy thee.

**Unjust Judgments rebuked.**

A Psalm of Asaph.

82 God standeth in *the* congregation of God;  
He judgeth <sup>531</sup>among *the* gods.  
2 How long will ye judge unjustly,  
And respect *the* persons of *the* wicked? [Selah]  
3 Judge *the* <sup>532</sup>poor and fatherless:  
Do justice to *the* afflicted and destitute.  
4 Rescue *the* poor and needy:  
Deliver *them* out of *the* hand of *the* wicked.  
5 They know not, neither do they understand;  
They walk to and fro in darkness:  
All *the* foundations of *the* earth are shaken.  
6 I said, Ye *are* gods,  
And all of you sons of *the* Most High.

<sup>527</sup> *Or*, against

<sup>528</sup> *Or*, *the* speech of one that I knew not.

<sup>529</sup> *Or*, yield feigned obedience *Hb.* lie (deceitfully)

<sup>530</sup> *Hb.* fat of wheat;

<sup>531</sup> *Or*, in *the* midst of *the* gods.

<sup>532</sup> *Or*, weak *Also* in vs. 4.

7 Nevertheless ye shall die like men,  
And fall like one of the princes.  
8 Arise, O God, judge the earth;  
For thou shalt inherit all the nations.

**God implored to confound his Enemies.**

A Song, a Psalm of Asaph.

83 O God, keep not thou silence:  
Hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.  
2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult;  
And they that hate thee have lifted up *the* head.  
3 They take crafty counsel against thy people,  
And consult together against thy hidden ones.  
4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from  
*being* a nation;  
That *the* name of Israel may be no more in  
remembrance.  
5 For they have consulted together with one consent;  
Against thee do they make a covenant:  
6 *The* tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites;  
Moab, and *the* <sup>533</sup>Hagarenes;  
7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek;  
Philistia with *the* inhabitants of Tyre:  
8 Assyria also is joined with them;  
They have <sup>534</sup>helped *the* children of Lot. [Selah]  
9 Do thou unto them as *unto* Midian,  
As *to* Sisera, as *to* Jabin, at *the* river Kishon;  
10 Who perished at En-dor,  
Who became *as* dung for the earth.  
11 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb;  
Yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna;  
12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves in possession  
*The* <sup>535</sup>habitations of God.  
13 O my God, make them like the whirling dust;  
As stubble before *the* wind.  
14 As *the* fire that burneth *the* forest,  
And as *the* flame that setteth *the* mountains on fire,  
15 So pursue them with thy tempest,  
And terrify them with thy storm.  
16 Fill their faces with confusion,  
That they may seek thy name, O Jehovah.  
17 Let them be put to shame and dismayed for ever;  
Yes, let them be confounded and perish;  
18 That they may know that <sup>536</sup>thou alone, whose  
name *is* Jehovah,  
*Art* the Most High over all the earth.

**Longing for the Temple Worship.**

For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith.

A Psalm of *the* sons of Korah.

<sup>533</sup> *Or*, Hagrites; *See* 1Chr 5:10. Lamsa says  
Gadarenes;

<sup>534</sup> *Hb.* been an arm to *the* children of Lot.

<sup>535</sup> *Or*, pastures of God.

<sup>536</sup> *Or*, thou, whose name alone *is* Jehovah, *art* etc.



- 84** How <sup>537</sup>amiable *are* thy tabernacles,  
 O Jehovah of hosts!  
 2 My soul longeth, yes, even fainteth for *the* courts of  
 Jehovah;  
 My heart and my flesh <sup>538</sup>cry out unto *the* living  
 God.  
 3 Yes, *the* sparrow hath found her a house,  
 And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may  
 lay her young,  
 Even thine altars, O Jehovah of hosts,  
 My King, and my God.  
 4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house:  
 They will be still praising thee. [Selah]  
 5 Blessed *is the* man whose strength *is* in thee;  
 In whose heart *are the* highways to Zion.  
 6 Passing through the valley of <sup>539</sup>Weeping they make  
 it a place of springs;  
 Yes, *the* early rain covereth it with blessings.  
 7 They go from strength to strength;  
 Every *one of them* appeareth before God in Zion.  
 8 O Jehovah God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
 Give ear, O God of Jacob. [Selah]  
 9 <sup>540</sup>Behold, O God our shield,  
 And look upon *the* face of thine anointed.  
 10 For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand.  
 I had rather <sup>541</sup>be a doorkeeper in *the* house of my  
 God,  
 Than to dwell in *the* tents of wickedness.  
 11 For Jehovah God *is* a sun and a shield:  
 Jehovah will give grace and glory;  
 No good *thing* will he withhold from them that  
 walk uprightly.  
 12 O Jehovah of hosts,  
 Blessed *is the* man that trusteth in thee.

**Prayer for God's Mercy upon the Nation.**

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of *the* sons of Korah.

- 85** Jehovah, thou hast been favorable unto thy land;  
 Thou hast <sup>542</sup>brought back *the* captivity of Jacob.  
 2 Thou hast forgiven *the* iniquity of thy people;  
 Thou hast covered all their sin. [Selah]  
 3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath;  
 Thou hast turned *thyself* from *the* fierceness of  
 thine anger.  
 4 <sup>543</sup>Turn us, O God of our salvation,  
 And cause thine indignation toward us to cease.  
 5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever?

<sup>537</sup> *Or*, lovely

<sup>538</sup> *Or*, sing for joy unto *the* living God.

<sup>539</sup> *Or*, balsam trees *Hb.* Baca *See* 2Sa 5:23.

<sup>540</sup> *Or*, Behold our shield, O God,

<sup>541</sup> *Or*, stand at *the* threshold of *the* house of my God,

<sup>542</sup> *Or*, returned to *the* captivity of Jacob.

<sup>543</sup> *Or*, Turn to us,

- Wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?  
 6 Wilt thou not quicken us again,  
 That thy people may rejoice in thee?  
 7 Show us thy lovingkindness, O Jehovah,  
 And grant us thy salvation.  
 8 I will hear what God Jehovah will speak;  
 For he will speak peace unto his people, and to his  
 saints:  
 But let them not turn again to folly.  
 9 Surely his salvation *is* nigh them that fear him,  
 That glory may dwell in our land.  
 10 Mercy and truth are met together;  
 Righteousness and peace have kissed *each other*.  
 11 Truth springeth out of *the* earth;  
 And righteousness hath looked down from heaven.  
 12 Yes, Jehovah will give that *which is* good;  
 And our land shall yield its increase.  
 13 Righteousness shall go before him,  
 And shall <sup>544</sup>make his footsteps a way *to walk in*.

**A Psalm of Supplication and Trust.**

A Prayer of David.

- 86** Bow down thine ear, O Jehovah, and answer me;  
 For *I am* poor and needy.  
 2 Preserve my soul; for *I am* godly:  
 O thou my God, save thy servant *that* trusteth in  
 thee.  
 3 Be merciful unto me, O <sup>545</sup>Jehovah;  
 For unto thee do I cry all the day *long*.  
 4 Rejoice *the* soul of thy servant;  
 For unto thee, O Jehovah, do I lift up my soul.  
 5 For thou, Jehovah, *art* good, and ready to forgive,  
 And abundant in lovingkindness unto all them that  
 call upon thee.  
 6 Give ear, O Jehovah, unto my prayer;  
 And hearken unto *the* voice of my supplications.  
 7 In *the* day of my trouble I will call upon thee;  
 For thou wilt answer me.  
 8 *There is* none like unto thee among the gods,  
 O Jehovah;  
 Neither *are there any works* like unto thy works.  
 9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and  
 worship before thee, O Jehovah;  
 And they shall glorify thy name.  
 10 For thou *art* great, and doest wondrous things:  
 Thou *art* God alone.  
 11 Teach me thy way, O Jehovah; I will walk in thy  
 truth:  
 Unite my heart to fear thy name.  
 12 I will praise thee, O Jehovah my God, with my  
 whole heart;  
 And I will glorify thy name for evermore.

<sup>544</sup> *Or*, set *us* in *the* way of his steps.

<sup>545</sup> Sopherim *changed to* Lord *Also in* vss. 4, 5, 8, 9,  
 12, 15.

13 For great *is* thy lovingkindness toward me;  
 And thou hast delivered my soul from *the* lowest  
 Sheol.  
 14 O God, *the* proud are risen up against me,  
 And a company of violent *men* have sought after  
 my soul,  
 And have not set thee before them.  
 15 But thou, O Jehovah, *art* a God merciful and  
 gracious,  
 Slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and  
 truth.  
 16 Oh turn unto me, and <sup>546</sup>have mercy upon me;  
 Give thy strength unto thy servant,  
 And save *the* son of thy handmaid.  
 17 Show me a sign for good,  
 That they who hate me may see *it*, and be put to  
 shame,  
 Because thou, Jehovah, hast helped me, and  
 comforted me.

**The Privileges of Citizenship in Zion.**

A Psalm of *the* sons of Korah; a Song.

87 <sup>547</sup>His foundation *is* in *the* holy mountains.  
 2 Jehovah loveth *the* gates of Zion  
 More than all *the* dwellings of Jacob.  
 3 Glorious things are spoken of thee,  
 O city of God. [Selah]  
 4 I will make mention of <sup>548</sup>Rahab and Babylon as  
 among them that know me:  
 Behold, Philistia, and Tyre, with <sup>549</sup>Ethiopia:  
 This *one* was born there.  
 5 Yes, of Zion it shall be said, *This* one and *that* one  
 was born in her;  
 And *the* Most High himself will establish her.  
 6 Jehovah will count, when he writeth up *the* peoples,  
 This *one* was born there. [Selah]  
 7 They that sing as well as <sup>550</sup>they that dance *shall*  
*say*,  
 All my fountains *are* in thee.

**A Petition to be saved from Death.**

A Song, a Psalm of *the* sons of Korah; for the Chief Musician;  
 set to Mahalath <sup>551</sup>Leannoth. Maskil of Heman the Ezrahite.

88 O Jehovah, *the* God of my salvation,  
 I have cried day *and* night before thee.  
 2 Let my prayer enter into thy presence;  
 Incline thine ear unto my cry.  
 3 For my soul is full of troubles,  
 And my life draweth nigh unto Sheol.

<sup>546</sup> *Or*, be gracious unto me;

<sup>547</sup> *Or*, His foundation in *the* holy mountains Jehovah  
 loveth, Even *the* gates of Zion more than *etc.*

<sup>548</sup> *Or*, Egypt

<sup>549</sup> *Hb.* Cush: *or*, Black Africa:

<sup>550</sup> *Or*, *the* players on instruments *shall be there*,

<sup>551</sup> *Or*, for singing.

4 I am reckoned with them that go down into *the* pit;  
 I am as a man *that hath* no help,  
 5 Cast <sup>552</sup>off among the dead,  
 Like *the* slain that lie in *the* grave,  
 Whom thou rememberest no more,  
 And they are cut off from thy hand.  
 6 Thou hast laid me in *the* lowest pit,  
 In dark places, in *the* deeps.  
 7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,  
 And thou hast afflicted *me* with all thy waves. [Selah]  
 8 Thou hast put mine acquaintance far from me;  
 Thou hast made me an abomination unto them:  
 I *am* shut up, and I cannot come forth.  
 9 Mine eye wasteth away by reason of affliction:  
 I have called daily upon thee, O Jehovah;  
 I have spread forth my hands unto thee.  
 10 Wilt thou show wonders to the dead?  
 Shall <sup>553</sup>they *that are* deceased arise *and* praise thee?  
[Selah]  
 11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave?  
 Or thy faithfulness in <sup>554</sup>Destruction?  
 12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark?  
 And thy righteousness in *the* land of forgetfulness?  
 13 But unto thee, O Jehovah, have I cried;  
 And in the morning shall my prayer come before  
 thee.  
 14 Jehovah, why castest thou off my soul?  
 Why hidest thou thy face from me?  
 15 I *am* afflicted and ready to die from *my* youth up:  
 While I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.  
 16 Thy fierce wrath is gone over me;  
 Thy terrors have cut me off.  
 17 They came round about me like water all the day  
*long*;  
 They compassed me about together.  
 18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me,  
 And mine acquaintance <sup>555</sup>into darkness.

**Jehovah's Covenant with David, and Israel's Afflictions.**

Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

89 I will sing of *the* lovingkindness of Jehovah for  
 ever:  
 With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness  
 to all generations.  
 2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever;  
 Thy faithfulness wilt thou establish in the very  
 heavens.  
 3 I have made a covenant with my chosen,  
 I have sworn unto David my servant:  
 4 Thy seed will I establish for ever,

<sup>552</sup> *Or*, away

<sup>553</sup> *Or*, *the* shades arise *Hb.* Rephaim arise

<sup>554</sup> *Hb.* Abaddon See Job 26:6; Rv 9:11. Compare *the*  
*third of Hindu gods*: Creator, Preserver, Destroyer.

<sup>555</sup> *Or*, are darkness.

And build up thy throne to all generations [Selah]  
 5 And *the* heavens shall praise thy wonders,  
 O Jehovah;  
 Thy faithfulness also in *the* assembly of *the* holy  
 ones.  
 6 For who in the skies can be compared unto  
 Jehovah?  
 Who among *the* <sup>556</sup>sons of *the* <sup>557</sup>mighty is like unto  
 Jehovah.  
 7 A God greatly feared in *the* council of *the* holy ones,  
 And awesome above all *them that are* round about  
 him?  
 8 O Jehovah God of hosts,  
 Who *is* a mighty one, like unto thee, O <sup>558</sup>Jehovah?  
 And thy faithfulness is round about thee.  
 9 Thou rulest *the* pride of the sea:  
 When *the* waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.  
 10 Thou hast broken <sup>559</sup>Rahab in pieces, as one that is  
 slain;  
 Thou hast scattered thine enemies with *the* arm of  
 thy strength.  
 11 *The* heavens *are* thine, *the* earth also *is* thine:  
*The* world and *the* fulness thereof, thou hast  
 founded them.  
 12 *The* north and *the* south, thou hast created them:  
 Tabor and Hermon rejoice in thy name.  
 13 Thou hast <sup>560</sup>a mighty arm;  
 Strong is thy hand, *and* high is thy right hand.  
 14 Righteousness and justice *are the* foundation of thy  
 throne:  
 Lovingkindness and truth go before thy face.  
 15 Blessed *is* the people that know *the* <sup>561</sup>joyful sound:  
 They walk, O Jehovah, in *the* light of thy  
 countenance.  
 16 In thy name do they rejoice all the day;  
 And in thy righteousness are they exalted.  
 17 For thou *art the* glory of their strength;  
 And in thy favor <sup>562</sup>our horn shall be exalted.  
 18 For our shield *belongeth* unto Jehovah;  
<sup>563</sup>And our king to *the* Holy *One* of Israel.  
 19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy <sup>564</sup>saints,  
 And saidst, I have laid help upon *one that is* mighty;  
 I have exalted *one* chosen out of *the* people.  
 20 I have found David my servant;  
 With my holy oil have I anointed him:  
 21 With whom my hand shall be established;

<sup>556</sup> *Or*, sons of God is like unto Jehovah.

<sup>557</sup> *Or*, gods See Ps 29:1.

<sup>558</sup> *Hb.* Jah

<sup>559</sup> *Or*, Egypt

<sup>560</sup> *Hb.* an arm with might;

<sup>561</sup> *Or*, trumpet sound:

<sup>562</sup> *Hb*<sup>mg</sup> reads thou shalt exalt our horn.

<sup>563</sup> *Or*, Even to *the* Holy One of Israel our King.

<sup>564</sup> *Hb*<sup>mg</sup> reads saint,

Mine arm also shall strengthen him.  
 22 *The* enemy shall not <sup>565</sup>exact from him,  
 Nor <sup>566</sup>*the* son of wickedness afflict him.  
 23 And I will beat down his adversaries before him,  
 And smite them that hate him.  
 24 But my faithfulness and my lovingkindness *shall be*  
 with him;  
 And in my name shall his horn be exalted.  
 25 I will set his hand also on the sea,  
 And his right hand on the rivers.  
 26 He shall cry unto me, Thou *art* my Father,  
 My God, and *the* rock of my salvation.  
 27 I also will make him *my* firstborn,  
*The* highest of *the* kings of *the* earth.  
 28 My lovingkindness will I keep for him for  
 evermore;  
 And my covenant shall <sup>567</sup>stand fast with him.  
 29 His seed also will I make *to endure* for ever,  
 And his throne as *the* days of heaven.  
 30 If his children forsake my law,  
 And walk not in mine ordinances;  
 31 If they <sup>568</sup>break my statutes,  
 And keep not my commandments;  
 32 Then will I visit their transgression with a rod,  
 And their iniquity with stripes.  
 33 But my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from  
 him,  
 Nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.  
 34 My covenant will I not <sup>569</sup>break,  
 Nor alter *the* thing that is gone out of my lips.  
 35 <sup>570</sup>Once have I sworn by my holiness:  
 I will not lie unto David:  
 36 His seed shall endure for ever,  
 And his throne as the sun before me.  
 37 <sup>571</sup>It shall be established for ever as *the* moon,  
<sup>572</sup>And *as the* faithful witness in the sky. [Selah]  
 38 But thou hast cast off and rejected,  
 Thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.  
 39 Thou hast abhorred *the* covenant of thy servant:  
 Thou hast profaned his crown *by casting it* to the  
 ground.  
 40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges;  
 Thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin.  
 41 All that pass by the way rob him:  
 He is become a reproach to his neighbors.  
 42 Thou hast exalted *the* right hand of his adversaries;  
 Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

<sup>565</sup> *Or*, do him violence,

<sup>566</sup> *That is, one* schooled in wickedness

<sup>567</sup> *Or*, be faithful to him.

<sup>568</sup> *Hb.* profane my statutes,

<sup>569</sup> *Hb.* profane,

<sup>570</sup> *Or*, One *thing* have I sworn by my holiness:

<sup>571</sup> *Or*, As *the* moon *which* is established for ever,

<sup>572</sup> *Or*, And *the* witness in the sky is faithful.

43 Yes, thou turnest back *the* edge of his sword,  
 And hast not made him to stand in the battle.  
 44 Thou hast made his brightness to cease,  
 And cast his throne down to the ground.  
 45 *The* days of his youth hast thou shortened:  
 Thou hast covered him with shame. [Selah]  
 46 How long, O Jehovah? wilt thou hide thyself for  
 ever?  
*How long* shall thy wrath burn like fire?  
 47 Oh remember how short my time is:  
 For what vanity hast thou created all *the* children of  
 men!  
 48 What man *is he that* shall live and not see death,  
 That shall deliver his soul from *the* <sup>573</sup>power of  
 Sheol? [Selah]  
 49 <sup>574</sup>Jehovah, where *are* thy former lovingkindnesses,  
*Which* thou swarest unto David in thy faithfulness?  
 50 Remember, Jehovah, *the* reproach of thy servants;  
*How* I do bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all *the*  
 mighty peoples,  
 51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached,  
 O Jehovah,  
 Wherewith they have reproached *the* footsteps of  
 thine anointed.  
 52 Blessed *be* Jehovah for evermore.  
 Amen, and Amen.

Book IV  
 God's Eternity and Man's Transitoriness.  
 A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

90 <sup>575</sup>Jehovah, thou hast been our dwelling-place  
 In all generations.  
 2 Before *the* mountains were brought forth,  
 Or ever thou <sup>576</sup>hadst formed *the* earth and *the*  
 world,  
 Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.  
 3 Thou turnest man to <sup>577</sup>destruction,  
 And hast said, Return, ye children of men.  
 4 For a thousand years in thy sight  
*Shall be* but as yesterday <sup>578</sup>when it shall pass,  
 And *as* a watch in the night.  
 5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as  
 a sleep:  
 In the morning *they are* like grass *which* groweth  
 up.  
 6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up;  
 In the evening it is cut down and withereth.  
 7 For we are consumed in thine anger,  
 And in thy wrath are we troubled.

<sup>573</sup> *Hb.* hand

<sup>574</sup> *Sopherim changed to* Lord, *Also in* vs. 50.

<sup>575</sup> *Sopherim changed to* Lord,

<sup>576</sup> *Hb.* didst beget *the* earth and *the* world,

<sup>577</sup> *Or,* dust, *Hb.* crushing,

<sup>578</sup> *Or,* when it passeth,

8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee,  
 Our secret *sins* in *the* light of thy countenance.  
 9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath:  
 We bring our years to an end as <sup>579</sup>a sigh.  
 10 *The* days of our years *are* seventy,  
 Or even by reason of strength eighty years;  
 Yet *is* their pride but labor and sorrow;  
 For it is soon gone, and we have flown away.  
 11 Who knoweth *the* power of thine anger,  
 And thy wrath according to *the* fear *that is due* unto  
 thee?  
 12 So teach *us* to number our days,  
 That we may get *us* a heart *of* wisdom.  
 13 Return, O Jehovah; how long?  
 And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.  
 14 Oh satisfy us in the morning with thy  
 lovingkindness,  
 That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
 15 Make us glad according to *the* days *wherein* thou  
 hast afflicted us,  
 And *the* years *wherein* we have seen evil.  
 16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants,  
 And thy glory upon their children.  
 17 And let *the* <sup>580</sup>favor of <sup>581</sup>Jehovah our God be upon  
 us;  
 And establish thou *the* work of our hands upon us;  
 Yes, *the* work of our hands establish thou it.

Security of him who trusts in Jehovah.

91 He that dwelleth in *the* secret place of *the* Most  
 High  
<sup>582</sup>Shall abide under *the* shadow of *the* Almighty.  
 2 I will say of Jehovah, *He is* my refuge and my  
 fortress;  
 My God in whom I trust.  
 3 For he will deliver thee from *the* snare of *the*  
 fowler,  
 And from *the* deadly pestilence.  
 4 He will cover thee with his pinions,  
 And under his wings shalt thou take refuge:  
 His truth *is* a shield and a buckler.  
 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for *the* terror by night,  
 Nor for *the* arrow that flieth by day;  
 6 For *the* pestilence *that* walketh in darkness,  
 Nor for *the* destruction *that* wasteth at noonday.  
 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side,  
 And ten thousand at thy right hand;  
 But it shall not come nigh thee.  
 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold,  
 And see *the* reward of *the* wicked.  
 9 <sup>583</sup>For thou, O Jehovah, *art* my refuge!

<sup>579</sup> *Or,* a sound. *or,* a murmur.

<sup>580</sup> *Or,* beauty

<sup>581</sup> *Sopherim changed to* the Lord

<sup>582</sup> *Or,* That abideth under... *the* Almighty; *Even* I *etc.*

*Thou hast made the Most High thy habitation;*  
 10 There shall no evil befall thee,  
 Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.  
 11 For he will give his angels charge over thee,  
 To keep thee in all thy ways.  
 12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands,  
 Lest thou dash thy foot against *a* stone.  
 13 Thou shalt tread upon *the* lion and adder:  
*The* young lion and *the* serpent shalt thou trample  
 under foot.  
 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore  
 will I deliver him:  
 I will set him on high, because he hath known my  
 name.  
 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;  
 I *will be* with him in trouble:  
 I will deliver him, and honor him.  
 16 With long life will I satisfy him,  
 And show him my salvation.

**Praise for Jehovah's Goodness.**

A Psalm, a Song for the sabbath day.

**92** *It is* a good *thing* to give thanks unto Jehovah,  
 And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High;  
 2 To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning,  
 And thy faithfulness every night,  
 3 With an instrument of ten strings, and with *the*  
 psaltery;  
 With a solemn sound upon *the* harp.  
 4 For thou, Jehovah, hast made me glad through thy  
 work:  
 I will triumph in *the* works of thy hands.  
 5 How great are thy works, O Jehovah!  
 Thy thoughts are very deep.  
 6 A brutish man knoweth not;  
 Neither doth a fool understand this:  
 7 When *the* wicked spring as *the* grass,  
 And when all *the* workers of iniquity do flourish;  
*It is* that they shall be destroyed for ever.  
 8 But thou, O Jehovah, *art* on high for evermore.  
 9 For, lo, thine enemies, O Jehovah,  
 For, lo, thine enemies shall perish;  
 All *the* workers of iniquity shall be scattered.  
 10 But my horn hast thou exalted like *the horn of the*  
 wild-oxen:  
 I am anointed with fresh oil.  
 11 Mine eye also hath seen *my desire* on <sup>584</sup>mine  
 enemies,  
 Mine ears have heard *my desire of the* evil-doers  
 that rise up against me.  
 12 *The* righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree:  
 He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
 13 They are planted in *the* house of Jehovah;

<sup>583</sup> *Or*, Because thou *hast said*, Jehovah is my refuge!

<sup>584</sup> *Or*, *them* that lie in wait for me,

They shall flourish in *the* courts of our God.  
 14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;  
 They shall be full of sap and green:  
 15 To show that Jehovah *is* upright;  
*He is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in  
 him.

**Majesty of Jehovah.**

**93** Jehovah reigneth; he is clothed with majesty;  
 Jehovah is clothed with strength; he hath girded  
 himself *therewith*:  
*The* world also is established, that it cannot be  
 moved.  
 2 Thy throne *is* established of old:  
 Thou *art* from everlasting.  
 3 *The* floods have lifted up, O Jehovah,  
*The* floods have lifted up their voice;  
*The* floods lift up their <sup>585</sup>waves.  
 4 Above *the* voices of many waters,  
*The* mighty breakers of *the* sea,  
 Jehovah on high *is* mighty.  
 5 Thy testimonies are very sure:  
 Holiness becometh thy house,  
 O Jehovah, for evermore.

**Jehovah implored to avenge his People.**

**94** O Jehovah, thou God to whom vengeance  
 belongeth,  
 Thou God to whom vengeance belongeth, shine  
 forth.  
 2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth:  
 Render to *the* proud *their* desert.  
 3 Jehovah, how long shall *the* wicked,  
 How long shall *the* wicked triumph?  
 4 They prate, they speak arrogantly:  
 All *the* workers of iniquity boast themselves.  
 5 They break in pieces thy people, O Jehovah,  
 And afflict thy heritage.  
 6 They slay *the* widow and *the* sojourner,  
 And murder *the* fatherless.  
 7 And they say, <sup>586</sup>Jehovah will not see,  
 Neither will *the* God of Jacob consider.  
 8 Consider, ye brutish among the people;  
 And ye fools, when will ye be wise?  
 9 He that planted *the* ear, shall he not hear?  
 He that formed *the* eye, shall he not see?  
 10 He that <sup>587</sup>chastiseth *the* nations, shall not he  
 correct,  
*Even* he that teacheth man knowledge?  
 11 Jehovah knoweth *the* thoughts of man,  
<sup>588</sup>That they *are* <sup>589</sup>vanity.

<sup>585</sup> *Or*, roaring.

<sup>586</sup> *Hb.* Jah

<sup>587</sup> *Or*, instructeth

<sup>588</sup> *Or*, For

12 Blessed *is* the man whom thou chastenest,  
<sup>590</sup>O Jehovah,  
 And teachest out of thy law;  
 13 That thou mayest give him rest from *the* days of  
 adversity,  
 Until a pit be digged for the wicked.  
 14 For Jehovah will not cast off his people,  
 Neither will he forsake his inheritance.  
 15 For judgment shall return unto righteousness;  
 And all *the* upright in heart shall follow it.  
 16 Who will rise up for me against *the* evil-doers?  
 Who will stand up for me against *the* workers of  
 iniquity?  
 17 Unless Jehovah *had been* my help,  
 My soul had soon dwelt in silence.  
 18 When I said, My foot slippeth;  
 Thy lovingkindness, O Jehovah, held me up.  
 19 In the multitude of my <sup>591</sup>thoughts within me  
 Thy comforts delight my soul.  
 20 Shall *the* <sup>592</sup>throne of wickedness have fellowship  
 with thee,  
 Which frameth mischief by statute?  
 21 They gather themselves together against *the* soul of  
*the* righteous,  
 And condemn innocent blood.  
 22 But Jehovah hath been my high tower,  
 And my God the rock of my refuge.  
 23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity,  
 And will cut them off in their own wickedness;  
 Jehovah our God will cut them off.

**Praise to Jehovah, and Warning against Unbelief.**

**95** Oh come, let us sing unto Jehovah;  
 Let us make a joyful noise to *the* rock of our  
 salvation.  
 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;  
 Let us make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.  
 3 For Jehovah *is* a great God,  
 And a great King above all gods.  
 4 In his hand *are the* deep places of *the* earth;  
*The* <sup>593</sup>heights of *the* mountains *are* his also.  
 5 The sea *is* his, and he made it;  
 And his hands formed dry *land*.  
 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
 Let us kneel before Jehovah our Maker:  
 7 For he *is* our God,  
 And we *are the* people of his pasture, and *the* sheep  
 of his hand.  
 Today, <sup>594</sup>oh that ye would hear his voice!

<sup>589</sup> *Hb.* a breath.

<sup>590</sup> *Hb.* O Jah,

<sup>591</sup> *Or,* doubts

<sup>592</sup> *Or,* seat

<sup>593</sup> *Or,* strength

<sup>594</sup> *Or,* if ye will hear his voice, Harden not *etc.*

8 Harden not your heart, as at <sup>595</sup>Meribah,  
 As *in the* day of <sup>596</sup>Massah in the wilderness;  
 9 When your fathers tempted me,  
 Proved me, and saw my work.  
 10 Forty years long was I grieved with *that* generation,  
 And said, It *is* a people that do err in their heart,  
 And they have not known my ways:  
 11 Wherefore I sware in my wrath,  
 That they should not enter into my rest.

**A Call to Worship Jehovah the Righteous Judge.**

**96** Oh sing unto Jehovah a new song:  
 Sing unto Jehovah, all the earth.  
 2 Sing unto Jehovah, bless his name;  
 Show forth his salvation from day to day.  
 3 Declare his glory among the nations,  
 His marvellous works among all the peoples.  
 4 For great *is* Jehovah, and greatly to be praised:  
 He *is* to be feared above all gods.  
 5 For all *the* gods of the peoples *are* <sup>597</sup>idols;  
 But Jehovah made *the* heavens.  
 6 Honor and majesty *are* before him:  
 Strength and beauty *are* in his <sup>598</sup>sanctuary.  
 7 Ascribe unto Jehovah, ye kindreds of *the* peoples,  
 Ascribe unto Jehovah glory and strength.  
 8 Ascribe unto Jehovah *the* glory *due unto* his name:  
 Bring an offering, and come into his courts.  
 9 Oh worship Jehovah <sup>599</sup>in holy apparel:  
 Tremble before him, all the earth.  
 10 Say among the nations, Jehovah reigneth:  
*The* world also is established that it cannot be  
 moved:  
 He will judge *the* peoples with equity.  
 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
 Let the sea roar, and *the* fulness thereof;  
 12 Let the field exult, and all that *is* therein;  
 Then shall all *the* trees of *the* wood sing for joy  
 13 Before Jehovah; for he cometh,  
 For he cometh to judge the earth:  
 He will judge *the* world with righteousness,  
 And *the* peoples <sup>600</sup>with his truth.

**Jehovah's Power and Dominion.**

**97** Jehovah reigneth; let the earth rejoice;  
 Let *the* multitude of isles be glad.  
 2 Clouds and darkness *are* round about him:  
 Righteousness and justice *are the* foundation of his  
 throne.  
 3 A fire goeth before him,  
 And burneth up his adversaries round about.

<sup>595</sup> *That is,* Strife, See Ex 17:1-7.

<sup>596</sup> *That is,* Temptation See Ex 17:1-7.

<sup>597</sup> *Or,* things of nought;

<sup>598</sup> *Or,* Holy. *or,* holiness.

<sup>599</sup> *Or,* in *the* beauty of holiness:

<sup>600</sup> *Or,* in his faithfulness.

4 His lightnings lightened *the* world:  
The earth saw, and trembled.  
5 *The* mountains melted like wax at *the* presence of  
Jehovah,  
At *the* presence of *the* Lord of the whole earth.  
6 The heavens declare his righteousness,  
And all the peoples have seen his glory.  
7 Let all them be put to shame that serve graven  
images,  
That boast themselves of idols:  
Worship him, all *ye* gods.  
8 Zion heard and was glad,  
And *the* daughters of Judah rejoiced,  
Because of thy judgments, O Jehovah.  
9 For thou, Jehovah, *art* most high above all the earth:  
Thou art exalted far above all gods.  
10 O ye that love Jehovah, hate evil:  
He preserveth *the* souls of his saints;  
He delivereth them out of *the* hand of *the* wicked.  
11 Light is sown for the righteous,  
And gladness for *the* upright in heart.  
12 Be glad in Jehovah, ye righteous;  
And give thanks to his holy memorial *name*.

**A Call to Praise Jehovah for his Righteousness.**  
A Psalm

**98** Oh sing unto Jehovah a new song;  
For he hath done marvellous things:  
His right hand, and his holy arm, hath wrought  
salvation for him.  
2 Jehovah hath made known his salvation:  
His righteousness hath he openly showed in *the*  
sight of the nations.  
3 He hath remembered his lovingkindness and his  
faithfulness toward *the* house of Israel:  
All *the* ends of *the* earth have seen the salvation of  
our God.  
4 Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all the earth:  
Break forth and sing for joy, yes, sing praises.  
5 Sing praises unto Jehovah with *the* harp;  
With *the* harp and *the* voice of melody.  
6 With *straight* trumpets and sound of rams horn  
*trumpet*  
Make a joyful noise before the King, Jehovah.  
7 Let the sea roar, and *the* fulness thereof;  
*The* world, and they that dwell therein;  
8 Let *the* floods clap *their* hands;  
Let *the* hills sing for joy together  
9 Before Jehovah; for he cometh to judge the earth:  
He will judge *the* world with righteousness,  
And *the* peoples with equity.

**Praise to Jehovah for his Fidelity to Israel.**  
*Of David. A Psalm.*

**99** Jehovah reigneth; let *the* peoples tremble:  
He sitteth *above* *the* cherubim; let the earth be  
moved.

2 Jehovah *is* great in Zion;  
And he *is* high above all the peoples.  
3 Let them praise thy great and awesome name:  
Holy *is* he.  
4 *The* king's strength also loveth justice;  
Thou dost establish equity;  
Thou executest justice and righteousness in Jacob.  
5 Exalt ye Jehovah our God,  
And worship at his footstool:  
Holy *is* he.  
6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
And Samuel among them that call upon his name;  
They called upon Jehovah, and he answered them.  
7 He spake unto them in the pillar of cloud:  
They kept his testimonies,  
And the statute *that* he gave them.  
8 Thou answeredst them, O Jehovah our God:  
Thou wast a God that forgavest them,  
Though thou tookest vengeance of their doings.  
9 Exalt ye Jehovah our God,  
And worship at his holy hill;  
For Jehovah our God *is* holy.

**All Men exhorted to praise God.**  
A Psalm <sup>601</sup>of thanksgiving.

**100** Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, <sup>602</sup>all ye lands.  
2 Serve Jehovah with gladness:  
Come before his presence with singing.  
3 Know ye that Jehovah, he *is* God:  
*It is* he *that* hath made us, <sup>603</sup>and we are his;  
We are his people, and *the* sheep of his pasture.  
4 Enter into his gates with <sup>604</sup>thanksgiving,  
*And* into his courts with praise:  
Give thanks unto him, *and* bless his name.  
5 For Jehovah *is* good; his lovingkindness *endureth*  
for ever.  
And his faithfulness unto all generations.

**The Psalmist's Profession of Uprightness.**  
A Psalm of David.

**101** I will sing of lovingkindness and justice:  
Unto thee, O Jehovah, will I sing praises.  
2 I will <sup>605</sup>behave myself wisely in a perfect way:  
Oh when wilt thou come unto me?  
I will walk within my house <sup>606</sup>with a perfect heart.  
3 I will set no base thing before mine eyes:  
I hate <sup>607</sup>*the* work of them that turn aside;  
*It* shall not cleave unto me.

<sup>601</sup> *Or, for the thank-offering.*

<sup>602</sup> *Hb.* all the earth.

<sup>603</sup> *Hb<sup>mg</sup> reads* and not we ourselves;

<sup>604</sup> *Or, a thank-offering.*

<sup>605</sup> *Or, give heed unto the perfect way:*

<sup>606</sup> *Or, in the integrity of my heart.*

<sup>607</sup> *Or, the doing of unfaithfulness;*

- 4 A perverse heart shall depart from me:  
I will know no <sup>608</sup>evil thing.
- 5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I  
destroy:  
Him that hath a high look and a proud heart will I  
not suffer.
- 6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land,  
that they may dwell with me:  
He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall minister  
unto me.
- 7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my  
house:  
He that speaketh falsehood shall not be established  
before mine eyes.
- 8 Morning by morning will I destroy all the wicked  
of the land;  
To cut off all the workers of iniquity from the city  
of Jehovah.

**Prayer of an Afflicted One for Mercy on himself and on Zion.**

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he <sup>609</sup>is overwhelmed,  
and poureth out his complaint before Jehovah.

- 102** Hear my prayer, O Jehovah,  
And let my cry come unto thee.
- 2 Hide not thy face from me in the day of my distress:  
Incline thine ear unto me;  
In the day when I call answer me speedily.
- 3 For my days consume away <sup>610</sup>like smoke,  
And my bones are burned <sup>611</sup>as a firebrand.
- 4 My heart is smitten like grass, and withered;  
For I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 By reason of the voice of my groaning  
My bones cleave to my flesh.
- 6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness;  
I am become as an owl of the waste places.
- 7 I watch, and am become like a sparrow  
That is alone upon the housetop.
- 8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day;  
They that are mad against me do curse by me.
- 9 For I have eaten ashes like bread,  
And mingled my drink with weeping,
- 10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath:  
For thou hast taken me up, and cast me away.
- 11 My days are like a shadow that <sup>612</sup>declineth;  
And I am withered like grass.
- 12 But thou, O Jehovah, <sup>613</sup>wilt abide for ever;  
And thy memorial name unto all generations.
- 13 Thou wilt arise, and have mercy upon Zion;  
For it is time to have pity upon her,

<sup>608</sup> Or, evil person.

<sup>609</sup> Or, fainteth,

<sup>610</sup> Or, in smoke,

<sup>611</sup> Or, as a hearth.

<sup>612</sup> Or, is stretched out;

<sup>613</sup> Or, sittest as King for ever;

- Yes, the set time is come.
- 14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones,  
And have pity upon her dust.
- 15 So the nations shall fear the name of Jehovah,  
And all the kings of the earth thy glory:
- 16 For Jehovah hath built up Zion;  
He hath appeared in his glory;
- 17 He hath regarded the prayer of the destitute,  
And hath not despised their prayer.
- 18 This shall be written for the generation to come;  
And a people which shall be created shall praise  
<sup>614</sup>Jehovah.
- 19 For he hath looked down from the height of his  
Holy;  
From heaven did Jehovah behold the earth;
- 20 To hear the sighing of the prisoner;  
To loose <sup>615</sup>those that are appointed to death;
- 21 That men may declare the name of Jehovah in Zion,  
And his praise in Jerusalem;
- 22 When the peoples are gathered together,  
And the kingdoms, to serve Jehovah.
- 23 He <sup>616</sup>afflicted my strength in the way;  
He shortened my days.
- 24 <sup>617</sup>I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst  
of my days:  
Thy years are throughout all generations.
- 25 Of old didst thou lay the foundation of the earth;  
And the heavens are the <sup>618</sup>works of thy hands.
- 26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure;  
Yes, all of them shall wax old like a garment;  
As a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall  
be changed:
- 27 But thou art the same,  
And thy years shall have no end.
- 28 The children of thy servants shall continue,  
And their seed shall be established before thee.

**Praise for Jehovah's Mercies.**

A Psalm of David.

- 103** Bless Jehovah, O my soul;  
And all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless Jehovah, O my soul,  
And forget not all his benefits:
- 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;  
Who healeth all thy diseases;
- 4 Who ransometh thy life from <sup>619</sup>destruction;

<sup>614</sup> Hb. Jah.

<sup>615</sup> Hb. the sons of death;

<sup>616</sup> So 4QPs<sup>b</sup> Hb<sup>mg</sup> Aram. Most Massoretic mss., Vg.  
read weakened me with his strength

<sup>617</sup> 4QPs<sup>b</sup> Sept. begin vs. 24 after I said,

<sup>618</sup> So 11QPs<sup>a</sup> 4QPs<sup>b</sup> Sept. Vg. Most Massoretic mss.,  
Aram. read work (singular)

<sup>619</sup> Or, the pit;



Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;  
 5 Who satisfieth <sup>620</sup>thy desire with good *things*,  
*So that* thy youth is renewed like the eagle.  
 6 Jehovah executeth righteous acts,  
 And judgments for all that are oppressed.  
 7 He made known his ways unto Moses,  
 His doings unto *the* children of Israel.  
 8 Jehovah *is* merciful and gracious,  
 Slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness.  
 9 He will not always chide;  
 Neither will he <sup>621</sup>keep *his anger* for ever.  
 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins,  
 Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.  
 11 For as *the* heavens are high above the earth,  
*So great* is his lovingkindness toward them that fear him.  
 12 As far as *the* east is from *the* west,  
*So far* hath he removed our transgressions from us.  
 13 Like as a father pitieth *his* children,  
*So* Jehovah pitieth them that fear him.  
 14 For he knoweth our frame;  
 He remembereth that we *are* dust.  
 15 *As for* man, his days *are* as grass;  
 As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.  
 16 For *the* wind passeth over it, and it is gone;  
 And *the* place thereof shall know it no more.  
 17 But *the* lovingkindness of Jehovah *is* from  
 everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,  
 And his righteousness unto children's children;  
 18 To such as keep his covenant,  
 And to those that remember his precepts to do them.  
 19 Jehovah hath established his throne in the heavens;  
 And his kingdom ruleth over all.  
 20 Bless Jehovah, ye his angels,  
 That are mighty in strength, that fulfil his word,  
 Harkening unto *the* voice of his word.  
 21 Bless Jehovah, all ye his hosts,  
*Ye* ministers of his, that do his pleasure.  
 22 Bless Jehovah, all ye his works,  
 In all places of his dominion:  
 Bless Jehovah, O my soul.

**Jehovah's Care over all his Works.**  
*Of David.*

**104** Bless Jehovah, O my soul.  
 O Jehovah my God, thou art very great;  
 Thou art clothed with honor and majesty:  
 2 Who coverest *thyself* with light as *with a* garment;  
 Who stretchest out *the* heavens like *a* curtain;  
 3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters;  
 Who maketh *the* clouds his chariot;

<sup>620</sup> *Or*, thy years *or*, thy prime *Hb.* thine ornament  
<sup>621</sup> *That is*, remain angry *Supplied words are implied by the parallel to vs. 8.*

Who walketh upon *the* wings of *the* wind;  
 4 Who maketh <sup>622</sup>winds his messengers;  
 Flames of fire his minister;  
 5 <sup>623</sup>*Who* laid *the* foundations of *the* earth,  
*That* it should not be moved for ever.  
 6 Thou coveredst it with *the* deep as *with a* vesture;  
*The* waters stood above *the* mountains.  
 7 At thy rebuke they fled;  
 At *the* voice of thy thunder they hasted away  
 8 <sup>624</sup>*(The* mountains rose, *the* valleys sank down)  
 Unto *the* place which thou hadst founded for them.  
 9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over;  
 That they turn not again to cover the earth.  
 10 He sendeth forth springs into the valleys:  
 They run among *the* mountains;  
 11 They give drink to every beast of *the* field;  
*The* wild asses quench their thirst.  
 12 By them *the* birds of the heavens have their  
 habitation;  
 They <sup>625</sup>sing among *the* branches.  
 13 He watereth *the* mountains from his chambers:  
 The earth is filled with *the* fruit of thy works.  
 14 He causeth *the* grass to grow for the cattle,  
 And herb for the <sup>626</sup>service of man;  
 That he may bring forth <sup>627</sup>food out of the earth,  
 15 And wine *that* maketh glad *the* heart of man,  
<sup>628</sup>*And* oil to make *his* face to shine,  
 And bread *that* strengtheneth man's heart.  
 16 *The* trees of Jehovah are filled *with moisture*;  
*The* cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;  
 17 Where *the* birds make their nests:  
*As for* the stork, the fir-trees *are* her house.  
 18 The high mountains *are* for the wild goats;  
*The* rocks are a refuge for the conies.  
 19 He appointed *the* moon for seasons:  
*The* sun knoweth his going down.  
 20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night,  
 Wherein all *the* beasts of *the* forest creep *forth*.  
 21 The young lions roar after *their* prey,  
 And seek their food from God.  
 22 The sun ariseth, *then* they get them away,  
 And lay them down in their dens.  
 23 Man goeth forth unto his work  
 And to his labor until *the* evening.  
 24 O Jehovah, how manifold are thy works!  
 In wisdom hast thou made them all:  
 The earth is full of thy <sup>629</sup>riches.

<sup>622</sup> *Or*, his angels winds;  
<sup>623</sup> *Hb.* He founded *the* earth upon her bases,  
<sup>624</sup> *Or*, They went up by *the* mountains, they went down by *the* valleys  
<sup>625</sup> *Hb.* utter their voice among *the* branches.  
<sup>626</sup> *Or*, labor  
<sup>627</sup> *Hb.* bread  
<sup>628</sup> *Hb.* To make his face to shine with oil,

25 Yonder *is* the sea, great and wide,  
Wherein *are* things creeping innumerable,  
Both small and great beasts.  
26 There go *the* ships;  
*There is* leviathan, whom thou hast formed to play  
<sup>630</sup>therein.  
27 These wait all for thee,  
That thou mayest give *them* their food in due  
season.  
28 Thou givest unto them, they gather;  
Thou openest thy hand, they are satisfied with good.  
29 <sup>631</sup>Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled;  
Thou <sup>632</sup>takest away their breath, they die,  
And return to their dust.  
30 Thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created;  
And thou renewest *the* face of *the* ground.  
31 Let *the* glory of Jehovah endure for ever;  
Let Jehovah rejoice in his works:  
32 Who looketh on the earth, and it trembleth;  
He toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.  
33 I will sing unto Jehovah as long as I live:  
I will sing praise to my God while I have any being.  
34 Let my meditation be sweet unto him:  
I will rejoice in Jehovah.  
35 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth,  
And let *the* wicked be no more.  
Bless Jehovah, O my soul.  
<sup>633</sup>Praise ye Jehovah.

**Jehovah's wonderful Works in behalf of Israel.**

**105** Oh give thanks unto Jehovah, call upon his name;  
Make known among the peoples his doings.  
2 Sing unto him, sing praises unto him;  
<sup>634</sup>Talk ye of all his marvellous works.  
3 Glory ye in his holy name:  
Let *the* heart of them rejoice that seek Jehovah.  
4 Seek ye Jehovah and his strength;  
Seek his face evermore.  
5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done,  
his wonders, and *the* judgments of his mouth.  
6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant,  
Ye children of Jacob, his chosen <sup>635</sup>ones.  
7 He *is* Jehovah our God:  
His judgments *are* in all the earth.  
8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever,  
*The word which* he commanded to a thousand  
generations,  
9 *The covenant* which he made with Abraham,  
And his oath unto Isaac,

<sup>629</sup> *Or*, creatures.

<sup>630</sup> *Or*, with him. See Job 41:5.

<sup>631</sup> 11QPs<sup>a</sup> 4QPs<sup>d</sup> omit this line: Thou ...are troubled;

<sup>632</sup> *Or*, gatherest in their breath,

<sup>633</sup> *Hb.* Hallelujah.

<sup>634</sup> *Or*, Meditate in all his marvellous works.

<sup>635</sup> *So* most Massoretic mss., Sept. 11QPs<sup>a</sup> reads one.

10 And confirmed *the* same unto Jacob for a statute,  
To Israel *for* an everlasting covenant,  
11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,  
*The* <sup>636</sup>lot of your inheritance,  
12 When they were *but* a few men in number,  
Yes, very few, and sojourners in it.  
13 And they went about from nation to nation,  
From *one* kingdom to another people.  
14 He suffered no man to do them wrong;  
Yes, he reproveth kings for their sakes,  
15 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed ones,  
And do my prophets no harm.  
16 And he called for a famine upon the land;  
He brake *the* whole staff of bread.  
17 He sent a man before them;  
Joseph was sold for a servant:  
18 His feet they hurt with fetters;  
<sup>637</sup>He was laid in *chains* of iron,  
19 Until *the* time that his word came to pass,  
*The* word of Jehovah tried him.  
20 *The* king sent and loosed him;  
*Even the* ruler of peoples, and let him go free.  
21 He made him lord of his house,  
And ruler of all his substance;  
22 To bind his princes according to his soul,  
And teach his elders wisdom.  
23 Israel also came into Egypt;  
And Jacob sojourned in *the* land of Ham.  
24 And he increased his people greatly,  
And made them stronger than their adversaries.  
25 He turned their heart to hate his people,  
To deal subtly with his servants.  
26 He sent Moses his servant,  
*And* Aaron whom he had chosen.  
27 They set among them <sup>638</sup>his signs,  
And wonders in *the* land of Ham.  
28 He sent darkness, and made it dark;  
And they rebelled not against his words.  
29 He turned their waters into blood,  
And slew their fish.  
30 Their land swarmed with frogs  
In *the* chambers of their kings.  
31 He spake, and there came swarms of flies,  
*And* lice in all their borders.  
32 He gave them hail for rain,  
*And* flaming fire in their land.  
33 He smote their vines also and their fig-trees,  
And brake *the* trees of their borders.  
34 He spake, and *the* locust came,  
And *the* grasshopper, and *that* without number,  
35 And did eat up every herb in their land,  
And did eat up *the* fruit of their ground.

<sup>636</sup> *Hb.* cord, *or*, line

<sup>637</sup> *Hb.* His soul entered into *the* iron,

<sup>638</sup> *Hb.* *the* words of his signs,

36 He smote also all *the* firstborn in their land,  
*The* <sup>639</sup>chief of all their strength.  
 37 And he brought them forth with silver and gold;  
 And *there was* <sup>640</sup>not one feeble *person* among his  
 tribes.  
 38 Egypt was glad when they departed;  
 For *the* fear of them had fallen upon them.  
 39 He spread a cloud for a covering,  
 And fire to give light in *the* night.  
 40 They asked, and he brought quails,  
 And satisfied them with *the* bread of heaven.  
 41 He opened *the* rock, and waters gushed out;  
 They ran in the dry places *like* a river.  
 42 For he remembered his holy word,  
 And Abraham his servant.  
 43 And he brought forth his people with joy,  
 And his chosen with singing.  
 44 And he gave them *the* lands of *the* nations;  
 And they took *the* labor of *the* peoples in  
 possession:  
 45 That they might keep his statutes,  
 And observe his laws.  
<sup>641</sup>Praise ye Jehovah.

**Israel's Rebelliousness and Jehovah's Deliverances.**

**106** <sup>642</sup>Praise ye Jehovah.  
 Oh give thanks unto Jehovah; for *he is* good;  
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.  
 2 Who can utter *the* mighty acts of Jehovah,  
 Or show forth all his praise?  
 3 Blessed *are* they that keep justice,  
 And he that doeth righteousness at all times.  
 4 Remember me, O Jehovah, with *the* favor *that thou*  
*bearest unto* thy people;  
 Oh visit me with thy salvation,  
 5 That I may see *the* prosperity of thy chosen,  
 That I may rejoice in *the* gladness of thy nation,  
 That I may glory with thine inheritance.  
 6 We have sinned with our fathers,  
 We have committed iniquity, we have done  
 wickedly.  
 7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt;  
 They remembered not the multitude of thy  
 lovingkindnesses,  
 But were rebellious at *the* sea, *even* at *the* Red Sea.  
 8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake,  
 That he might make his mighty power to be known.  
 9 He rebuked *the* Red Sea also, and it was dried up:  
 So he led them through the depths, as through a  
<sup>643</sup>wilderness.

<sup>639</sup> *Hb.* beginning See Dt 21:17.

<sup>640</sup> *Or,* none that stumbled among his tribes.

<sup>641</sup> *Hb.* Hallelujah.

<sup>642</sup> *Hb.* Hallelujah.

<sup>643</sup> *Or,* pasture land.

10 And he saved them from *the* hand of him that hated  
*them,*  
 And ransomed them from *the* hand of *the* enemy.  
 11 And *the* waters covered their adversaries;  
 There was not one of them left.  
 12 Then believed they his words;  
 They sang his praise.  
 13 They soon forgot his works;  
 They waited not for his counsel,  
 14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness,  
 And tempted God in *the* desert.  
 15 And he gave them their request,  
 But sent leanness into their soul.  
 16 They envied Moses also in the camp,  
 And Aaron *the* <sup>644</sup>holy one of Jehovah.  
 17 *The* earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,  
 And covered *the* company of Abiram.  
 18 And a fire was kindled in their company;  
*The* flame burned up *the* wicked.  
 19 They made a calf in Horeb,  
 And worshipped a molten image.  
 20 Thus they changed <sup>645</sup>my glory  
 For *the* likeness of an ox that eateth grass.  
 21 They forgot God their Saviour,  
 Who had done great things in Egypt,  
 22 Wondrous works in *the* land of Ham,  
 And awesome things by *the* Red Sea.  
 23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them,  
 Had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the  
 breach,  
 To turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy  
*them.*  
 24 Yes, they despised *the* pleasant land,  
 They believed not his word,  
 25 But murmured in their tents,  
 And hearkened not unto *the* voice of Jehovah.  
 26 Therefore he <sup>646</sup>swore unto them,  
 That he would <sup>647</sup>overthrow them in the wilderness,  
 27 And that he would overthrow their seed among the  
 nations,  
 And scatter them in the lands.  
 28 They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor,  
 And ate the sacrifices of *the* dead.  
 29 Thus they provoked *him* to anger with their doings;  
 And *the* plague brake in upon them.  
 30 They stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment;  
 And *so* the plague was stayed.  
 31 And that was reckoned unto him for righteousness,  
 Unto all generations for evermore.  
 32 They angered *him* also at *the* waters of <sup>648</sup>Meribah,

<sup>644</sup> *Or,* saint of Jehovah.

<sup>645</sup> *Sopherim changed to* their glory

<sup>646</sup> *Hb.* lifted up his hand unto them,

<sup>647</sup> *Hb.* make them fall in the wilderness,

<sup>648</sup> *Or,* Strife,

So that it went ill with Moses for their sakes;  
 33 Because they were rebellious against his spirit,  
 And he spake unadvisedly with his lips.  
 34 They did not destroy the peoples,  
 As Jehovah commanded them,  
 35 But mingled themselves with the nations,  
 And learned their works,  
 36 And served their idols,  
 Which became a snare unto them.  
 37 Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters  
 unto demons,  
 38 And shed innocent blood,  
*Even the blood of their sons and of their daughters,*  
 Whom they sacrificed unto *the* idols of Canaan;  
 And the land was polluted with blood.  
 39 Thus were they defiled with their works,  
 And played *the* harlot in their doings.  
 40 Therefore was *the* wrath of Jehovah kindled against  
 his people,  
 And he abhorred his inheritance.  
 41 And he gave them into *the* hand of *the* nations;  
 And they that hated them ruled over them.  
 42 Their enemies also oppressed them,  
 And they were brought into subjection under their  
 hand.  
 43 Many times did he deliver them;  
 But they were rebellious in their counsel,  
 And were brought low in their iniquity.  
 44 Nevertheless he regarded their distress,  
 When he heard their cry:  
 45 And he remembered for them his covenant,  
 And repented according to *the* multitude of his  
 lovingkindnesses.  
 46 He made them also to be pitied  
 Of all those that carried them captive.  
 47 Save us, O Jehovah our God,  
 And gather us from among the nations,  
 To give thanks unto thy holy name,  
 And to triumph in thy praise.  
 48 Blessed *be* Jehovah, *the* God of Israel,  
 From everlasting even to everlasting.  
 And let all the people say, Amen.  
<sup>649</sup>Praise ye Jehovah.

Book V

**Jehovah delivers Men from manifold Troubles.**

**107** O give thanks unto Jehovah; for *he is* good;  
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.  
 2 Let *the* ransomed of Jehovah say *so*,  
 Whom he hath ransomed from *the* hand of *the*  
 adversary,  
 3 And gathered out of *the* lands,  
 From *the* east and from *the* west,

<sup>649</sup> *Hb.* Hallelujah.

From *the* north and <sup>650</sup>from *the* Red Sea.  
 4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way;  
 They found no city of habitation.  
 5 Hungry and thirsty,  
 Their soul fainted in them.  
 6 Then they cried unto Jehovah in their trouble,  
 And he delivered them out of their distresses.  
 7 He led them also by a straight way,  
 That they might go to a city of habitation.  
 8 Oh that *men* would praise Jehovah *for* his  
 lovingkindness,  
 And *for* his wonderful works to *the* children of men!  
 9 For he satisfieth *the* longing soul,  
 And *the* hungry soul he filleth with good.  
 10 Such as sat in darkness and in *the* shadow of death,  
*Being* bound in affliction and iron,  
 11 Because they rebelled against *the* words of God,  
 And *had* contempt *for* *the* counsel of *the* Most High:  
 12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labor;  
 They fell down, and *there was* none to help.  
 13 Then they cried unto Jehovah in their trouble,  
 And he saved them out of their distresses.  
 14 He brought them out of darkness and *the* shadow of  
 death,  
 And brake their bonds in sunder.  
 15 Oh that *men* would praise Jehovah *for* his  
 lovingkindness,  
 And *for* his wonderful works to *the* children of men!  
 16 For he hath broken *the* gates of copper,  
 And cut *the* bars of iron in sunder.  
 17 Fools because of <sup>651</sup>their transgression,  
 And because of their iniquities, are afflicted.  
 18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of food;  
 And they draw near unto *the* gates of death.  
 19 Then they cry unto Jehovah in their trouble,  
 And he saveth them out of their distresses.  
 20 He sendeth his word, and healeth them,  
 And delivereth *them* from their <sup>652</sup>destructions.  
 21 Oh that *men* would praise Jehovah *for* his  
 lovingkindness,  
 And *for* his wonderful works to *the* children of men!  
 22 And let them offer *the* sacrifices of thanksgiving,  
 And declare his works with singing.  
 23 They that go down to the sea in ships,  
 That do business in great waters;  
 24 These see *the* works of Jehovah,  
 And his wonders in *the* deep.  
 25 For he commandeth, and raiseth *the* stormy wind,  
 Which lifteth up *the* waves thereof.  
 26 They mount up to *the* heavens, they go down again  
 to *the* depths:

<sup>650</sup> *Or,* from *the* south. *But compare* ch. 106:7, 9, 22.

<sup>651</sup> *Hb.* *the* way of their transgression,

<sup>652</sup> *Hb.* pits.

Their soul melteth away because of trouble.  
 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,  
 And <sup>653</sup>are at their wits' end.  
 28 Then they cry unto Jehovah in their trouble,  
 And he bringeth them out of their distresses.  
 29 He maketh *the* storm a calm,  
 So that *the* waves thereof are still.  
 30 Then are they glad because they are quiet;  
 So he bringeth them unto their desired haven.  
 31 Oh that *men* would praise Jehovah *for* his  
 lovingkindness,  
 And *for* his wonderful works to *the* children of men!  
 32 Let them exalt him also in *the* assembly of *the*  
 people,  
 And praise him in *the* seat of *the* elders.  
 33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness,  
 And watersprings into a thirsty ground;  
 34 A fruitful land into a salt desert,  
 For *the* wickedness of them that dwell therein.  
 35 He turneth a wilderness into a pool of water,  
 And a dry land into watersprings.  
 36 And there he maketh *the* hungry to dwell,  
 That they may prepare a city of habitation,  
 37 And sow fields, and plant vineyards,  
 And get them fruits of increase.  
 38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied  
 greatly;  
 And he suffereth not their cattle to decrease.  
 39 Again, they are diminished and bowed down  
 Through oppression, trouble, and sorrow.  
 40 He poureth contempt upon princes,  
 And causeth them to wander in *the* waste, *where*  
*there is* no way.  
 41 Yet setteth he *the* needy on high from affliction,  
 And maketh *him* families like a flock.  
 42 *The* upright shall see *it*, and be glad;  
 And all iniquity shall stop her mouth.  
 43 Whoso *is* wise will give heed to these *things*;  
 And they will consider *the* lovingkindnesses of  
 Jehovah.

**God praised, and supplicated to give Victory.**  
 A Song, a Psalm of David.

**108** My heart is fixed, O God;  
 I will sing, yes, I will sing praises, even with my  
 glory.  
 2 Awake, psaltery and harp:  
 I *myself* <sup>654</sup>will awake right early.  
 3 I will give thanks unto thee, O Jehovah, among the  
 peoples;  
 And I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.  
 4 For thy lovingkindness *is* great above *the* heavens;  
 And thy truth *reacheth* unto *the* skies.

<sup>653</sup> *Hb.* all their wisdom is swallowed up.

<sup>654</sup> *Or,* will awake *the* dawn.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above *the* heavens,  
 And thy glory above all the earth.  
 6 That thy beloved may be delivered,  
 Save *with* thy right hand, and answer <sup>655</sup>me.  
 7 God hath spoken <sup>656</sup>in his holiness: I will exult;  
 I will divide Shechem, and mete out *the* valley of  
 Sukkoth  
 8 Gilead *is* mine; Manasseh *is* mine;  
 Ephraim also *is* the defence of my head;  
 Judah *is* my <sup>657</sup>sceptre.  
 9 Moab *is* my washpot;  
<sup>658</sup>Upon Edom will I cast my shoe;  
 Over Philistia will I shout.  
 10 Who will bring me into *the* fortified city?  
 Who <sup>659</sup>hath led me unto Edom?  
 11 <sup>660</sup>*Hast* not *thou* cast us off, O God?  
 And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.  
 12 Give us help against *the* adversary;  
 For vain *is* *the* <sup>661</sup>help of man.  
 13 Through God we shall do valiantly:  
 For he *it is that* will tread down our adversaries.

**Vengeance invoked upon Adversaries.**  
 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

**109** Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise;  
 2 For *the* mouth of *the* wicked and *the* mouth of  
 deceit have they opened against me:  
 They have spoken <sup>662</sup>unto me with a lying tongue.  
 3 They have compassed me about also with words of  
 hatred,  
 And fought against me without a cause.  
 4 For my love they are my adversaries:  
 But I *give myself* unto prayer.  
 5 And they have <sup>663</sup>rewarded me evil for good,  
 And hatred for my love.  
 6 Set thou a wicked man over him;  
 And let <sup>664</sup>an adversary stand at his right hand.  
 7 When he is judged, let him come forth guilty;  
 And let his prayer <sup>665</sup>be turned into sin.  
 8 Let his days be few;  
 And let another take his office.  
 9 Let his children be fatherless,  
 And his wife a widow.

<sup>655</sup> *So* *Hb*<sup>mg</sup> Sept. Aram., Vg. *Hb*<sup>txt</sup> reads us.

<sup>656</sup> *Or,* in his Holy:

<sup>657</sup> *Or,* lawgiver.

<sup>658</sup> *Or,* Unto

<sup>659</sup> *Or,* will lead me unto Edom?

<sup>660</sup> *Or,* *Wilt* not *thou*, O God, *who* hast cast us off,  
 And goest not forth, O God, with our hosts?

<sup>661</sup> *Hb.* salvation of man.

<sup>662</sup> *Or,* against me

<sup>663</sup> *Hb.* laid upon me

<sup>664</sup> *Or,* Satan *or,* an accuser

<sup>665</sup> *Or,* become

10 Let his children be vagabonds, and beg,  
And let them seek *their bread* <sup>666</sup>out of their desolate places.

11 Let *the* extortioner <sup>667</sup>catch all that he hath;  
And let strangers make spoil of his labor.

12 Let there be none to <sup>668</sup>extend kindness unto him;  
Neither let there be any to have pity on his fatherless children.

13 Let his posterity be cut off;  
In *the* generation following let their name be blotted out.

14 Let *the* iniquity of his fathers be remembered with Jehovah;  
And let not *the* sin of his mother be blotted out.

15 Let them be before Jehovah continually,  
That he may cut off *the* memory of them from *the* earth;

16 Because he remembered not to show kindness,  
But persecuted *the* poor and needy man,  
And *the* broken in heart, to slay *them*.

17 Yes, he loved cursing, and it came unto him;  
And he delighted not in blessing, and it was far from him.

18 He clothed himself also with cursing as with his garment,  
And it came into his inward parts like water,  
And like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be unto him as *the* raiment *wherewith* he covereth himself,  
And for *the* girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

20 This *is the* reward of mine adversaries from Jehovah,  
And of them *that* speak evil against my soul.

21 But deal thou with me, O Jehovah *the* Lord, for thy name's sake:  
Because thy lovingkindness *is* good, deliver thou me;

22 For I *am* poor and needy,  
And my heart is wounded within me.

23 I am gone like *the* shadow when it <sup>669</sup>declineth:  
I am tossed up and down as the locust.

24 My knees <sup>670</sup>are weak through fasting;  
And my flesh faileth of fatness.

25 I am become also a reproach unto them:  
*When* they see me, they shake their head.

26 Help me, O Jehovah my God;  
Oh save me according to thy lovingkindness:

27 That they may know that this *is* thy hand;  
*That* thou, Jehovah, hast done it.

<sup>666</sup> *Or*, far from their desolate places.

<sup>667</sup> *Hb.* snare

<sup>668</sup> *Or*, continue

<sup>669</sup> *Or*, is stretched out

<sup>670</sup> *Or*, totter through fasting;

28 Let them curse, but bless thou:  
When they arise, they shall be put to shame,  
But thy servant shall rejoice.

29 <sup>671</sup>Let mine adversaries be clothed with dishonor,  
And let them cover themselves with their own shame as with *a* robe.

30 I will give great thanks unto Jehovah with my mouth;  
Yes, I will praise him among *the* multitude.

31 For <sup>672</sup>he hath stood at *the* right hand of *the* needy,  
To save *him* from them that judge his soul.

**Jehovah gives Dominion to the King.**

A Psalm of David.

**110** Jehovah saith unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand,  
Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 Jehovah will <sup>673</sup>send forth *the* <sup>674</sup>rod of thy strength out of Zion:  
Rule thou in *the* midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people <sup>675</sup>offer themselves willingly  
In *the* day of thy <sup>676</sup>power, <sup>677</sup>in holy apparels:  
Out of *the* womb of *the* morning  
<sup>678</sup>Thou hast *the* dew of thy youth.

4 Jehovah hath sworn, and will not repent:  
Thou *art* a priest for ever  
After <sup>679</sup>*the* order of Melchizedek.

5 <sup>680</sup>Jehovah at thy right hand  
<sup>681</sup>Will strike through kings in *the* day of his wrath.

6 He will judge among the nations,  
<sup>682</sup>He <sup>683</sup>will fill *the* places with dead bodies;  
He <sup>684</sup>will strike through *the* head <sup>685</sup>in many countries.

7 He will drink of *the* brook in the way:  
Therefore will he lift up *the* head.

<sup>671</sup> *Or*, Mine adversaries shall be clothed with dishonor, And they shall cover themselves with their own shame as with *a* robe.

<sup>672</sup> *So* 11QPs<sup>a</sup> Sept., Aram., Vg. (*predetermined action*). Massoretic *reads* he will stand at *the* right hand

<sup>673</sup> *Or*, stretch

<sup>674</sup> *Or*, sceptre

<sup>675</sup> *Hb.* are freewill-offerings

<sup>676</sup> *Or*, army,

<sup>677</sup> *Or*, in *the* beauties of holiness:

<sup>678</sup> *Or*, Thy youth are to thee *as the* dew.

<sup>679</sup> *Or*, *the* manner of Melchizedek.

<sup>680</sup> Sopherim *changed to* *The* Lord

<sup>681</sup> *Lit.* Hath stricken through kings

<sup>682</sup> *Or*, *The* places are full of dead bodies;

<sup>683</sup> *Lit.* hath filled

<sup>684</sup> *Lit.* hath stricken through *the* head

<sup>685</sup> *Or*, over a wide land.

**Jehovah praised for his Goodness.**

- 111** <sup>686</sup>Praise ye *Jehovah*.  
 I will give thanks unto Jehovah with *my* whole heart,  
 In *the* council of *the* upright, and *in the* congregation.  
 2 *The* works of Jehovah *are* great,  
 Sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.  
 3 His work *is* honor and majesty;  
 And his righteousness endureth for ever.  
 4 He hath made his wonderful works to be  
 remembered:  
 Jehovah *is* gracious and merciful.  
 5 He hath given <sup>687</sup>food unto them that fear him:  
 He will ever be mindful of his covenant.  
 6 He hath showed his people *the* power of his works,  
 In giving them *the* heritage of *the* nations.  
 7 *The* works of his hands *are* truth and justice;  
 All his precepts *are* sure.  
 8 *They are* established for ever and ever;  
*They are* <sup>688</sup>done in truth and uprightness.  
 9 He hath sent redemption unto his people;  
 He hath commanded his covenant for ever:  
 Holy and reverend *is* his name.  
 10 *The* fear of Jehovah *is the* beginning of wisdom;  
<sup>689</sup>A good understanding *have* all they that do  
<sup>690</sup>*his* commandments:  
 His praise endureth for ever.

**Prosperity of him that fears Jehovah.**

- 112** <sup>691</sup>Praise ye *Jehovah*.  
 Blessed *is the* man *that* feareth Jehovah,  
*That* delighteth greatly in his commandments.  
 2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth:  
*The* generation of *the* upright shall be blessed.  
 3 Wealth and riches *are* in his house;  
 And his righteousness endureth for ever.  
 4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness:  
*He is* gracious and merciful, and righteous.  
 5 Well *is it with* the man *that* dealeth graciously and  
 lendeth;  
 He shall maintain his cause in judgment.  
 6 For he shall never be moved;  
*The* righteous shall be had in everlasting  
 remembrance.  
 7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings:  
 His heart is fixed, trusting in Jehovah.  
 8 His heart *is* established, he shall not be afraid,  
 Until he see *his desire* upon his adversaries.  
 9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the needy;  
 His righteousness endureth for ever:

<sup>686</sup> *Hb.* Hallelujah.

<sup>687</sup> *Hb.* prey

<sup>688</sup> *Or,* made

<sup>689</sup> *Or,* Good repute have all they

<sup>690</sup> *Hb.* them:

<sup>691</sup> *Hb.* Hallelujah.

His horn shall be exalted with honor.  
 10 *The* wicked shall see *it*, and be grieved;  
 He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away:  
*The* desire of *the* wicked shall perish.

**Jehovah exalts the Humble.**

- 113** <sup>692</sup>Praise ye *Jehovah*.  
 Praise, O ye servants of Jehovah,  
 Praise the name of Jehovah.  
 2 Blessed be *the* name of Jehovah  
 From this time forth and for evermore.  
 3 From *the* rising of *the* sun unto *the* going down of  
*the* same  
 Jehovah's name *is* to be praised.  
 4 Jehovah *is* high above all nations,  
 And his glory above the heavens.  
 5 Who is like unto Jehovah our God,  
 That hath his seat on high,  
 6 That humbleth *himself* <sup>693</sup>to behold  
*The things that are* in the heavens and in the earth?  
 7 He raiseth up *the* poor out of *the* dust,  
 And lifteth up *the* needy from *the* dunghill;  
 8 That he may set *him* with princes,  
 Even with *the* princes of his people.  
 9 He maketh *the* barren woman to keep house,  
 And to be a joyful mother of children.  
 Praise ye *Jehovah*.

**God's Deliverance of Israel from Egypt.**

- 114** When Israel went forth out of Egypt,  
*The* house of Jacob from a people of strange  
 language;  
 2 Judah came to be for his <sup>694</sup>Holy,  
 Israel his dominion.  
 3 The sea saw *it*, and fled;  
 The Jordan was driven back.  
 4 The mountains skipped like rams,  
*The* little hills like lambs.  
 5 What *aieth* thee, O thou sea, that thou fleest?  
 Thou Jordan, *that* thou turnest back?  
 6 Ye mountains, *that* ye skip like rams;  
 Ye little hills, like lambs?  
 7 Tremble, thou earth, at *the* presence of *the* Lord,  
 At *the* presence of *the* God of Jacob,  
 8 Who turned the rock *into* a pool of water,  
*The* flint into a fountain of waters.

**Heathen Idols contrasted with Jehovah.**

- 115** Not unto us, O Jehovah, not unto us,  
 But unto thy name give glory,  
 For thy lovingkindness, *and* for thy truth's sake.  
 2 Wherefore should the nations say,  
 Where *is* now their God?

<sup>692</sup> *Hb.* Hallelujah. *Also in* vs. 9.

<sup>693</sup> *Or,* to regard the heavens and the earth

<sup>694</sup> *Or,* sanctuary,

3 But our God *is* in the heavens:  
 He hath done whatsoever he pleased.  
 4 Their idols *are* silver and gold,  
*The* work of men's hands.  
 5 They have mouths, but they speak not;  
 Eyes have they, but they see not;  
 6 They have ears, but they hear not;  
 Noses have they, but they smell not;  
 7 They have hands, but they handle not;  
 Feet have they, but they walk not;  
 Neither speak they through their throat.  
 8 They that make them shall be like unto them;  
*Yes*, every one that trusteth in them.  
 9 O Israel, trust thou in Jehovah:  
 He *is* their help and their shield.  
 10 O house of Aaron, trust ye in Jehovah;  
 He *is* their help and their shield.  
 11 Ye that fear Jehovah, trust in Jehovah:  
 He *is* their help and their shield.  
 12 Jehovah hath been mindful of us; he will bless *us*:  
 He will bless the house of Israel;  
 He will bless the house of Aaron.  
 13 He will bless them that fear Jehovah,  
*Both* the small and the great.  
 14 Jehovah increase you more and more,  
 You and your children.  
 15 Blessed *are* ye of Jehovah,  
 Who made *the* heavens and earth.  
 16 The heavens *are the* heavens of Jehovah;  
 But the earth hath he given to *the* children of men.  
 17 The dead praise not <sup>695</sup>Jehovah,  
 Neither any that go down into silence;  
 18 But we will bless <sup>696</sup>Jehovah  
 From this time forth and for evermore.  
<sup>697</sup>Praise ye Jehovah.

**Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death.**

**116** I love Jehovah, because he heareth  
 My voice *and* my supplications.  
 2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,  
 Therefore will I call *upon him* <sup>698</sup>as long as I live.  
 3 *The* cords of death compassed me,  
 And *the* pains of Sheol <sup>699</sup>gat hold upon me:  
 I found trouble and sorrow.  
 4 Then called I upon *the* name of Jehovah:  
 O Jehovah, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.  
 5 Gracious *is* Jehovah, and righteous;  
 Yes, our God is merciful.  
 6 Jehovah preserveth *the* simple:  
 I was brought low, and he saved me.

<sup>695</sup> *Hb.* Jah,  
<sup>696</sup> *Hb.* Jah  
<sup>697</sup> *Hb.* Hallelujah.  
<sup>698</sup> *Lit.* in my days.  
<sup>699</sup> *Or,* found me:

7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul;  
 For Jehovah hath dealt bountifully with thee.  
 8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death,  
 Mine eyes from tears,  
 And my feet from falling.  
 9 I will walk before Jehovah  
 In *the* <sup>700</sup>land of the living.  
 10 <sup>701</sup>I believe, therefore I will speak:  
 I was greatly afflicted:  
 11 I said in my <sup>702</sup>haste,  
 All men *are* liars.  
 12 What shall I render unto Jehovah  
 For all his benefits toward me?  
 13 I will take *the* cup of salvation,  
 And call upon *the* name of Jehovah.  
 14 I will pay my vows unto Jehovah,  
 Yes, in *the* presence of all his people.  
 15 Precious in *the* sight of Jehovah  
 Is the death of his saints.  
 16 O Jehovah, truly I *am* thy servant:  
 I *am* thy servant, *the* son of thy handmaid;  
 Thou hast loosed my bonds.  
 17 I will offer to thee *the* sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
 And will call upon *the* name of Jehovah.  
 18 I will pay my vows unto Jehovah,  
 Yes, in *the* presence of all his people,  
 19 In *the* courts of Jehovah's house,  
 In *the* midst of thee, O Jerusalem  
<sup>703</sup>Praise ye Jehovah.

**A Psalm of Praise.**

**117** O praise Jehovah, all ye nations;  
 Laud him, all ye peoples.  
 2 For his lovingkindness is great toward us;  
 And *the* truth of Jehovah *endureth* for ever.  
 Praise ye Jehovah.

**Thanksgiving for Jehovah's Saving Goodness.**

**118** Oh give thanks unto Jehovah; for *he is* good;  
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.  
 2 Let Israel now say,  
 That his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.  
 3 Let *the* house of Aaron now say,  
 That his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.  
 4 Let them now that fear Jehovah say,  
 That his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.  
 5 Out of my distress I called upon <sup>704</sup>Jehovah:  
 Jehovah answered me *and set me* in a large place.  
 6 Jehovah *is* on my side; I will not fear:  
 What can man do unto me?

<sup>700</sup> *Hb.* lands  
<sup>701</sup> *Or possibly,* I believed, when I spake *thus*:  
<sup>702</sup> *Or,* alarm,  
<sup>703</sup> *Hb.* Hallelujah. *Also* in ch. 117:2.  
<sup>704</sup> *Hb.* Jah (*both times*)



7 Jehovah is on my side among them that help me:  
Therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that hate me.

8 *It is* better to <sup>705</sup>trust in Jehovah  
Than to put confidence in man.

9 *It is* better to take refuge in Jehovah  
Than to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me about:  
In *the* name of Jehovah I will cut them off.

11 They compassed me about; yes, they compassed me about:  
In *the* name of Jehovah I will cut them off.

12 They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as *the* fire of thorns:  
In *the* name of Jehovah I will cut them off.

13 Thou didst thrust sore at me that I might fall;  
But Jehovah helped me.

14 <sup>706</sup>Jehovah *is* my strength and song;  
And he is become my salvation.

15 *The* voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in *the* tents of *the* righteous:  
*The* right hand of Jehovah doeth valiantly.

16 *The* right hand of Jehovah is exalted:  
*The* right hand of Jehovah doeth valiantly.

17 I shall not die, but live,  
And declare *the* works of Jehovah.

18 Jehovah hath chastened me sore;  
But he hath not given me over unto death.

19 Open to me *the* gates of righteousness:  
I will enter *into* them, I will give thanks unto Jehovah.

20 This is the gate of Jehovah;  
The righteous shall enter into it.

21 I will give thanks unto thee; for thou hast answered me,  
And art become my salvation.

22 *The* stone *which* the builders rejected  
Is become *the* head of *the* corner.

23 This is <sup>707</sup>Jehovah's doing;  
It *is* marvellous in our eyes.

24 This *is* the day *which* Jehovah hath made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save now, we beseech thee, O Jehovah:  
O Jehovah, we beseech thee, send now prosperity.

26 Blessed *be* he that <sup>708</sup>cometh in *the* name of Jehovah:  
We have blessed you out of *the* house of Jehovah.

27 Jehovah *is* God, and he hath given us light:  
Bind *the* sacrifice with cords, *even* unto *the* horns of the altar.

28 Thou *art* my God, and I will give thanks unto thee:

<sup>705</sup> Massoretic *alone reads* take refuge in Jehovah.

<sup>706</sup> *Hb.* Jah *And in* vss. 17-19.

<sup>707</sup> *Hb.* from Jehovah;

<sup>708</sup> *Or,* entereth

*Thou art* my God, I will exalt thee.

29 Oh give thanks unto Jehovah; for *he is* good;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever.

[Each octet of verses in Psalm 119 begins with the same Hebrew letter.<sup>709</sup>]

**Meditations and Prayers relating to the Law of God.**

HPELA ח

**119** Blessed *are* they that are <sup>710</sup>perfect in *the* way,  
Who walk in *the* law of Jehovah.

2 Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies,  
*That* seek him with *the* whole heart.

3 Yes, they do no unrighteousness;  
They walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded *us* thy precepts,  
That we should observe them diligently.

5 Oh that my ways were established  
To observe thy statutes!

6 Then shall I not be put to shame,  
When I have respect unto all thy commandments.

7 I will give thanks unto thee with uprightness of heart,  
When I learn thy righteous judgments.

8 I will observe thy statutes:  
Oh forsake me not utterly.

HTEB ט

9 Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way?  
By taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee:  
Oh let me not wander from thy commandments.

11 Thy word have I laid up in my heart,  
That I might not sin against thee.

12 Blessed *art* thou, O Jehovah:  
Teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I declared  
All the ordinances of thy mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in *the* way of thy testimonies,  
As *much as* in all riches.

15 I will meditate on thy precepts,  
And have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes:  
I will not forget thy words.

LEMIG י

17 <sup>711</sup>Deal bountifully with thy servant, *that* I may live;  
So will I observe thy words.

18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold  
Wondrous things out of thy law.

19 I *am* a sojourner in the earth:  
Hide not thy commandments from me.

20 My soul breaketh for *the* longing

<sup>709</sup> *Other alphabetic psalms are* 25 (*except* qoph), 34, and 145 (*except* nun?).

<sup>710</sup> *Or,* upright in way,

<sup>711</sup> *So* Massoretic, Sept., (Aram., Vg.).

4QPs<sup>h</sup> 11QPs<sup>a</sup>, *some* Massoretic mss. *read* Fulfil thy purpose for thy servant *and* I will live;

*That it hath* unto thine ordinances at all times.  
 21 Thou hast rebuked *the* proud <sup>712</sup>*that are* cursed,  
 That do wander from thy commandments.  
 22 Take away from me reproach and contempt;  
 For I have kept thy testimonies.  
 23 Princes also sat *and* talked against me;  
 But thy servant did meditate on thy statutes.  
 24 Thy testimonies also *are* my delight  
 And <sup>713</sup>my counsellors.

HTELAD 7

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust:  
 Quicken thou me according to thy word.  
 26 I declared my ways, and thou answeredst me:  
 Teach me thy statutes.  
 27 Make me to understand *the* way of thy precepts:  
 So shall I meditate on thy wondrous works.  
 28 My soul <sup>714</sup>melteeth for heaviness:  
 Strengthen thou me according unto thy word.  
 29 Remove from me *the* way of falsehood;  
 And grant me thy law graciously.  
 30 I have chosen *the* way of faithfulness:  
 Thine ordinances have I set *before me*.  
 31 I cleave unto thy testimonies:  
 O Jehovah, put me not to shame.  
 32 I will run *the* way of thy commandments,  
 When thou shalt enlarge my heart.

EH 7

33 Teach me, O Jehovah, *the* way of thy statutes;  
 And I shall keep it *unto the* end.  
 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;  
 Yes, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.  
 35 Make me to go in *the* path of thy commandments;  
 For therein do I delight.  
 36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,  
 And not to covetousness.  
 37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity,  
 And quicken me in thy ways.  
 38 Confirm unto thy servant thy word,  
<sup>715</sup>Which *is in order* unto *the* fear of thee.  
 39 Turn away my reproach whereof I am afraid;  
 For thine ordinances *are* good.  
 40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts:  
 Quicken me in thy righteousness.

VAV 7

41 Let thy lovingkindnesses also come unto me,  
 O Jehovah,  
 Even thy salvation, according to thy word.  
 42 So shall I have an answer for him that reproacheth  
 me;  
 For I trust in thy word.

<sup>712</sup> Or, Cursed *are they* that do wander *etc.*

<sup>713</sup> Hb. *the* men of my counsel.

<sup>714</sup> Hb. droppeth

<sup>715</sup> Or, Who *is devoted to the* fear of thee.

43 And take not *the* word of truth utterly out of my  
 mouth;  
 For I have hoped in thine ordinances.  
 44 So shall I observe thy law continually  
 For ever and ever.  
 45 And I shall walk at liberty;  
 For I have sought thy precepts.  
 46 I will also speak of thy testimonies before kings,  
 And shall not be put to shame.  
 47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments,  
 Which I have loved.  
 48 I will lift up my hands also unto thy commandments,  
 which I have loved;  
 And I will meditate on thy statutes.

NIYAZ 7

49 Remember *the* word unto thy servant,  
<sup>716</sup>Because thou hast made me to hope.  
 50 This *is* my comfort in my affliction;  
<sup>717</sup>For thy word hath quickened me.  
 51 *The* proud have had me greatly in derision:  
 Yet have I not swerved from thy law.  
 52 I have remembered thine ordinances of old,  
 O Jehovah,  
 And have comforted myself.  
 53 <sup>718</sup>Hot indignation hath taken hold upon me,  
 Because of *the* wicked that forsake thy law.  
 54 Thy statutes have been my songs  
 In *the* house of my pilgrimage.  
 55 I have remembered thy name, O Jehovah, in the  
 night,  
 And have observed thy law.  
 56 This I have had,  
<sup>719</sup>Because I have kept thy precepts.

HTEHC 7

57 <sup>720</sup>Jehovah *is* my portion:  
 I have said *that* I would observe thy words.  
 58 I entreated thy favor with *my* whole heart:  
 Be merciful unto me according to thy word.  
 59 I thought on my ways,  
 And turned my feet unto thy testimonies.  
 60 I made haste, and delayed not,  
 To observe thy commandments.  
 61 *The* cords of *the* wicked have wrapped me round;  
 But I have not forgotten thy law.  
 62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee  
 Because of thy righteous ordinances.  
 63 I *am* a companion of all *them* that fear thee,  
 And of them that observe thy precepts.

<sup>716</sup> Or, Wherein

<sup>717</sup> Or, That

<sup>718</sup> Or, Horror

<sup>719</sup> Or, That

<sup>720</sup> Or, Jehovah *is* my portion, have I said:  
*That* I may observe thy words.

64 The earth, O Jehovah, is full of thy lovingkindness:  
Teach my thy statutes.

HTET ʋ

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant,  
O Jehovah, according unto thy word.  
66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge;  
For I have believed in thy commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray;  
But now I observe thy word.

68 Thou *art* good, and doest good;  
Teach me thy statutes.

69 *The* proud have forged a lie against me:  
With *my* whole heart will I keep thy precepts.

70 Their heart is *as* fat as grease;  
*But* I delight in thy law.

71 *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted;  
That I may learn thy statutes.

72 *The* law of thy mouth *is* better unto me  
Than thousands of gold and silver.

DOY ʁ

73 Thy hands have made me and <sup>721</sup>fashioned me:  
Give me understanding, that I may learn thy  
commandments.

74 They that fear thee shall see me and be glad,  
Because I have hoped in thy word.

75 I know, O Jehovah, that thy judgments *are* righteous,  
And *that* in faithfulness thou hast afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray thee, thy lovingkindness be for my  
comfort,  
According to thy word unto thy servant.

77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may  
live;  
For thy law is my delight.

78 Let *the* proud be put to shame; for they have  
overthrown me <sup>722</sup>wrongfully:  
*But* I will meditate on thy precepts.

79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me;  
<sup>723</sup>And they shall know thy testimonies.

80 Let my heart be perfect in thy statutes,  
That I be not put to shame.

HPAK ʘ

81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation;  
*But* I hope in thy word.

82 Mine eyes fail for thy word,  
While I say, When wilt thou comfort me?

83 For I am become like a wine-skin in *the* smoke;  
*Yet* do I not forget thy statutes.

84 How many *are the* days of thy servant?  
When wilt thou execute judgment on them that  
persecute me?

85 *The* proud have digged pits for me,

<sup>721</sup> *Or*, established me:

<sup>722</sup> *Or*, with falsehood *Also in vs. 86.*

<sup>723</sup> *Hb<sup>mg</sup> reads* Even they that know thy testimonies.

Who *are* not according to thy law.

86 All thy commandments *are* faithful:  
They persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth;  
But I forsook not thy precepts.

88 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness;  
So shall I observe *the* testimony of thy mouth.

DEMAL ʎ

89 For ever, O Jehovah,  
Thy word is settled in heaven.

90 Thy faithfulness *is* unto all generations:  
Thou hast established *the* earth, and it abideth.

91 <sup>724</sup>They abide *this* day according to thine ordinances;  
For all *things are* thy servants.

92 Unless thy law *had been* my delight,  
I should then have perished in mine affliction.

93 I will never forget thy precepts;  
For with them thou hast quickened me.

94 I *am* thine, save me;  
For I have sought thy precepts.

95 *The* wicked have waited for me, to destroy me;  
*But* I will consider thy testimonies.

96 I have seen an end of all perfection;  
*But* thy commandment *is* exceeding broad.

MEM ʎ

97 Oh how love I thy law!  
*It is* my meditation all the day.

98 <sup>725</sup>Thy commandments make me wiser than mine  
enemies;

For they *are* ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers;  
For thy testimonies *are* my meditation.

100 I understand more than *the* aged,  
Because I have kept thy precepts.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way,  
That I might observe thy word.

102 I have not turned aside from thine ordinances;  
For thou hast taught me.

103 How sweet are thy words unto my <sup>726</sup>taste!  
*Yes, sweeter* than honey to my mouth!

104 Through thy precepts I get understanding:  
Therefore I hate every false way.

NUN ʎ

105 Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet,  
And light unto my path.

106 I have sworn, and have confirmed *it*,  
That I will observe thy righteous ordinances.

107 I am afflicted very much:  
Quicken me, O Jehovah, according unto thy word.

<sup>724</sup> *Or*, As for thine ordinances, they abide this day;

<sup>725</sup> *Or*, Thou through thy commandments makest me

<sup>726</sup> *Hb.* palate

108 Accept, I beseech thee, *the* freewill-offerings of my mouth, O Jehovah,  
 And teach me thine ordinances.  
 109 My soul *is* continually in my hand;  
 Yet do I not forget thy law.  
 110 *The* wicked have laid a snare for me;  
 Yet have I not gone astray from thy precepts.  
 111 Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever;  
 For they *are the* rejoicing of my heart.  
 112 I have inclined my heart to perform thy statutes  
 For ever, *even unto the* end.

HCEMAS օ

113 I hate *them that are of a* <sup>727</sup>divided mind;  
 But thy law do I love.  
 114 Thou *art* my hiding-place and my shield:  
 I hope in thy word.  
 115 Depart from me, ye evil-doers,  
 That I may keep *the* commandments of my God.  
 116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live;  
 And let me not be ashamed of my hope.  
 117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe,  
 And shall have respect unto thy statutes continually.  
 118 Thou hast set at nought all them that err from thy statutes;  
 For their deceit *is* <sup>728</sup>falsehood.  
 119 Thou <sup>729</sup>puttest away all *the* wicked of *the* earth  
*like* dross:  
 Therefore I love thy testimonies.  
 120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee;  
 And I am afraid of thy judgments.

NIYA ַ

121 I have done justice and righteousness:  
 Leave me not to mine oppressors.  
 122 Be surety for thy servant for good:  
 Let not *the* proud oppress me.  
 123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation,  
 And for thy righteous word.  
 124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy lovingkindness,  
 And teach me thy statutes.  
 125 I *am* thy servant; give me understanding,  
 That I may know thy testimonies.  
 126 *It is* time for Jehovah to work;  
 For they have made void thy law.  
 127 Therefore I love thy commandments  
 Above gold, yes, above fine gold.  
 128 Therefore I esteem all *thy* precepts *concerning* all  
*things to be* right  
 And I hate every false way.

EP փ

129 Thy testimonies *are* wonderful;

<sup>727</sup> *Or*, double Cf. similar *Hb.* word sides in 1Ki 18:21.

<sup>728</sup> *Or*, vain.

<sup>729</sup> *Hb.* causeth to cease all *the* wicked

Therefore doth my soul keep them.  
 130 *The* opening of thy words giveth light;  
 It giveth understanding unto *the* simple.  
 131 I opened wide my mouth, and panted;  
 For I longed for thy commandments.  
 132 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me,  
 As thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.  
 133 Establish my footsteps in thy word;  
 And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.  
 134 Redeem me from *the* oppression of man:  
 So will I observe thy precepts.  
 135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant;  
 And teach me thy statutes.  
 136 Streams of water run down mine eyes,  
 Because they observe not thy law.

IDDAZT ִ

137 Righteous *art* thou, O Jehovah,  
 And upright <sup>730</sup>*are* thy judgments.  
 138 Thou hast commanded thy testimonies in  
 righteousness  
 And very faithfulness.  
 139 My zeal hath <sup>731</sup>consumed me,  
 Because mine adversaries have forgotten thy words.  
 140 Thy word *is* very <sup>732</sup>pure;  
 Therefore thy servant loveth it.  
 141 I *am* small and despised;  
 Yet do I not forget thy precepts.  
 142 Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness,  
 And thy law *is* truth.  
 143 Trouble and anguish have <sup>733</sup>taken hold on me;  
 Yet thy commandments *are* my delight.  
 144 Thy testimonies *are* righteous for ever:  
 Give me understanding, and I shall live.

HPOQ ֑

145 I have called with *my* whole heart; answer me,  
 O Jehovah:  
 I will keep thy statutes.  
 146 I have called unto thee; save me,  
 And I shall observe thy testimonies.  
 147 I anticipated the dawning of *the* morning, and cried:  
 I hoped in thy words.  
 148 Mine eyes anticipated *the* night-watches,  
 That I might meditate on thy word.  
 149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness:  
 Quicken me, O Jehovah, <sup>734</sup>according to thine  
 ordinances.  
 150 They draw nigh <sup>735</sup>that follow after wickedness;  
 They are far from thy law.

<sup>730</sup> *Or*, in thy judgments.

<sup>731</sup> *Hb.* cut me off,

<sup>732</sup> *Hb.* tried; *or*, refined;

<sup>733</sup> *Or*, found me;

<sup>734</sup> *Or*, as thou art wont.

<sup>735</sup> *Or*, that persecute *me* with wickedness;

151 Thou *art* nigh, O Jehovah;  
 And all thy commandments *are* truth.  
 152 Of old have I known from thy testimonies,  
 That thou hast founded them for ever.

HSER 7

153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me;  
 For I do not forget thy law.  
 154 Plead thou my cause, and ransom me:  
 Quicken me according to thy word.  
 155 Salvation *is* far from *the* wicked;  
 For they seek not thy statutes.  
 156 Great *are* thy tender mercies, O Jehovah:  
 Quicken me according to thine ordinances.  
 157 Many *are* my persecutors and mine adversaries;  
 Yet have I not swerved from thy testimonies.  
 158 I beheld the treacherous, and <sup>736</sup>was grieved,  
 Because they observe not thy word.  
 159 Consider how I love thy precepts:  
 Quicken me, O Jehovah, according to thy  
 lovingkindness.  
 160 *The* sum of thy word *is* truth;  
 And every one of thy righteous ordinances *endureth*  
 for ever.

NIHS ʍ

161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause;  
 But my heart standeth in awe of thy words.  
 162 I rejoice at thy word,  
 As one that findeth great spoil.  
 163 I hate and abhor falsehood;  
 But thy law do I love.  
 164 Seven times *a* day do I praise thee,  
 Because of thy righteous ordinances.  
 165 Great peace have they that love thy law;  
 And they have no occasion of stumbling.  
 166 I have hoped for thy salvation, O Jehovah,  
 And have done thy commandments.  
 167 My soul hath observed thy testimonies;  
 And I love them exceedingly.  
 168 I have observed thy precepts and thy testimonies;  
 For all my ways *are* before thee.

VAT ʎ

169 Let my cry come near before thee, O Jehovah:  
 Give me understanding according to thy word.  
 170 Let my supplication come before thee:  
 Deliver me according to thy word.  
 171 Let my lips utter praise;  
 For thou teachest me thy statutes.  
 172 Let my tongue sing of thy word;  
 For all thy commandments *are* righteousness.  
 173 Let thy hand be ready to help me;  
 For I have chosen thy precepts.  
 174 I have longed for thy salvation, O Jehovah;  
 And thy law *is* my delight.

<sup>736</sup> Or, loathed *them*,

175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee;  
 And let thine ordinances help me.  
 176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant;  
 For I do not forget thy commandments.

**Prayer for Deliverance from the Treacherous.**  
 A Song of Ascents.

**120** In my distress I cried unto Jehovah,  
 And he answered me.  
 2 Deliver my soul, O Jehovah, from lying lips,  
 And from a deceitful tongue.  
 3 What shall be given unto thee, and what shall be  
 done more unto thee,  
 Thou deceitful tongue?  
 4 <sup>737</sup>Sharp arrows of *the* mighty,  
 With coals of <sup>738</sup>juniper.  
 5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech,  
 That I dwell among *the* tents of Kedar!  
 6 My soul hath long had her dwelling  
 With him that hateth peace.  
 7 *I am for* peace:  
 But when I speak, they *are* for war.

**Jehovah the Keeper of Israel.**  
 A Song of Ascents.

**121** I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains:  
 From whence shall my help come?  
 2 My help *cometh* from Jehovah,  
 Who made heaven and earth.  
 3 <sup>739</sup>He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:  
 He that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel  
 Will neither slumber nor sleep.  
 5 Jehovah *is* thy keeper:  
 Jehovah *is* thy shade upon thy right hand.  
 6 The sun shall not smite thee by day,  
 Nor *the* moon by night.  
 7 Jehovah will keep thee from all evil;  
 He will keep thy soul.  
 8 Jehovah will keep thy going out and thy coming in  
 From this time forth and for evermore.

**Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem.**  
 A Song of Ascents; of David.

**122** I was glad when they said unto me,  
 Let us go unto *the* house of Jehovah.  
 2 <sup>740</sup>Our feet <sup>741</sup>are standing  
 Within thy gates, O Jerusalem,  
 3 Jerusalem, *that* art builded  
 As a city that is compact together;

<sup>737</sup> Or, *It is as* the sharp arrows of *the* mighty man,

<sup>738</sup> Or, broom.

<sup>739</sup> Or, Let him not suffer thy foot to be moved:  
 Let him not slumber that keepeth thee.

<sup>740</sup> So Massoretic, Sept., Vg. 11QPs<sup>a</sup> Aram. *read* My

<sup>741</sup> Or, have stood

4 Whither *the* tribes go up, even *the* tribes of  
<sup>742</sup>Jehovah,  
 For <sup>743</sup>an ordinance for Israel,  
 To give thanks unto *the* name of Jehovah.  
 5 For there <sup>744</sup>are set thrones for judgment,  
*The* thrones of *the* house of David.  
 6 <sup>745</sup>Pray for *the* peace of Jerusalem:  
<sup>746</sup>They shall prosper that love thee.  
 7 Peace be within thy walls,  
 And prosperity within thy palaces.  
 8 For my brethren and companions' sakes,  
 I will now <sup>747</sup>say, Peace *be* within thee.  
 9 For *the* sake of *the* house of Jehovah our God  
 I will seek thy good.

**An Expectant Prayer for Jehovah's Help.**  
 A Song of Ascents.

**123** Unto thee do I lift up mine eyes,  
 O thou that sittest in the heavens.  
 2 Behold, as *the* eyes of servants *look* unto *the* hand  
 of their master,  
 As *the* eyes of a maid unto *the* hand of her mistress;  
 So our eyes *look* unto Jehovah our God,  
 Until he have mercy upon us.  
 3 Have mercy upon us, O Jehovah, have mercy upon  
 us;  
 For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.  
 4 Our soul is exceedingly filled  
 With the scoffing of those *that* are at ease,  
 And with the contempt of *the* proud.

**Praise for Rescue from Enemies.**  
 A Song of Ascents; of David.

**124** If *it had not been* Jehovah who was on our side,  
 Let Israel now say,  
 2 If *it had not been* Jehovah who was on our side,  
 When men rose up against us;  
 3 Then they had swallowed us up alive,  
 When their wrath was kindled against us:  
 4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us,  
*The* stream had gone over our soul;  
 5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.  
 6 Blessed *be* Jehovah,  
 Who hath not given us *as* a prey to their teeth.  
 7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of *the* snare of *the*  
 fowlers:  
 The snare is broken, and we are escaped.  
 8 Our help *is* in *the* name of Jehovah,  
 Who made heaven and earth.

<sup>742</sup> *Hb.* Jah,  
<sup>743</sup> *Hb.* a testimony for Israel,  
<sup>744</sup> *Or,* were  
<sup>745</sup> *Or,* Salute ye Jerusalem:  
<sup>746</sup> *Or,* May they prosper that love thee.  
<sup>747</sup> *Or,* speak peace *concerning* thee.

**Jehovah round about his People.**  
 A Song of Ascents.

**125** They *that* trust in Jehovah  
 Are as mount Zion, *which* cannot be moved, *but*  
 abideth for ever.  
 2 As *the* mountains *are* round about Jerusalem,  
 So Jehovah *is* round about his people  
 From this time forth and for evermore.  
 3 For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest upon  
*the* lot of the righteous;  
 That the righteous put not forth their hands unto  
 iniquity.  
 4 Do good, O Jehovah, unto *those that are* good,  
 And to *them that are* upright in their hearts.  
 5 But as for such as turn aside unto their crooked  
 ways,  
 Jehovah will lead them forth with the workers of  
 iniquity.  
 Peace *be* upon Israel.

**Thanksgiving for Return from Captivity**  
 A song of Ascents.

**126** When Jehovah brought back <sup>748</sup>those that returned  
 to Zion,  
 We were like unto them that dream.  
 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
 And our tongue with singing:  
 Then said they among the nations,  
 Jehovah hath done great things for them.  
 3 Jehovah hath done great things for us,  
*Whereof* we are glad.  
 4 Turn again our captivity, O Jehovah,  
 As *the* streams in the South.  
 5 They *that* sow in tears shall reap in joy.  
 6 <sup>749</sup>He that goeth forth and weepeth, <sup>750</sup>bearing the  
 seed for sowing,  
 Shall doubtless come again with joy, bringing his  
 sheaves *with him*.

**Prosperity comes from Jehovah.**  
 A Song of Ascents; of Solomon.

**127** Except Jehovah build *the* house,  
 They labor in vain that build it:  
 Except Jehovah keep *the* city,  
*The* watchman waketh *but* in vain.  
 2 *It is* vain for you to rise up early,  
 To take rest late,  
 To eat the bread of toil;  
 For so he giveth unto his beloved <sup>751</sup>sleep.  
 3 Lo, children *are* a heritage of Jehovah;  
 And *the* fruit of the womb *is his* reward.

<sup>748</sup> *So* Massoretic. 4QPs<sup>a</sup> many Massoretic mss., Sept.  
*read* the captives to Zion,  
<sup>749</sup> 11QPs<sup>a\*</sup> Sept., Vg. *read* Those that go forth and  
 weep,  
<sup>750</sup> *Or,* bearing a measure of the seed,  
<sup>751</sup> *Or,* in sleep.

4 As arrows in *the* hand of a mighty man,  
 So *are the* children of youth.  
 5 Happy *is* the man that hath his quiver full of them:  
 They shall not be put to shame,  
 When they speak with *their* enemies in the gate.

**Blessedness of the Fear of Jehovah.**  
 A Song of Ascents.

**128** Blessed *is* every one that feareth Jehovah,  
 That walketh in his ways.  
 2 For thou shalt eat *the* labor of thy hands:  
 Happy *shalt* thou *be*, and *it shall be* well with thee.  
 3 Thy wife *shall be* as a fruitful vine,  
 In *the* innermost parts of thy house;  
 Thy children like olive plants,  
 Round about thy table.  
 4 Behold, thus shall *the* man be blessed  
 That feareth Jehovah.  
 5 Jehovah bless thee out of Zion:  
 And see thou *the* good of Jerusalem all *the* days of  
 thy life.  
 6 Yes, see thou thy children's children.  
<sup>752</sup>Peace be upon Israel.

**Prayer for the Overthrow of Zion's Enemies.**  
 A Song of Ascents.

**129** <sup>753</sup>Many a time have they afflicted me from my  
 youth up,  
 Let Israel now say,  
 2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth  
 up:  
 Yet they have not prevailed against me.  
 3 *The* plowers plowed upon my back;  
 They made long their furrows.  
 4 Jehovah *is* righteous:  
 He hath cut asunder *the* cords of *the* wicked.  
 5 Let them be put to shame and turned backward,  
 All they that hate Zion.  
 6 Let them be as *the* grass upon *the* housetops,  
 Which withereth before it <sup>754</sup>groweth up;  
 7 Wherewith *the* reaper filleth not his hand,  
 Nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom:  
 8 Neither do they *that* go by say,  
*The* blessing of Jehovah *be* upon you;  
 We bless you in *the* name of Jehovah.

**Hope in the Lord's Forgiving Love.**  
 A Song of Ascents.

**130** Out of *the* depths have I cried unto thee,  
 O Jehovah.  
 2 <sup>755</sup>Jehovah, hear my voice:

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<sup>752</sup> *Or*, And peace upon Israel.  
<sup>753</sup> *Or*, Much have they afflicted me *And* in vs. 2.  
<sup>754</sup> *Or*, is plucked up;  
<sup>755</sup> Sopherim *changed to* Lord,

Let thine ears be attentive  
 To *the* voice of my supplications.  
 3 If thou, <sup>756</sup>Jehovah, shouldest mark iniquities,  
<sup>757</sup>O Jehovah, who could stand?  
 4 But *there is* forgiveness with thee,  
 That thou mayest be feared.  
 5 I wait for Jehovah, my soul doth wait,  
*And* in his word do I hope.  
 6 My soul *waiteth* for <sup>758</sup>Jehovah  
 More than watchmen *wait* for the morning;  
*Yes, more than* watchmen for the morning.  
 7 O Israel, hope in Jehovah;  
 For with Jehovah *there is* lovingkindness,  
 And with him *is* plenteous redemption.  
 8 And he will redeem Israel  
 From all his iniquities.

**Childlike Trust in Jehovah.**  
 A Song of Ascents; of David.

**131** Jehovah, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes  
 lofty;  
 Neither do I <sup>759</sup>exercise myself in great matters,  
 Or in things too wonderful for me.  
 2 Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul;  
 Like a weaned child with his mother,  
 Like *a* weaned child *is* my soul within me.  
 3 O Israel, hope in Jehovah  
 From this time forth and for evermore.

**Prayer for Jehovah's Blessing upon the Sanctuary.**  
 A Song of Ascents.

**132** Jehovah, remember for David  
 All his affliction;  
 2 How he sware unto Jehovah,  
*And* vowed unto *the* Mighty One of Jacob:  
 3 Surely I will not come into *the* tent of my house,  
 Nor go up into <sup>760</sup>my bed;  
 4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes,  
*Or* slumber to mine eyelids;  
 5 Until I find out a place for Jehovah,  
<sup>761</sup>A tabernacle for *the* Mighty One of Jacob.  
 6 Lo, we heard of it in <sup>762</sup>Ephrathah:  
 We found it in *the* field of <sup>763</sup>*the* wood.  
 7 We will go into his tabernacles;  
 We will worship at his footstool.  
 8 Arise, O Jehovah, into thy resting-place;  
 Thou, and *the* ark of thy strength.

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<sup>756</sup> *Hb.* Jah,  
<sup>757</sup> Sopherim *changed to* O Lord,  
<sup>758</sup> Sopherim *changed to* the Lord  
<sup>759</sup> *Hb.* walk in great matters,  
<sup>760</sup> *Hb.* the couch of my beds;  
<sup>761</sup> *Hb.* Tabernacles  
<sup>762</sup> *Or*, Ephraim:  
<sup>763</sup> *Or*, Jaar. See 1Chr 13:5.

- 9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;  
And let thy saints shout for joy.  
10 For thy servant David's sake  
Turn not away *the* face of thine anointed.  
11 Jehovah hath sworn unto David *in* truth;  
He will not turn from it:  
Of *the* fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.  
12 If thy children will keep my covenant  
And my testimony that I shall teach them,  
Their children also shall sit upon thy throne for  
evermore.  
13 For Jehovah hath chosen Zion;  
He hath desired *it* for his habitation.  
14 This *is* my resting-place for ever:  
Here will I dwell; for I have desired it.  
15 I will <sup>764</sup>abundantly bless her provision:  
I will satisfy her poor with bread.  
16 Her priests also will I clothe with salvation;  
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.  
17 There will I make <sup>765</sup>*the* horn of David to bud:  
I have <sup>766</sup>ordained a lamp for mine anointed.  
18 His enemies will I clothe with shame;  
But upon himself shall his crown flourish.

**The Excellency of Brotherly Unity.**

A Song of Ascents; of David.

- 133** Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is*  
For brethren to dwell together in unity!  
2 *It is* like the precious oil upon the head,  
That ran down upon the beard,  
*Even* Aaron's beard;  
That came down upon *the* <sup>767</sup>collar of his garments;  
3 *Like the* dew of Hermon,  
That cometh down upon *the* mountains of Zion:  
For there Jehovah commanded the blessing,  
*Even* life for evermore.

**Greetings of Night-watchers.**

A Song of Ascents.

- 134** Behold, bless ye Jehovah, all ye servants of  
Jehovah,  
That by night stand in *the* house of Jehovah.  
2 Lift up your hands <sup>768</sup>*to the* Holy,  
And bless ye Jehovah.  
3 Jehovah bless thee out of Zion;  
Even he that made heaven and earth.

<sup>764</sup> *Or*, surely

<sup>765</sup> *Or*, a horn to spring forth unto David:

<sup>766</sup> *Or*, prepared

<sup>767</sup> *Or*, skirt of his garments;

<sup>768</sup> *Or*, *to the* sanctuary, *or*, *in* holiness,

**Praise for Jehovah's wonderful Works.  
Vanity of Idols.**

- 135** <sup>769</sup>Praise ye Jehovah.  
Praise ye the name of Jehovah;  
Praise *him*, O ye servants of Jehovah,  
2 Ye that stand in *the* house of Jehovah,  
In *the* courts of *the* house of our God.  
3 Praise ye <sup>770</sup>Jehovah; for Jehovah *is* good:  
Sing praises unto his name; for it *is* pleasant.  
4 For Jehovah hath chosen Jacob unto himself,  
*And* Israel for his own possession.  
5 For I know that Jehovah *is* great,  
And *that* our Lord *is* above all gods.  
6 Whatsoever Jehovah pleased, *that* hath he done,  
In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps;  
7 Who causeth *the* vapors to ascend from *the* ends of  
the earth;  
Who maketh lightnings for the rain;  
Who bringeth forth *the* wind out of his treasures;  
8 Who smote *the* firstborn of Egypt,  
Both of man and beast;  
9 *Who* sent signs and wonders into *the* midst of thee,  
O Egypt,  
Upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants;  
10 Who smote <sup>771</sup>many nations,  
And slew mighty kings,  
11 Sihon king of the Amorites,  
And Og king of Bashan,  
And all *the* kingdoms of Canaan,  
12 And gave their land *for* a heritage,  
A heritage unto Israel his people.  
13 Thy name, O Jehovah, *endureth* for ever;  
Thy memorial *name*, O Jehovah, throughout all  
generations.  
14 For Jehovah will judge his people,  
And repent himself concerning his servants.  
15 *The* idols of the nations *are* silver and gold,  
*The* work of men's hands.  
16 They have mouths, but they speak not;  
Eyes have they, but they see not;  
17 They have ears, but they hear not;  
Neither is there *any* breath in their mouths.  
18 They that make them shall be like unto them;  
*Yes*, every one that trusteth in them.  
19 O house of Israel, bless ye Jehovah:  
O house of Aaron, bless ye Jehovah:  
20 O house of Levi, bless ye Jehovah:  
Ye that fear Jehovah, bless ye Jehovah.  
21 Blessed be Jehovah out of Zion,  
Who dwelleth at Jerusalem.  
<sup>772</sup>Praise ye Jehovah.

<sup>769</sup> *Hb.* Hallelujah.

<sup>770</sup> *Hb.* Jah; *And in* vs. 4.

<sup>771</sup> *Or*, great nations,

<sup>772</sup> *Hb.* Hallelujah.



**Thanks for Jehovah's Goodness to Israel.**

- 136** Oh give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 2 Oh give thanks unto the God of gods;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 3 Oh give thanks unto the Lord of lords;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 4 To him who alone doeth great wonders;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 5 To him that by understanding made the heavens;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 6 To him that spread forth the earth above the waters;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 7 To him that made great lights;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 8 The sun to rule by day;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 9 The moon and stars to rule by night;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 10 To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 11 And brought out Israel from among them;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 12 With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 13 To him that divided *the* Red Sea in sunder;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 14 And made Israel to pass through *the* midst of it;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 15 But <sup>773</sup>overthrew Pharaoh and his host in *the* Red Sea;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 16 To him that led his people through the wilderness;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 17 To him that smote great kings;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 18 And slew famous kings;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 19 Sihon king of the Amorites;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 20 And Og king of Bashan;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 21 And gave their land for a heritage;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 22 *Even* a heritage unto Israel his servant;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 23 Who remembered us in our low estate;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 24 And hath delivered us from our adversaries;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 25 Who giveth food to all flesh;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
- 26 Oh give thanks unto the God of heaven;  
For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.

<sup>773</sup> *Hb.* shook off Pharaoh and his host *etc.*

**An Experience of the Captivity.**

- 137** By *the* rivers of Babylon,  
There we sat down, yes, we wept,  
When we remembered Zion.
- 2 Upon *the* willows in *the* midst thereof  
We hanged up our harps.
- 3 For there they that led us captive required of us  
<sup>774</sup>songs,  
And <sup>775</sup>they that wasted us *required of us* mirth,  
*saying*,  
Sing us *one of the* songs of Zion.
- 4 How shall we sing Jehovah's song  
In a foreign land?
- 5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,  
Let my right hand forget *her skill*.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to *the* roof of my mouth,  
If I remember thee not;  
If I prefer not Jerusalem  
Above my chief joy.
- 7 Remember, O Jehovah, against *the* children of Edom  
The day of Jerusalem;  
Who said, *Rase it, rase it,*  
*Even* to the foundation thereof.
- 8 O daughter of Babylon, <sup>776</sup>*that art* to be destroyed,  
Happy *shall he be*, that rewardeth thee  
As thou hast served us.
- 9 Happy *shall he be*, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones  
Against the rock.

**Thanksgiving for Jehovah's Favor.**

*A Psalm of David.*

- 138** I will give thee thanks, <sup>777</sup>O Jehovah, with my whole heart:  
Before *the* gods will I sing praises unto thee.
- 2 I will worship toward thy holy temple,  
And give thanks unto thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth:  
For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
- 3 In *the* day that I called thou answeredst me,  
Thou didst encourage me *with* strength in my soul.
- 4 All *the* kings of *the* earth shall give thee thanks,  
O Jehovah,  
For they have heard *the* words of thy mouth.
- 5 Yes, they shall sing of *the* ways of Jehovah;  
For great *is the* glory of Jehovah.
- 6 For though Jehovah *is* high, yet hath he respect unto *the* lowly;  
But *the* haughty he knoweth from afar.

<sup>774</sup> *Hb.* words of song,

<sup>775</sup> *Or*, our tormentors *required*

<sup>776</sup> *Or*, *that art* laid waste,

<sup>777</sup> *So* 11QPs<sup>a</sup> Sept., Vg. *Most* Massoretic mss., Aram. *omit* O Jehovah,

7 Though I walk in *the* midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me;  
 Thou wilt stretch forth thy hand against *the* wrath of mine enemies,  
 And thy right hand will save me.  
 8 Jehovah will perfect *that which* concerneth me:  
 Thy lovingkindness, O Jehovah, *endureth* for ever;  
 Forsake not *the* works of thine own hands.

**God's Omnipresence and Omniscience.**  
 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

**139** O Jehovah, thou hast searched me, and known *me*.  
 2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising;  
 Thou understandest my thought afar off.  
 3 Thou <sup>778</sup>searchest out my path and my lying down,  
 And art acquainted *with* all my ways.  
 4 For *there is* not a word in my tongue,  
*But*, lo, O Jehovah, thou knowest it altogether.  
 5 Thou hast beset me behind and before,  
 And laid thy hand upon me.  
 6 *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me;  
 It is high, I cannot *attain* unto it.  
 7 Whither shall I go from thy Spirit?  
 Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?  
 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there:  
 If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou *art there*.  
 9 If I take *the* wings of *the* morning,  
 And dwell in *the* uttermost parts of *the* sea;  
 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me,  
 And thy right hand shall hold me.  
 11 If I say, Surely *the* darkness shall <sup>779</sup>overwhelm me,  
<sup>780</sup>And *the* light about me shall be night;  
 12 Even *the* darkness hideth not from thee,  
 But *the* night shineth as the day:  
 The darkness and the light *are* both alike *to thee*.  
 13 For thou didst <sup>781</sup>form my <sup>782</sup>inward parts:  
 Thou didst <sup>783</sup>cover me in my mother's womb.  
 14 I will give thanks unto thee; for I am fearfully *and*  
 wonderfully made:  
 Wonderful *are* thy works;  
 And my soul knoweth *that* right well.  
 15 My frame was not hidden from thee,  
 When I was made in secret,  
 And curiously wrought in *the* lowest parts of *the*  
 earth.  
 16 Thine eyes did see mine unformed substance;  
 And in thy book they were all written,  
*Even the* days that were ordained *for me*,  
 When *as yet there was* none of them.

<sup>778</sup> *Or*, winnowest my path  
<sup>779</sup> *Or*, cover Cf. Ge 3:15 and footnote.  
<sup>780</sup> *Or*, Then *the* night shall be light about me;  
<sup>781</sup> *Lit.* acquire  
<sup>782</sup> *Hb.* kidneys: *or*, reins:  
<sup>783</sup> *Or*, knit me together in my mother's womb.

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me,  
 O God!  
 How great is *the* sum of them!  
 18 If I should count them, they are more in number  
 than *the* sand:  
 When I awake, I am still with thee.  
 19 <sup>784</sup>Surely thou wilt slay *the* wicked, O God:  
 Depart from me therefore, ye bloodthirsty men.  
 20 For they <sup>785</sup>speak against thee wickedly,  
 And thine enemies <sup>786</sup>take *thy name* in vain.  
 21 Do not I hate them, O Jehovah, that hate thee?  
 And <sup>787</sup>am not I grieved with those that rise up  
 against thee?  
 22 I hate them with perfect hatred:  
 They are become mine enemies.  
 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart:  
 Try me, and know my thoughts;  
 24 And see if *there be any* <sup>788</sup>wicked way in me,  
 And lead me in *the* everlasting.

**Prayer for Protection against the Wicked.**  
 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

**140** Deliver me, O Jehovah, from *the* evil man;  
 Preserve me from *the* violent man:  
 2 Who devise mischiefs in *their* heart;  
 Continually do they <sup>789</sup>gather themselves together  
 for war.  
 3 They have sharpened their tongue like a serpent;  
 Adders' poison *is* under their lips. [Selah]  
 4 Keep me, O Jehovah, from *the* hands of *the* wicked;  
 Preserve me from *the* violent man:  
 Who have purposed to thrust aside my steps.  
 5 *The* proud have hid a snare for me, and cords;  
 They have spread a net by the wayside;  
 They have set gins for me. [Selah]  
 6 I said unto Jehovah, Thou *art* my God:  
 Give ear unto *the* voice of my supplications,  
 O Jehovah.  
 7 O Jehovah *the* Lord, *the* strength of my salvation,  
 Thou hast covered my head in *the* day of battle.  
 8 Grant not, O Jehovah, *the* desires of *the* wicked;  
 Further not his evil device, *lest* they exalt  
 themselves. [Selah]  
 9 *As for* *the* head of those that compass me about,  
 Let *the* mischief of their own lips cover them.  
 10 Let burning coals fall upon them:  
 Let them be cast into the fire,  
 Into <sup>790</sup>deep pits, whence they shall not rise.

<sup>784</sup> *Or*, Oh that thou wouldest slay *the* wicked, O God!  
<sup>785</sup> *Or*, utter thy name (*Hb.* thee) wickedly,  
*Hb*<sup>mg</sup> reads rebel against thee wickedly,  
<sup>786</sup> *Or*, lift themselves up against thee for vanity.  
<sup>787</sup> *Or*, do not I loathe those that rise up  
<sup>788</sup> *Or*, way of pain in me,  
<sup>789</sup> *Or*, stir up wars.  
<sup>790</sup> *Or*, floods

- 11 <sup>791</sup>An evil speaker shall not be established in the earth:  
 Evil shall hunt *the* violent man to overthrow *him*.  
 12 I know that Jehovah will maintain *the* cause of the afflicted,  
 And justice for *the* needy.  
 13 Surely *the* righteous shall give thanks unto thy name:  
*The* upright shall dwell in thy presence.

**An Evening Prayer for Sanctification and Protection.**  
 A Psalm of David.

- 141** Jehovah, I have called upon thee; make haste unto me:  
 Give ear unto my voice, when I call unto thee.  
 2 Let my prayer be set forth *as* incense before thee;  
*The* lifting up of my hands *as the* evening <sup>792</sup>sacrifice.  
 3 Set a watch, O Jehovah, before my mouth;  
 Keep *the* door of my lips.  
 4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing,  
 To practise deeds of wickedness  
 With men that work iniquity:  
 And let me not eat of their dainties.  
 5 Let *the* righteous smite me, *it shall be* a kindness;  
 And let him reprove me, *it shall be as* oil upon *the* head;  
 Let not my head refuse it:  
 For <sup>793</sup>even in their <sup>794</sup>wickedness *shall* my prayer continue.  
 6 Their judges are thrown down by *the* sides of *the* rock;  
 And they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.  
 7 As when one ploweth and cleaveth the earth,  
 Our bones are scattered at *the* mouth of Sheol.  
 8 For mine eyes *are* unto thee, O Jehovah *the* Lord:  
 In thee do I take refuge; <sup>795</sup>leave not my soul destitute.  
 9 Keep me from *the* snare *which* they have laid for me,  
 And from *the* gins of *the* workers of iniquity.  
 10 Let *the* wicked fall into their own nets,  
 Whilst that I withal <sup>796</sup>escape.

**Prayer for Help in Trouble.**  
 Maskil of David, when he was in the cave; a Prayer.

- 142** I cry with my voice unto Jehovah;  
 With my voice unto Jehovah do I make supplication.  
 2 I pour out my complaint before him;  
 I show before him my trouble.

<sup>791</sup> *Hb.* A man of tongue shall not be established  
<sup>792</sup> *Or,* oblation.  
<sup>793</sup> *Or,* still *is* my prayer against their wickedness.  
<sup>794</sup> *Or,* calamities  
<sup>795</sup> *Or,* pour thou not out my life.  
<sup>796</sup> *Hb.* pass over.

- 3 When my spirit <sup>797</sup>was overwhelmed within me,  
 Thou knewest my path.  
 In *the* way wherein I walk  
 Have they hidden a snare for me.  
 4 <sup>798</sup>Look on *my* right hand, and see;  
 For *there is* no man that knoweth me:  
 Refuge hath failed me;  
 No man careth for my soul.  
 5 I cried unto thee, O Jehovah;  
 I said, Thou *art* my refuge,  
 My portion in *the* land of *the* living.  
 6 Attend unto my cry;  
 For I am brought very low:  
 Deliver me from my persecutors;  
 For they are stronger than I.  
 7 Bring my soul out of prison,  
 That I may give thanks unto thy name:  
*The* righteous shall <sup>799</sup>compass me about;  
 For thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

**Prayer for Deliverance and Guidance.**  
 A Psalm of David.

- 143** Hear my prayer, O Jehovah; give ear to my supplications:  
 In thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness.  
 2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant;  
 For in thy sight no man living is righteous.  
 3 For *the* enemy hath persecuted my soul;  
 He hath smitten my life down to the ground:  
 He hath made me to dwell in dark places, as those that have been long dead.  
 4 Therefore <sup>800</sup>is my spirit overwhelmed within me;  
 My heart within me is desolate.  
 5 I remember *the* days of old;  
 I meditate on all thy doings;  
 I muse on *the* work of thy hands.  
 6 I spread forth my hands unto thee:  
 My soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a weary land. [Selah]  
 7 Make haste to answer me, O Jehovah; my spirit faileth:  
 Hide not thy face from me,  
 Lest I become like them that go down into *the* pit.  
 8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning;  
 For in thee do I trust:  
 Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk;  
 For I lift up my soul unto thee.  
 9 Deliver me, O Jehovah, from mine enemies:  
<sup>801</sup>I flee unto thee to hide me.

<sup>797</sup> *Or,* fainted  
<sup>798</sup> *So* Massoretic. 11QPs<sup>a</sup> Sept., Vg. (Aram.)  
*read* I look on my right hand and I see;  
<sup>799</sup> *Or,* crown themselves because of me;  
<sup>800</sup> *Or,* my spirit fainteth within me;  
<sup>801</sup> *Hb.* Unto thee have I hidden.

- 10 Teach me to do thy will;  
 For thou *art* my God:  
<sup>802</sup>Thy Spirit *is* good;  
 Lead me in <sup>803</sup>*the* land of uprightness.  
 11 Quicken me, O Jehovah, for thy name's sake:  
 In thy righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.  
 12 And in thy lovingkindness cut off mine enemies,  
 And destroy all them that afflict my soul;  
 For I *am* thy servant.

**Prayer for Rescue and Prosperity.**

*A Psalm of David.*

- 144** Blessed *be* Jehovah my rock,  
 Who teacheth my hands to war,  
 And my fingers to fight:  
 2 My lovingkindness, and my fortress,  
 My high tower, and my deliverer;  
 My shield, and *he* in whom I take refuge;  
 Who subdueth <sup>804</sup>my people under me.  
 3 Jehovah, what *is* man, that thou takest knowledge  
 of him?  
*Or the son of man, that thou makest account of him?*  
 4 Man is like to <sup>805</sup>vanity:  
 His days *are* as a shadow that passeth away.  
 5 Bow thy heavens, O Jehovah, and come down:  
 Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.  
 6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them;  
 Send out thine arrows, and discomfit them.  
 7 Stretch forth thy hand from above;  
 Rescue me, and deliver me out of great waters,  
 Out of *the* hand of aliens;  
 8 Whose mouth speaketh deceit,  
 And whose right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.  
 9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God:  
 Upon a psaltery of ten strings will I sing praises  
 unto thee.  
 10 *Thou art he* that giveth salvation unto kings;  
 Who rescueth David his servant from *the* hurtful  
 sword.  
 11 Rescue me, and deliver me out of *the* hand of aliens,  
 Whose mouth speaketh deceit,  
 And whose right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.  
 12 When our sons *shall be* as plants grown up in their  
 youth,  
 And our daughters as cornerstones hewn after *the*  
 fashion of a palace;  
 13 *When* our garners *are* full, affording all manner of  
 store,  
 And our sheep bring forth thousands and ten  
 thousands in our fields;  
 14 *When* our oxen *are* well laden;

<sup>802</sup> *Or*, Let thy good Spirit lead me in *the* land *etc.*

<sup>803</sup> *Or*, a plain country.

<sup>804</sup> 11QPs<sup>a</sup>, some mss., Aram read peoples under me.

<sup>805</sup> *Hb.* a breath:

- When there is* no breaking in, and no <sup>806</sup>going forth,  
 And no outcry in our streets:  
 15 Happy *is* the people that *is* in such a case;  
*Yes, happy is* the people whose God *is* Jehovah.

**Jehovah extolled for his Goodness.**

*A Psalm of praise; of David.*

- 145** I will extol thee, my God, O King;  
 And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.  
 2 Every day will I bless thee,  
 And I will praise thy name for ever and ever.  
 3 Great *is* Jehovah, and greatly to be praised;  
 And his greatness *is* unsearchable.  
 4 *One* generation shall laud thy works to another,  
 And shall declare thy mighty acts.  
 5 Of *the* glorious majesty of thine honor,  
 And of thy wondrous works, will I meditate.  
 6 And *men* shall speak of *the* might of thy awesome  
 acts;  
 And I will declare thy greatness.  
 7 They shall utter *the* memory of thy great goodness,  
 And shall sing of thy righteousness.  
 8 Jehovah *is* gracious, and merciful;  
 Slow to anger, and of great lovingkindness.  
 9 Jehovah *is* good to all;  
 And his tender mercies *are* over all his works.  
 10 All thy works shall give thanks unto thee,  
 O Jehovah;  
 And thy saints shall bless thee.  
 11 They shall speak of *the* glory of thy kingdom,  
 And talk of thy power;  
 12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts,  
 And *the* glory of *the* majesty of his kingdom.  
 13 Thy kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom,  
 And thy dominion *endureth* throughout all  
 generations.  
 13<sup>b</sup> <sup>807</sup>God *is* faithful in his words,  
 And gracious in all his works.  
 14 Jehovah upholdeth all that fall,  
 And raiseth up all those that *are* bowed down.  
 15 *The* eyes of all wait for thee;  
 And thou givest them their food in due season.  
 16 Thou openest thy hand,  
 And <sup>808</sup>satisfiest *the* desire of every living thing.  
 17 Jehovah *is* righteous in all his ways,  
 And gracious in all his works.  
 18 Jehovah *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him,  
 To all that call upon him in truth.

<sup>806</sup> *Or*, sallying,

<sup>807</sup> So 11QPs<sup>a</sup> Sept., Aram., Vg. *Most* Massoretic mss. omit this sentence. *In the Hebrew, this is an alphabetic psalm, which seems to require such a verse beginning with the Hb. letter ך (n) nun ,ך [There are 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet.]*

11QPs<sup>a</sup> alone reads God (*Hb.* elohim) for Jehovah

<sup>808</sup> *Or*, satisfiest every living thing with favor.

19 He will fulfil *the* desire of them that fear him;  
 He also will hear their cry, and will save them.  
 20 Jehovah preserveth all them that love him;  
 But all the wicked will he destroy.  
 21 My mouth shall speak *the* praise of Jehovah;  
 And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and  
 ever.

**Jehovah an abundant Helper.**

**146** <sup>809</sup>Praise ye Jehovah.  
 Praise Jehovah, O my soul.  
 2 While I live will I praise Jehovah:  
 I will sing praises unto my God while I have any  
 being.  
 3 Put not your trust in princes,  
*Nor* in a son of man, in whom *there is* no help.  
 4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth;  
 In that very day his <sup>810</sup>thoughts perish.  
 5 Happy *is he* that *hath the* God of Jacob for his help,  
 Whose hope *is* in Jehovah his God:  
 6 Who made heaven and earth,  
 The sea, and all that in them *is*;  
 Who keepeth truth for ever;  
 7 Who executeth justice for the oppressed;  
 Who giveth food to the hungry.  
 Jehovah looseth *the* prisoners;  
 8 Jehovah openeth *the eyes of the* blind;  
 Jehovah raiseth up them that are bowed down;  
 Jehovah loveth *the* righteous;  
 9 Jehovah preserveth the sojourners;  
 He upholdeth *the* fatherless and widow;  
 But *the* way of *the* wicked he <sup>811</sup>turneth upside down.  
 10 Jehovah will reign for ever,  
 Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.  
<sup>812</sup>Praise ye Jehovah.

**Praise for Jerusalem's Restoration and Prosperity.**

**147** <sup>813</sup>Praise ye Jehovah;  
<sup>814</sup>For *it is* good to sing praises unto our God;<sup>815</sup>  
 For *it is* pleasant, *and* praise *is* comely.  
 2 Jehovah doth build up Jerusalem;  
 He gathereth together *the* outcasts of Israel.  
 3 He healeth *the* broken in heart,  
 And bindeth up their <sup>816</sup>wounds.  
 4 He counteth *the* number of the stars;  
 He calleth them all by *their* names.

<sup>809</sup> *Hb.* Hallelujah.

<sup>810</sup> *Or,* purposes

<sup>811</sup> *Or,* maketh crooked.

<sup>812</sup> *Hb.* Hallelujah.

<sup>813</sup> *Hb.* Hallelujah; *Similarly in* vs. 20.

<sup>814</sup> *Or,* For *he is* good: sing praises unto our God;  
 For *he is* gracious, *and* praise *is* comely.

<sup>815</sup> 4QPs<sup>d</sup> (Vg.) *add* Praise to our God is comely;

<sup>816</sup> *Hb.* sorrows.

5 Great *is* our Lord, and mighty in power;  
 His understanding *is* infinite.  
 6 Jehovah upholdeth *the* meek:  
 He bringeth *the* wicked down to *the* ground.  
 7 Sing unto Jehovah with thanksgiving;  
 Sing praises upon *the* harp unto our God,  
 8 Who covereth *the* heavens with clouds,  
 Who prepareth rain for the earth,  
 Who maketh grass to grow upon *the* mountains.  
 9 He giveth to *the* beast his food,  
*And* to *the* young ravens which cry.  
 10 He delighteth not in *the* strength of the horse:  
 He taketh no pleasure in *the* legs of a man.  
 11 Jehovah taketh pleasure in them that fear him,  
 In those that hope in his lovingkindness.  
 12 Praise Jehovah, O Jerusalem;  
 Praise thy God, O Zion.  
 13 For he hath strengthened *the* bars of thy gates;  
 He hath blessed thy children within thee.  
 14 He maketh <sup>817</sup>peace *in* thy borders;  
*And* he filleth thee with *the* <sup>818</sup>finest of *the* wheat.  
 15 He sendeth out his commandment *upon* earth;  
 His word runneth very swiftly.  
 16 He giveth snow like wool;  
 He scattereth *the* hoarfrost like ashes.  
 17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels:  
 Who can stand before his cold?  
 18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them:  
 He causeth his wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.  
 19 He showeth his word unto Jacob,  
 His statutes and his ordinances unto Israel.  
 20 He hath not dealt so with any nation:  
<sup>819</sup>He hath not revealed *any* ordinances to them.  
 Praise ye Jehovah.

**The whole Creation invoked to praise Jehovah.**

**148** <sup>820</sup>Praise ye Jehovah.  
 Praise ye Jehovah from the heavens:  
 Praise him in the heights.  
 2 Praise ye him, all his angels:  
 Praise ye him, all his host.  
 3 Praise ye him, sun and moon:  
 Praise him, all ye stars of light.  
 4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens,  
 And ye waters that *are* above the heavens.  
 5 Let them praise the name of Jehovah;  
 For he commanded, and they were created.  
 6 He hath also established them for ever and ever:  
 He hath made a decree <sup>821</sup>which shall not pass away.

<sup>817</sup> *Hb.* thy border peace;

<sup>818</sup> *Hb.* fat of wheat.

<sup>819</sup> *So* 11QPs<sup>a</sup> Sept. Aram., Vg. Massoretic *reads* *And*  
*as for his* ordinances, they have not known them.

<sup>820</sup> *Hb.* Hallelujah. *And similarly everywhere below.*

<sup>821</sup> *Or,* which none shall transgress.

7 Praise Jehovah from the earth,  
 Ye sea-monsters, and all deeps;  
 8 Fire and hail, snow and vapor;  
 Stormy wind, fulfilling his word;  
 9 Mountains and all hills;  
 Fruitful trees and all cedars;  
 10 Beasts and all cattle;  
 Creeping things and flying birds;  
 11 Kings of *the* earth and all peoples;  
 Princes and all judges of *the* earth;  
 12 Both young men and virgins;  
 Old men and children:  
 13 Let them praise the name of Jehovah;  
 For his name alone is exalted:  
 His glory *is* above *the* earth and *the* heavens.  
 14 And he hath lifted up <sup>822</sup>*the* horn of his people,  
*The* praise of all his saints;  
*Even* of *the* children of Israel, a people near unto  
 him.  
 Praise ye Jehovah.

**Israel invoked to praise Jehovah.**

**149** <sup>823</sup>Praise ye Jehovah.  
 Sing unto Jehovah a new song,  
 And his praise in *the* assembly of *the* saints.  
 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:  
 Let *the* children of Zion be joyful in their King.  
 3 Let them praise his name in *the* dance:  
 Let them sing praises unto him with timbrel and  
 harp.  
 4 For Jehovah taketh pleasure in his people:  
 He will beautify *the* meek with <sup>824</sup>salvation.  
 5 Let *the* saints exult in glory:  
 Let them sing for joy upon their beds.  
 6 Let *the* high praises of God *be* in their <sup>825</sup>mouth,  
 And a two-edged sword in their hand;  
 7 To execute vengeance upon the nations,  
 And punishments upon the peoples;  
 8 To bind their kings with chains,  
 And their nobles with fetters of iron;  
 9 To execute upon them *the* judgment written:  
<sup>826</sup>This honor have all his saints.  
 Praise ye Jehovah.

<sup>822</sup> *Or*, a horn for his people,  
 A praise for all his saints;  
*Even* for *the* children of Israel, *etc.*

<sup>823</sup> *Hb.* Hallelujah. *And similarly everywhere below.*

<sup>824</sup> *Or*, victory.

<sup>825</sup> *Hb.* throat,

<sup>826</sup> *Or*, He is *the* honor of all his saints.

**A Psalm of Praise**

**150** Praise ye Jehovah.  
 Praise God in his <sup>827</sup>Holy:  
 Praise him in *the* <sup>828</sup>sky of his power.  
 2 Praise him for his mighty acts:  
 Praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
 3 Praise him with trumpet sound:  
 Praise him with psaltery and harp.  
 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance:  
 Praise him with stringed instruments and pipe.  
 5 Praise him with loud cymbals:  
 Praise him with high sounding cymbals.  
 6 Let every thing that hath breath praise <sup>829</sup>Jehovah.  
 Praise ye Jehovah.

*End of the Book of Psalms*

<sup>827</sup> *Or*, sanctuary: *or*, holiness: *Hb.* qodesh

<sup>828</sup> *Lit.* expanse of his power.

<sup>829</sup> *Hb.* Jah. (*both times*).