King James 1769 Version

# Chapter 1

- 1) Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- (2) But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- (3) And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
- (4) The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
- (5) Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- (6) For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

### Chapter 2

- (1) Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
- (2) The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,
- (3) Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
- (4) He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.
- (5) Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

King James Paraphrase

# Chapter 1

- (1) Blessed *is* the man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.
- (2) But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD {Jehovah}; and in His law he meditates day and night.
- (3) And he will be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also will not wither; and whatever he does will prosper.
- (4) The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind drives away.
- (5) Therefore the ungodly will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- (6) Because the LORD {Jehovah} knows the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly will perish.

### Chapter 2

- (1) Why do the heathen {ungodly} rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
- (2) The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD {Jehovah}, and against His Anointed, saying,
- (3) Let us break their bands in pieces, and cast away their cords from us.
- (4) He Who sits in the heavens<sup>a</sup> will laugh: the Lord will have them in derision.
- (5) Then He will speak to them in His wrath {anger; judgment}, and torment them in His great displeasure.

2:4a - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

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- (6) Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
- (7) I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.
- (8) Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
- (9) Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
- (10) Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the
- (11) Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
- (12) Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ve perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

#### Chapter 3

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

- (1) LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me.
- (2) Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah.
- (3) But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

# King James Paraphrase

- (6) Yet I have set My King upon My holy hill of Zion.
- (7) I will declare the decree: the LORD {Jehovah} has said to Me, You are My Son; this day I have fathered You.
- (8) Ask of Me, and I will give You the heathen {ungodly} for inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Your possession.
- (9) You will break them with a rod of iron; You will dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
- (10) Be wise now therefore, O you kings: be instructed, you judges of the earth.
- (11) Serve the LORD {Jehovah} with fear {reverence}, b and rejoice with trembling.
- (12) Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish from the way, when His wrath {anger; judgment} is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

# Chapter 3

# A Psalm (song) of David, when he fled from his son Absalom.a

- (1) LORD {Jehovah}, how they are increased who trouble me! many are those who rise up against me.
- (2) Many there are who say of my soul, *There is* no help for him in God. Selah (musical pause).b
- (3) But You, O LORD {Jehovah}, are a shield for me; my glory, and One Who lifts up my head.

2:11b - fear - revere - have reverence [deep respect; honor] for - in awe of Him – truly know and believe that He is the Creator of all things

3:0a - II Sam. 15:10-17

3:2b - Selah {¬¬¬¬} - musical pause – the Psalms {songs} were written to be sung to music

# King James 1769 Version

- (4) I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.
- (5) I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.
- (6) I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.
- (7) Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
- (8) Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Selah.

# **Chapter 4**

# To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm of David.

- (1) Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
- (2) O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.
- (3) But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.
- (4) Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

# King James Paraphrase

- (4) I cried to the LORD {Jehovah} with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy hill. Selah {musical pause}.
- (5) I laid myself down and slept; I awoke; because the LORD {Jehovah} sustained me.
- (6) I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, who have set *themselves* against me all around.
- (7) Arise, O LORD {Jehovah}; save me, O my God: because You have stricken all my enemies *upon* the cheek bone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.
- (8) Salvation *belongs* to the LORD {Jehovah}: Your blessing *is* upon Your people. Selah {musical pause}.

# Chapter 4

# To the chief Musician on Stringed Instruments,<sup>a</sup> A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: You have enlarged me *when I was* in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
- (2) O you sons of men, how long *will you turn* my glory into shame? *how long* will you love vanity, *and* seek after a lie? Selah {musical pause}.
- (3) But know that the LORD {Jehovah} has set apart he who is godly for Himself: the LORD {Jehovah} will hear when I call to Him.
- (4) Stand in awe, and do not sin: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah {musical pause}.

4:0a - on Neginoth (בנגינות - upon stringed instruments

4:2b - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

# King James 1769 Version

- (5) Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.
- (6) *There be* many that say, Who will shew us *any* good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
- (7) Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time *that* their corn and their wine increased.
- (8) I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

## Chapter 5

# To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth, A Psalm of David.

- (1) Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation.
- (2) Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.
- (3) My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.
- (4) For thou *art* not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.
- (5) The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
- (6) Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.
- (7) But as for me, I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: *and* in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

# King James Paraphrase

- (5) Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (6) *There are* many who say, Who will show us *any* good? LORD {Jehovah}, lift up the light of Your countenance {smiling face}<sup>c</sup> upon us.
- (7) You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the time *that* their corn and their wine increased.
- (8) I will both lay myself down in peace, and sleep: because only You, LORD {Jehovah}, cause me to live in safety.

# Chapter 5

# To the chief Musician upon Flutes, A Psalm (song) of David.

- (1) Give ear to my words, O LORD {Jehovah}, consider my meditation.
- (2) Listen to the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: because to You I will pray.
- (3) My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD {Jehovah}; in the morning I will direct *my prayer* to You, and will look up.
- (4) Because You *are* not a God Who has pleasure in wickedness: neither will evil live with You.
- (5) The foolish will not stand in Your sight: You hate all who do evil.
- (6) You will destroy those who speak lies: the LORD {Jehovah} will hate the bloody and deceitful man.
- (7) But as for me, I will come *into* Your house {temple} in the multitude of Your mercies: *and* in Your fear {reverence} I will worship towards Your holy temple.

4:6c – countenance – facial expression – smile, good favor; smiling face

5:0a - upon Nehiloth (אל הנחילות) - upon flutes - the exact musical instrument is unclear

# King James 1769 Version

- (8) Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.
- (9) For *there* is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.
- (10) Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.
- (11) But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.
- (12) For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as *with* a shield.

### Chapter 6

# To the chief Musician on Neginoth upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David.

- (1) O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
- (2) Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.
- (3) My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?
- (4) Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

# King James Paraphrase

- (8) Lead me, O LORD {Jehovah}, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make Your way straight before my face.
- (9) Because *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part *is* total wickedness; their throat *is* an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.
- (10) Destroy them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their sins; because they have rebelled against You.
- (11) But let all those who put their trust in You rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them: let those also who love Your Name be joyful in You.
- (12) Because You, LORD {Jehovah}, will bless the righteous; with favor You will encircle him as *with* a shield.

### Chapter 6

# To the chief Musician on the Eight String Instrument {Lyre}, A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) O LORD {Jehovah}, do not rebuke me in Your anger, nor discipline me in Your hot displeasure.
- (2) Have mercy upon me, O LORD {Jehovah}; because I *am* weak: O LORD {Jehovah}, heal me; because my bones are in turmoil.
- (3) My soul is also greatly troubled: but You, O LORD {Jehovah}, how long?
- (4) Return, O LORD {Jehovah}, deliver my soul: oh save me for Your mercies' sake.

6:0a - Neginoth upon Sheminith {בנגינות על השמינית} - eight stringed instrument - believed to be a lyre

#### King James 1769 Version

- (5) For in death *there* is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?
- (6) I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.
- (7) Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.
- (8) Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.
- (9) The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.
- (10) Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return *and* be ashamed suddenly.

### Chapter 7

# Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.

- (1) O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:
- (2) Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending *it* in pieces, while *there is* none to deliver.
- (3) O LORD 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; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:)

# King James Paraphrase

- (5) Because in death *there is* no memory of You: in the grave who will give You thanks?
- (6) I am weary with my groaning; all the night I cause my bed to overflow; I water my couch with my tears.
- (7) My eye is consumed because of grief; it grows old because of all my enemies.
- (8) Depart from me, all you who do evil; because the LORD {Jehovah} has heard the voice of my weeping.
- (9) The LORD {Jehovah} has heard my request; the LORD {Jehovah} will receive my prayer.
- (10) Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled: let them return *and* be ashamed suddenly.

### Chapter 7

# A Rambling poem {song}<sup>a</sup> of David, which he sang to the LORD {Jehovah}, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.

- (1) O LORD {Jehovah} my God, in You I put my trust: save me from all those who persecute me, and deliver me:
- (2) Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending *it* in pieces, while *there is* no one to deliver.
- (3) O LORD {Jehovah} my God, if I have done this; if there is sin in my hands:
- (4) If I have rewarded evil to him who was at peace with me; (yes, I have delivered him who is my enemy without cause:)

7:0a - Shiggaion {שגיין} - a rambling poem; song - which David sang to the Lord against a man named Cush a Benjaminite

# King James 1769 Version

- (5) Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take *it*; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.
- (6) Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me *to* the judgment *that* thou hast commanded.
- (7) So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high.
- (8) The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity *that is* in me.
- (9) Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.
- (10) My defence *is* of God, which saveth the upright in heart.
- (11) God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.
- (12) If he 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 ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.
- (14) Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.
- (15) He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch *which* he made.

- King James Paraphrase
- (5) Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take *it*; yes, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay my honor in the dust. Selah {musical pause}.<sup>b</sup>
- (6) Arise, O LORD {Jehovah}, in Your anger, lift up Yourself because of the rage of my enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that You have commanded.
- (7) So the congregation of the people will encircle You: for their sakes therefore return on high.
- (8) The LORD {Jehovah} will judge the people: judge me, O LORD {Jehovah}, according to my righteousness, and according to my integrity *that is* in me.
- (9) Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: because the righteous God tries the hearts and minds.
- (10) My defense *is* of God, Who saves the upright in heart.
- (11) God judges the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.
- (12) If he does not turn, He will sharpen His sword; He has bent His bow, and made it ready.
- (13) He has also prepared for him the instruments of death; He ordains His arrows against the persecutors.
- (14) Indeed, he labors with sin, and has conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.
- (15) He made a pit, and dug it, and has fallen into the ditch which he made.

7:5b - Selah (סלה) - musical pause

# King James 1769 Version

- (16) His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.
- (17) I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

# **Chapter 8**

# To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David.

- (1) O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
- (2) Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, 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 man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- (5) For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
- (6) Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:
- (7) All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;
- (8) The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.

# King James Paraphrase

- (16) His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own head.
- (17) I will praise the LORD {Jehovah} according to His righteousness: and will sing praise to the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} most high.

# **Chapter 8**

# To the chief Musician upon the Harp, A Psalm (song) of David.

- (1) O LORD {Jehovah} our Lord, how excellent *is* Your Name in all the earth! Who has set Your glory above the heavens.<sup>b</sup>
- (2) Out of the mouth of babes and nursing children You have ordained strength {praise}<sup>c</sup> because of Your enemies, that You might still the enemy and the avenger.
- (3) When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained:
- (4) What is man, that You are mindful of him? and the Son of Man, that You visit Him?
- (5) Because You have made Him a little lower than the angels, and have crowned Him with glory and honor.
- (6) You made Him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all *things* under His feet:
- (7) All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field:
- (8) The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatever* passes through the paths of the seas.

8:0a - upon Gittith {על הגתית} - Harp - as with other titles whether this is actually a harp or title of a song is unclear

8:1b - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

8:2c - strength - praise - Mat. 21:16

# King James 1769 Version

(9) O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

# **Chapter 9**

# To the chief Musician upon Muthlabben, A Psalm of David.

- (1) I will praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.
- (2) I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.
- (3) When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.
- (4) For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right.
- (5) Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.
- (6) O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.
- (7) But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.
- (8) And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.
- (9) The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

King James Paraphrase

(9) O LORD {Jehovah} our Lord, how excellent *is* Your Name in all the earth!

### Chapter 9

# To the chief Musician to the tune of 'Dying For The Son', A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) I will praise *You*, O LORD {Jehovah}, with my whole heart; I will show forth all Your marvelous works.
- (2) I will be glad and rejoice in You: I will sing praise to Your Name, O You most High.
- (3) When my enemies are turned back, they will fall and perish at Your presence.
- (4) Because You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging right.
- (5) You have rebuked the heathen {ungodly}, You have destroyed the wicked, You have put out their name forever and ever.
- (6) O you enemy, destruction is coming to a perpetual end: and you have destroyed cities; their memorial has perished with them.
- (7) But the LORD {Jehovah} will endure forever: He has prepared His throne for judgment.
- (8) And He will judge the world in righteousness, He will minister judgment to the people in uprightness.
- (9) The LORD {Jehovah} also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

9:0a - upon Muthlabben (עלמות לבן) - to the tune of 'Dying For The Son'

- probably a popular song in David's day - or possibly some unknown musical instrument

# King James 1769 Version

- (10) And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.
- (11) Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.
- (12) When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.
- (13) Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble *which I suffer* of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:
- (14) That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.
- (15) The heathen are sunk down in the pit *that* they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.
- (16) The LORD is known *by* the judgment *which* he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.
- (17) The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.
- (18) For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall *not* perish for ever.
- (19) Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

- King James Paraphrase
- (10) And those who know Your Name will put their trust in You: because You, LORD {Jehovah}, have not forsaken those who seek You.
- (11) Sing praises to the LORD {Jehovah}, Who lives in Zion: declare among the people the things He has done.
- (12) When He makes inquisition {investigates} for blood, He remembers them: He does not forget the cry of the humble.
- (13) Have mercy upon me, O LORD {Jehovah}; consider my trouble *which I suffer* of those who hate me, You Who lift me up from the gates of death:
- (14) That I may show forth all Your praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in Your salvation.
- (15) The heathen {ungodly} have sunk down in the pit *that* they made: in the net which they hid their own foot is taken.
- (16) The LORD {Jehovah} is known by the judgment which He executes: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Meditation {moment of silence}. b Selah {musical pause}.c
- (17) The wicked will be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God
- (18) Because the needy will not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor will *not* perish forever.
- (19) Arise, O LORD {Jehovah}; do not let man prevail: let the heathen {ungodly} be judged in Your sight.

9:16b - Higgaion {הגידן} - meditation - probably a solemn musical moment; moment of silence

9:16c - Selah (סלה) - musical pause

# King James 1769 Version

(20) Put them in fear, O LORD: *that* the nations may know themselves *to be but* men. Selah.

### Chapter 10

- (1) Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?
- (2) The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.
- (3) For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.
- (4) The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God:* God *is* not in all his thoughts.
- (5) His ways are always grievous; thy judgments *are* far above out of his sight: *as for* all his enemies, he puffeth at them.
- (6) He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for *I shall* never *be* in adversity.
- (7) His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity.
- (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 poor.

# King James Paraphrase

(20) Put them in fear, O LORD {Jehovah}: *that* the nations may know themselves *to be but* men. Selah {musical pause}.

### Chapter 10

- (1) Why do You stand afar off, O LORD {Jehovah}? why do You hide Yourself in times of trouble?
- (2) The wicked in *his* pride persecutes the poor: let them be taken in the {very} devices {plans} that they have imagined.
- (3) Because the wicked boasts of his heart's desire, and blesses the covetous {greedy}, whom the LORD {Jehovah} despises.
- (4) The wicked, through the pride of his countenance {heart; arrogance}, will not seek *after God:* God *is* not in all his thoughts.
- (5) His ways are always grievous; Your judgments *are* far above out of his sight: *as for* all his enemies, he hisses at them.
- (6) He has said in his heart, I shall not be moved: because *I shall* never *be* in adversity.
- (7) His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity.
- (8) He sits in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places he murders the innocent: his eyes are secretly set against the poor.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (9) He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.
- (10) He croucheth, *and* humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.
- (11) He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see *it*.
- (12) Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.
- (13) Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*.
- (14) Thou hast seen *it;* for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite *it* with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.
- (15) Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil *man*: seek out his wickedness *till* thou find none.
- (16) The LORD *is* King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.
- (17) LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:
- (18) To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

# Chapter 11 To the chief Musician, A Psalm

# of David.

(1) In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee *as* a bird to your mountain?

# King James Paraphrase

- (9) He lies in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lies in wait to catch the poor: he catches the poor, when he draws him into his net.
- (10) He crouches, *and* humbles himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.
- (11) He has said in his heart, God has forgotten: He hides His face; He will never see *it*.
- (12) Arise, O LORD {Jehovah}; O God, lift up Your hand: do not forget the humble.
- (13) Why does the wicked condemn God? he has said in his heart, You will not require *it*.
- (14) You have seen *it*; because You see the mischief and spite, to repay *it* with Your hand: the poor commits himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless.
- (15) Break the arm of the wicked and the evil *man*: seek out his wickedness *until* You find none.
- (16) The LORD {Jehovah} *is* King forever and ever: the heathen {ungodly} will perish out of His land.
- (17) LORD {Jehovah}, You have heard the desire of the humble: You will prepare their hearts, You will cause Your ear to hear:
- (18) To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

# Chapter 11 To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David.

(1) In the LORD {Jehovah} I put my trust: why do you say to my soul, Flee *as* a bird to your mountain?

# King James 1769 Version

- (2) For, lo, the wicked bend *their* bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.
- (3) If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?
- (4) The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.
- (5) The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.
- (6) Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: *this shall be* the portion of their cup.
- (7) For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

### Chapter 12

# To the chief Musician upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David.

- (1) Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.
- (2) They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: *with* flattering lips *and* with a double heart do they speak.
- (3) The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, *and* the tongue that speaketh proud things:
- (4) Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips *are* our own: who *is* lord over us?

# King James Paraphrase

- (2) Because, indeed, the wicked bend *their* bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may secretly shoot at the upright in heart.
- (3) If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?
- (4) The LORD {Jehovah} *is* in His holy temple, the LORD's {Jehovah's} throne *is* in heaven: His eyes see, His eyelids try, the children of men.
- (5) The LORD {Jehovah} tries the righteous: but His Soul hates the wicked and he who loves violence.
- (6) Upon the wicked He will rain snares, fire and brimstone {molten sulfur}, and a horrible tempest: *this will be* the portion of their cup.
- (7) Because the righteous LORD {Jehovah} loves righteousness; His countenance {eyes} sees the upright.

### Chapter 12

# To the chief Musician upon the Lyre, A Psalm (song) of David.

- (1) Help, LORD {Jehovah}; because the godly man ceases; because the faithful fail from among the children of men.
- (2) Everyone speaks vanity with his neighbor: *with* flattering lips *and* with a double heart they speak.
- (3) The LORD {Jehovah} will cut off all flattering lips, *and* the tongue that speaks proud things:
- (4) Who have said, With our tongue we will prevail; our lips *are* our own: who *is* lord over us?

12:0a - Sheminith {שמינית} - on the eight - probably eight string Lyre

#### King James 1769 Version

- (5) For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set *him* in safety *from him that* puffeth at him.
- (6) The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.
- (7) Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.
- (8) The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

# Chapter 13

# To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- (1) How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
- (2) How long shall I take counsel in my soul, *having* sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?
- (3) Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of* death;
- (4) Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; *and* those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.
- (5) But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.
- (6) I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

# King James Paraphrase

- (5) Now I will arise, says the LORD {Jehovah}; Because of the oppression of the poor, and the sighing of the needy, I will set *him* in safety *from the one who* hisses at him.
- (6) The words of the LORD {Jehovah} are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.
- (7) You will keep them, O LORD {Jehovah}, You will preserve them from this generation forever.
- (8) The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

# Chapter 13 To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) How long will You forget me, O LORD {Jehovah}? forever? how long will You hide Your face from me?
- (2) How long will I take counsel in my soul, *having* sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
- (3) Consider *and* hear me, O LORD {Jehovah} my God: lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of* death;
- (4) Lest my enemy say, I have prevailed against him; *and* those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved.
- (5) But I have trusted in Your mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.
- (6) I will sing to the LORD {Jehovah}, because He has dealt bountifully with me.

King James 1769 Version

## Chapter 14

# To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- (1) The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is* none that doeth good.
- (2) The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God.
- (3) They are all gone aside, they are *all* 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 the LORD.
- (5) There were they in great fear: for God *is* in the generation of the righteous.
- (6) Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD *is* his refuge.
- (7) Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

# Chapter 15

# A Psalm of David.

- (1) LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?
- (2) He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

King James Paraphrase

## Chapter 14

# To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) The fool has said in his heart, *There is* no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is* no one who does good.
- (2) The LORD {Jehovah} looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any who understand, *and* seek God.
- (3) They have all gone aside, they have *all* together become filthy: *there is* no one who does good, no, not one.<sup>a</sup>
- (4) Have all the workers of sin no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (5) There they were in great fear: because God *is* in the generation of the righteous.
- (6) You have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD {Jehovah} *is* his refuge.
- (7) Oh that the salvation of Israel had already come out of Zion! when the LORD {Jehovah} brings back the captivity of His people, Jacob will rejoice, and Israel will be glad.

# Chapter 15

#### A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) LORD {Jehovah}, who will stay in Your tabernacle? who will live on Your holy hill?
- (2) He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart.

14:3a - Rom. 3:10-11

# King James 1769 Version

- (3) He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.
- (4) In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. *He that* sweareth to *his own* hurt, and changeth not.
- (5) *He that* putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these *things* shall never be moved.

# Chapter 16 Michtam of David.

- (1) Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.
- (2) *O my soul*, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my Lord: my goodness *extendeth* not to thee;
- (3) But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.
- (4) Their sorrows shall be multiplied *that* hasten *after* another *god:* their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.
- (5) The LORD *is* the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.
- (6) The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places*; yea, I have a goodly heritage.
- (7) I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

# King James Paraphrase

- (3) Who does not speak evil with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor.
- (4) In whose eyes a vile {evil; wicked} person is condemned; but he honors those who fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah}. *He who* swears to *his own* hurt, and does not change.
- (5) He who does not lend his money for interest, a nor takes a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be moved.

# Chapter 16 Poem {song}<sup>a</sup> of David.

- (1) Preserve me, O God: because in You I put my trust.
- (2) *O my soul*, you have said to the LORD {Jehovah}, You *are* my Lord: my goodness does not *extend* to You;
- (3) But to the saints who are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.
- (4) Those who run *after* another *god* will have their sorrows multiplied: their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.
- (5) The LORD {Jehovah} *is* the portion of my inheritance and of my cup: You maintain my lot.
- (6) The lines are fallen to me in pleasant *places*; yes, I have a goodly heritage.
- (7) I will bless the LORD {Jehovah}, Who has given me counsel: my heart<sup>b</sup> also instructs me in the night seasons.

15:5a - usury - neshek (שור) – interest – see Neh. 5:11

16:0a - Michtam (מכתם) - egraving, poem, song – Ps. 56:0; 57:0; 58:0; 59:0; 60:0

16:7b - reins - kilyah {כליותי} - heart

# King James 1769 Version

- (8) I have set the LORD 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 rest in hope.
- (10) For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.
- (11) Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

# Chapter 17 A Prayer of David.

- (1) Hear the right, O LORD, 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; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.
- (3) Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited *me* in the night; thou hast tried me, *and* shalt find nothing; I am purposed *that* my mouth shall not transgress.
- (4) Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept *me from* the paths of the destroyer.
- (5) Hold up my goings in thy paths, *that* my footsteps slip not.
- (6) I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, *and* hear my speech.
- (7) Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust *in thee* from those that rise up *against them*.

# King James Paraphrase

- (8) I have set the LORD {Jehovah} always before me: because *He is* at my right hand, I will not be moved.
- (9) Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices: my flesh also will rest in hope.
- (10) Because You will not leave my soul in hell; neither will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.<sup>c</sup>
- (11) You will show me the path of life: in Your presence *is* fullness of joy; at Your right hand *there are* pleasures forevermore.

# Chapter 17 A Prayer of David.

- (1) Hear the right, O LORD {Jehovah}, heed my cry, listen to my prayer, that does not go out of pretentious lips.
- (2) Let my sentence come forth from Your presence; let Your eyes see the things that are equal.
- (3) You have proved my heart; You have visited *me* in the night; You have tried me, *and* will find nothing; I have decided *that* my mouth will not sin.
- (4) Concerning the works of men, by the word of Your lips I have kept *myself from* the paths of the destroyer.
- (5) Hold up my walk in Your paths, *that* my footsteps not slip.
- (6) I have called upon You, because You will hear me, O God: listen to me, and hear my speech.
- (7) Show Your marvelous loving kindness, O You Who save by Your right hand those who put their trust *in You* from those who rise up *against them*.

16:10c - Acts 2:27; Acts 13:35

# King James 1769 Version

- (8) Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
- (9) From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.
- (10) They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.
- (11) They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;
- (12) Like as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.
- (13) Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, *which is* thy sword:
- (14) From men which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.
- (15) As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

- King James Paraphrase
- (8) Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of Your wings,
- (9) From the wicked who oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who encircle me.
- (10) They are enclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.
- (11) They have now encircled us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;
- (12) Like a lion *that* is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.
- (13) Arise, O LORD {Jehovah}, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is Your sword:
- (14) From men who are Your hand, O LORD {Jehovah}, from men of the world, who have their portion in this life, and whose belly You fill with Your hidden treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.
- (15) As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness: I will be satisfied, when I awake, with Your likeness.

King James 1769 Version

### Chapter 18

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,

- (1) I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.
- (2) The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.
- (3) I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.
- (4) The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.
- (5) The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented
- (6) In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.
- (7) Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.
- (8) There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

King James Paraphrase

# Chapter 18

To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David, the servant of the LORD {Jehovah}, who spoke to the LORD {Jehovah} the words of this song in the day that the LORD {Jehovah} delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,

- (1) I will love You, O LORD {Jehovah}, my strength.
- (2) The LORD {Jehovah} is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield, and the King of my salvation, and my high tower.
- (3) I will call upon the LORD {Jehovah}, *Who is worthy* to be praised: so I will be saved from my enemies.
- (4) The sorrows of death encircled me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.
- (5) The sorrows of hell encircled me: the snares of death hindered me.
- (6) In my distress I called upon the LORD {Jehovah}, and cried to my God: He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry came before Him, even into His ears.
- (7) Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because He was angry.
- (8) There went up a smoke out of His nostrils, and fire out of His mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

# King James 1769 Version

- (9) He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness *was* under his feet.
- (10) And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.
- (11) He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him *were* dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies.
- (12) At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds passed, hail *stones* and coals of fire.
- (13) The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail *stones* and coals of fire.
- (14) Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.
- (15) Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.
- (16) He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.
- (17) He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.
- (18) They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.
- (19) He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.
- (20) The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

- King James Paraphrase
- (9) He bowed the heavens<sup>a</sup> also, and came down: and darkness *was* under His feet.
- (10) And He rode upon a cherub, and flew: yes, He flew upon the wings of the wind.
- (11) He made darkness His secret place; His pavilion all around Him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.
- (12) At the brightness *that was* before Him His thick clouds passed, hail *stones* and coals of fire.
- (13) The LORD {Jehovah} also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave His voice; hail *stones* and coals of fire.
- (14) Yes, He sent out His arrows, and scattered them; and He shot out lightnings, and discomforted them.
- (15) Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at Your rebuke, O LORD {Jehovah}, at the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.
- (16) He sent from above, He took me, He drew me out of many waters.
- (17) He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from those who hated me: because they were too strong for me.
- (18) They hindered me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD {Jehovah} was my stay.
- (19) He brought me forth also into a large place; He delivered me, because He delighted in me.
- (20) The LORD {Jehovah} rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands He has rewarded me.

18:9a - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

# King James 1769 Version

- (21) For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.
- (22) For all his judgments *were* before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.
- (23) I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.
- (24) Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
- (25) With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;
- (26) With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.
- (27) For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.
- (28) For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.
- (29) For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.
- (30) As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.
- (31) For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God?
- (32) *It is* 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.

# King James Paraphrase

- (21) Because I have kept the ways of the LORD {Jehovah}, and have not wickedly departed from my God.
- (22) Because all His judgments *were* before me, and I did not put His laws away from me.
- (23) I was also upright before Him, and I kept myself from my sin.
- (24) Therefore the LORD {Jehovah} has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in His eyesight. (25) With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; with an upright
- man You will show Yourself upright; (26) With the pure You will show Yourself pure; and with the perverse
- You will show Yourself perverse. (27) Because You will save the afflicted people; but will bring down the
- arrogant.
  (28) Because You will light my candle: the LORD {Jehovah} my God will enlighten my darkness.
- (29) Because by You I have run through an army; and by my God I have leaped over a wall.
- (30) As for God, His way is perfect: the word of the LORD {Jehovah} is tried: He is a shield to all those who trust in Him.
- (31) Because who *is* God besides the LORD {Jehovah}? or who *is* a rock besides our God?
- (32) *It is* God Who clothes me with strength, and makes my way perfect.
- (33) He makes my feet like the *feet* of deer, and sets me upon my high places.

# King James 1769 Version

- (34) He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.
- (35) Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.
- (36) Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.
- (37) I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.
- (38) I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.
- (39) For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.
- (40) Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.
- (41) They cried, but *there was* none to save *them: even* unto the LORD, but he answered them not.
- (42) Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.
- (43) Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; *and* thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people *whom* I have not known shall serve me.
- (44) As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

- King James Paraphrase
- (34) He teaches my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by my arms.
- (35) You have also given me the shield of Your salvation: and Your right hand has held me up, and Your gentleness has made me great.
- (36) You have enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.
- (37) I have pursued my enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again until they were consumed.
- (38) I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they have fallen under my feet.
- (39) Because You have clothed me with strength for the battle: You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.
- (40) You have also given me the necks of my enemies; that I might destroy those who hate me.
- (41) They cried, but *there was* no one to save *them: even* to the LORD {Jehovah}, but He did not answer them.
- (42) Then I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I cast them out as the dirt in the streets.
- (43) You have delivered me from the strife of the people; and You have made me the head over the heathen {ungodly}: a people whom I have not known will serve me.
- (44) As soon as they hear of me, they will obey me: the strangers will submit themselves to me.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (45) The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.
- (46) The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
- (47) *It is* God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.
- (48) He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.
- (49) Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.
- (50) Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

## Chapter 19 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- (1) The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
- (2) Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.
- (3) *There is* no speech nor language, *where* 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 tabernacle for the sun,
- (5) Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

# King James Paraphrase

- (45) The strangers will fade away, and be afraid out of their hiding places.
- (46) The LORD {Jehovah} lives; and blessed *is* my Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
- (47) It is God Who avenges me, and subdues the people under me.
- (48) He delivers me from my enemies: yes, You lift me up above those who rise up against me: You have delivered me from the violent man.
- (49) Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD {Jehovah}, among the heathen {ungodly}, and sing praises to Your Name.
- (50) Great deliverance He gives to His king; and shows mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His descendants forevermore.

# Chapter 19 To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) The heavens<sup>a</sup> declare the glory of God; and the firmament {crystal dome, universe} shows His handy work.<sup>b</sup>
- (2) Day to day speaks words, and night to night shows knowledge.
- (3) There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.
- (4) Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle {home} for the sun,
- (5) Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoices as a strong man to run a race.

19:1a - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

19:1b - Amos 9:6; Gen. 1:6 - see <u>Witness of the Stars</u> by E.W. Bullinger and "<u>The Heavens Declare the Glory of God -- God's Plan of Redemption in the Stars</u>" at <u>www.TheWordNotes.com</u>

19:3c – see "<u>Musical Planets</u>" by Dr, Larry Mitcham at www.TheWordNotes.com

# King James 1769 Version

- (6) His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
- (7) The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.
- (8) The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.
- (9) The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- (10) More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
- (11) Moreover by them is thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward.
- (12) Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse thou me from secret *faults*.
- (13) Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins;* let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.
- (14) Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

# King James Paraphrase

- (6) His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit to the ends of it: and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- (7) The law of the LORD {Jehovah} is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD {Jehovah} is sure, making wise the simple.
- (8) The laws of the LORD {Jehovah} are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD {Jehovah} is pure, enlightening the eyes.
- (9) The fear {reverence} of the LORD {Jehovah} *is* clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD {Jehovah} *are* true *and* righteous altogether.
- (10) *They are m*ore to be desired than gold, yes, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
- (11) Furthermore by them Your servant is warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward.
- (12) Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse me from secret *faults*.
- (13) Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous {willful} sins; let them not rule over me: then I will be upright, and I will be innocent from the great sin.
- (14) Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD {Jehovah}, my strength, and my Redeemer.

King James 1769 Version

#### Chapter 20

# To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- (1) The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee:
- (2) Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;
- (3) Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah.
- (4) Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.
- (5) We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up *our* banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.
- (6) Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.
- (7) Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.
- (8) They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.
- (9) Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

#### Chapter 21

# To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

(1) The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

King James Paraphrase

# Chapter 20

# To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) The LORD {Jehovah} hears you in the day of trouble; the Name of the God of Jacob defends you;
- (2) Sends you help from the sanctuary, and strengthens you out of Zion;
- (3) Remember all Your offerings, and accept Your burnt sacrifice; Selah {musical pause}.<sup>a</sup>
- (4) Grant according to Your own heart, and fulfill all Your counsel.
- (5) We will rejoice in Your salvation, and in the Name of our God we will set up *our* banners: the LORD {Jehovah} fulfills all your petitions.
- (6) Now I know that the LORD {Jehovah} saves His anointed; He will hear him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand.
- (7) Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} our God.
- (8) They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.
- (9) Save, LORD {Jehovah}: let the King hear us when we call.

# Chapter 21

# To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David.

(1) The king will rejoice in Your strength, O LORD {Jehovah}; and in Your salvation how greatly he will rejoice!

20:3a - Selah (סלה) - musical pause

# King James 1769 Version

- (2) Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.
- (3) For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.
- (4) He asked life of thee, *and* thou gavest *it* him, *even* length of days for ever and ever.
- (5) His glory *is* great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.
- (6) For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.
- (7) For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.
- (8) Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.
- (9) Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.
- (10) Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.
- (11) For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, *which* they are not able *to perform*.

- King James Paraphrase
- (2) You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah {musical pause}.<sup>a</sup>
- (3) Because You preceded him with the blessings of goodness: You set a crown of pure gold on his head.
- (4) He asked life of You, *and* You gave *it* to him, *even* length of days forever and ever.
- (5) His glory *is* great in Your salvation: honor and majesty You have laid upon him.
- (6) Because you have made him most blessed forever: You have made him exceedingly glad with Your countenance {smile; facial expression}.
- (7) Because the king trusts in the LORD {Jehovah}, and through the mercy of the most High he will not be moved.
- (8) Your hand will find out all Your enemies: Your right hand will find out those who hate You.
- (9) You will make them as a fiery oven in the time of Your anger: the LORD {Jehovah} will swallow them up in His wrath {anger; judgment}, and the fire will devour them.
- (10) Their fruit You will destroy from the earth, and their offspring from among the children of men.
- (11) Because they intended evil against You: they imagined a mischievous device {plan}, which they are not able to perform.

21:2a - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

# King James 1769 Version

- (12) Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, *when* thou shalt make ready *thine arrows* upon thy strings against the face of them.
- (13) Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: *so* will we sing and praise thy power.

# Chapter 22

# To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David.

- (1) My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?
- (2) O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.
- (3) But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
- (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 confounded.
- (6) But I *am* a 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) He trusted on the LORD *that* he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

# King James Paraphrase

- (12) Therefore You will make them turn their back, *when* You will make ready *Your arrows* upon Your strings against their faces.
- (13) Be exalted, LORD {Jehovah}, in Your own strength: *so* we will sing and praise Your power.

### Chapter 22

# To the chief Musician set to tune of 'Deer of the Dawn', A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?<sup>b</sup> why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My cries?
- (2) O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; and in the night season, and am not silent.
- (3) But You *are* holy, *O You* Who lives in the praises of Israel.
- (4) Our fathers trusted in You: they trusted, and You delivered them.
- (5) They cried to You, and were delivered: they trusted in You, and were not confounded.
- (6) But I *am* a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people.
- (7) All those who see Me laugh Me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*.
- (8) He trusted on the LORD {Jehovah} *that* He would deliver Him: let Him deliver Him, since He delighted in Him.<sup>c</sup>

22:0a - upon Aijeleth Shahar {על אילת השות? - set to the tune of 'Deer of the Dawn' - possibly a popular tune in David's day - as with other titles, it is unclear whether this is some unknown musical instrument, or a title to a song

22:1b - Mat. 27:46; Mk. 15:34

22:8c - Mat. 27:43

#### King James 1769 Version

- (9) But thou *art* he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope *when I was* upon my mother's breasts.
- (10) I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou *art* my God from my mother's belly.
- (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 gaped upon me *with* their mouths, *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 in the midst of my bowels.
- (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: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.
- (17) I may tell all my bones: they look *and* stare upon me.
- (18) They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.
- (19) But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.
- (20) Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.
- (21) Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

- King James Paraphrase
- (9) But You *are* He Who took me out of the womb: You gave Me hope *when I was* upon My mother's breasts.
- (10) I was cast upon You from the womb: You *are* My God from My mother's womb.
- (11) Do not be far from Me; because trouble *is* near; because *there is* no one to help.
- (12) Many bulls have encircled Me: strong *bulls* of Bashan have surrounded Me.
- (13) They have opened wide their mouths against Me, *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 in the midst of My body.
- (15) My strength is dried up like a piece of pottery; and My tongue clings to My jaws; d and You have brought Me into the dust of death.
- (16) Because dogs have encircled Me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed Me: they pierced My hands and My feet.
- (17) All My bones are accounted for: ethey look *and* stare upon Me.
- (18) They part My clothes among them, and cast lots for My robe. f
- (19) But do not be far from Me, O LORD {Jehovah}: O My strength, come quickly to help Me.
- (20) Deliver My soul from the sword; My darling from the power of the dog.
- (21) Save Me from the lion's mouth: because You have heard Me from the horns of the unicorns.<sup>g</sup>

22:15d – John 19:28

22:17e – John 19:33

22:18f - Mat. 27:35; Mark 15:24; John 19:23-24

22:21g - unicorns - Job 39:9,10 - see Num. 23:22

King James 1769 Version

- (22) I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
- (23) Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.
- (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) My praise *shall be* of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
- (26) The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.
- (27) All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
- (28) For the kingdom *is* the LORD'S: and he *is* the governor among the nations.
- (29) All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.
- (30) A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.
- (31) They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done *this*.

King James Paraphrase

- (22) I will declare Your Name to My brothers: in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.
- (23) You who fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah}, praise Him; all you the descendants of Jacob, glorify Him; and fear {revere} Him, all you the descendants of Israel.
- (24) Because He has not despised nor hated the affliction of the afflicted; neither has He hid His face from him; but when he cried to Him, He heard.
- (25) My praise *will be* of You in the great congregation: I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.
- (26) The humble will eat and be satisfied: they will praise the LORD {Jehovah} who seek Him: your heart will live forever.
- (27) All the ends of the world will remember and turn to the LORD {Jehovah}: and all the families of the nations will worship before You.
- (28) Because the kingdom *is* the LORD's {Jehovah's}: and He *is* the Governor among the nations.
- (29) All those who are fat upon earth will eat and worship: all those who go down to the dust will bow before Him: and no one can keep alive his own soul.
- (30) A seed will serve Him; it will be accounted to the Lord for a generation.
- (31) They will come, and will declare His righteousness to a people that will be born, that He has done *this*.

King James 1769 Version

# Chapter 23

#### A Psalm of David.

- (1) The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.
- (2) He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- (3) He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- (4) Yea, though I walk through the valley of 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: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- (6) Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

# Chapter 24 A Psalm of David.

- (1) The earth *is* the LORD'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 the LORD? or 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 vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

King James Paraphrase

# Chapter 23

## A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) The LORD {Jehovah} is my Shepherd; I will not lack anything.
- (2) He causes me to lie down in green pastures: He leads me beside the still waters.
- (3) He restores my soul: He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.
- (4) Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: because You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff comfort me.
- (5) You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.
- (6) Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life: and I will live in the house of the LORD {Jehovah} forever.

# Chapter 24 A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) The earth *is* the LORD's {Jehovah's}, and its fullness; the world, and those who live in it.
- (2) Because He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.
- (3) Who will ascend into the hill of the LORD {Jehovah}? or who will stand in His holy place?
- (4) He who has clean hands, and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul to vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

# King James 1769 Version

- (5) He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- (6) This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.
- (7) Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- (8) Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
- (9) Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- (10) Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.

### Chapter 25

#### A Psalm of David.

- (1) Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.
- (2) O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.
- (3) Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.
- (4) Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.
- (5) Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

# King James Paraphrase

- (5) He will receive the blessing from the LORD {Jehovah}, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- (6) This *is* the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face, O Jacob. Selah {musical pause}.<sup>a</sup>
- (7) Lift up your heads, O you gates; and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory will come in
- (8) Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD {Jehovah} strong and mighty, the LORD {Jehovah} mighty in battle.
- (9) Lift up your heads, O you gates; even lift *them* up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory will come in.
- (10) Who is this King of glory? The LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, He *is* the King of glory. Selah {musical pause}.

### Chapter 25

#### A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) To You, O LORD {Jehovah}, I lift up my soul.
- (2) O my God, I trust in You: do not let me be ashamed, do not let my enemies triumph over me.
- (3) Yes, let no one who waits on You be ashamed: let those be ashamed who sin without cause.
- (4) Show me Your ways, O LORD {Jehovah}; teach me Your paths.
- (5) Lead me in Your truth, and teach me: because You *are* the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.

24:6a - Selah (סלה) - musical pause

# King James 1769 Version

- (6) Remember, O LORD, 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 mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.
- (8) Good and upright *is* the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
- (9) The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.
- (10) All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- (11) For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it *is* great.
- (12) What man *is* he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way *that* he shall choose.
- (13) His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.
- (14) The secret of the LORD *is* with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.
- (15) Mine eyes *are* ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
- (16) Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I *am* desolate and afflicted.

# King James Paraphrase

- (6) Remember, O LORD {Jehovah}, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses; because they *have* ever *been* of old.
- (7) Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my evil deeds: according to Your mercy remember me for Your goodness' sake, O LORD {Jehovah}.
- (8) Good and upright *is* the LORD {Jehovah}: therefore He will teach sinners in the way.
- (9) The humble He will guide in judgment: and the humble He will teach His way.
- (10) All the paths of the LORD {Jehovah} *are* mercy and truth to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.
- (11) For Your Name's sake, O LORD {Jehovah}, pardon my sin; because it *is* great.
- (12) What man *is* he who fears {reveres} the LORD {Jehovah}? He will teach him in the way *that* He will choose.
- (13) His soul will live at ease; and his descendants will inherit the earth.
- (14) The secret of the LORD {Jehovah} *is* with those who fear {revere} Him; and He will show them His covenant.
- (15) My eyes *are* ever towards the LORD {Jehovah}; because He will pluck my feet out of the net.
- (16) Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy upon me; because I *am* desolate and afflicted.

# King James 1769 Version

- (17) The troubles of my heart are enlarged: *O* bring thou me out of my distresses.
- (18) Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.
- (19) Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.
- (20) O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.
- (21) Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.
- (22) Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

# Chapter 26

#### A Psalm of David.

- (1) Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; *therefore* I shall not slide.
- (2) Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.
- (3) For thy lovingkindness *is* before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.
- (4) I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.
- (5) I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.
- (6) I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD:

# King James Paraphrase

- (17) The troubles of my heart are enlarged: *O* bring me out of my distresses.
- (18) Look upon my affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.
- (19) Consider my enemies; because they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.
- (20) O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; because I put my trust in You.
- (21) Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; because I wait on You.
- (22) Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

# Chapter 26

#### A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) Judge me, O LORD {Jehovah}; because I have walked in my integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD {Jehovah}; *therefore* I shall not slide.
- (2) Examine me, O LORD {Jehovah}, and prove me; try my heart and my mind.
- (3) Because Your loving kindness *is* before my eyes: and I have walked in Your truth.
- (4) I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with hypocrites.
- (5) I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.
- (6) I will wash my hands in innocence: so I will encircle Your altar, O LORD {Jehovah}:

# King James 1769 Version

- (7) That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.
- (8) LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.
- (9) Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:
- (10) In whose hands *is* mischief, 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 the LORD.

# Chapter 27 A Psalm of David.

- (1) The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- (2) When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
- (3) Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will* I *be* confident.
- (4) One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

# King James Paraphrase

- (7) That I may speak with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Your wondrous works.
- (8) LORD {Jehovah}, I have loved the house where You live, and the place where Your honor lives.
- (9) Do not gather my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:
- (10) In whose hands *is* mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.
- (11) But as for me, I will walk in my integrity: redeem me, and be merciful to me.
- (12) My foot stands in an even place: in the congregations I will bless the LORD {Jehovah}.

# Chapter 27 A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) The LORD {Jehovah} is my light and my Salvation; of whom shall I be afraid? the LORD {Jehovah} is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- (2) When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and foll
- (3) Though an army should encamp against me, my heart will not fear: though war should rise against me, in this I *will be* confident.
- (4) One *thing* I have desired of the LORD {Jehovah}, that I will seek after; that I may live in the house of the LORD {Jehovah} all the days of my life, to see the beauty of the LORD {Jehovah}, and to inquire in His temple.

# King James 1769 Version

- (5) For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.
- (6) And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.
- (7) Hear, O LORD, 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, LORD, will I seek.
- (9) Hide not thy face *far* from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- (10) When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.
- (11) Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.
- (12) Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.
- (13) *I had fainted*, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
- (14) Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

# King James Paraphrase

- (5) Because in the time of trouble He will hide me in His pavilion: in the secret place of His tabernacle He will hide me; He will set me up upon a rock.
- (6) And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies all around me: therefore I will offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (7) Hear, O LORD {Jehovah}, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
- (8) When You said, Seek My face; my heart said to You, Your face, LORD {Jehovah}, I will seek.
- (9) Do not hide Your face *far* from me; do not put Your servant away in anger: You have been my help; do not leave me, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- (10) When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD {Jehovah} will take me up.
- (11) Teach me Your way, O LORD {Jehovah}, and lead me in a plain path, because of my enemies.
- (12) Do not deliver me over to the will of my enemies: because false witnesses have risen up against me, and those who breathe out cruelty.
- (13) *I would have fainted*, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD {Jehovah} in the land of the living.
- (14) Wait on the LORD {Jehovah}: be of good courage, and He will strengthen your heart: wait, I say, on the LORD {Jehovah}.

King James 1769 Version

# Chapter 28

#### A Psalm of David.

- (1) Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, *if* thou be silent to 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 toward thy holy oracle.
- (3) Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief *is* in their hearts.
- (4) Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.
- (5) Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.
- (6) Blessed *be* the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.
- (7) The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.
- (8) The LORD *is* their strength, and he *is* the saving strength of his anointed.
- (9) Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

King James Paraphrase

# Chapter 28

#### A Psalm (song) of David.

- (1) To You I will cry, O LORD {Jehovah} my rock; do not be silent to me: lest, *if* You are silent to me, I become like those who go down into the pit.
- (2) Hear the voice of my requests, when I cry to You, when I lift up my hands towards Your holy word.
- (3) Do not draw me away with the wicked, and with those who do works of sin, who speak peace to their neighbors, but mischief *is* in their hearts.
- (4) Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their deeds: give them according to the work of their hands; render to them their desert.
- (5) Because they do not regard the works of the LORD {Jehovah}, nor the operation of His hands, He will destroy them, and not build them up.
- (6) Blessed *is* the LORD {Jehovah}, because He has heard the voice of my requests.
- (7) The LORD {Jehovah} is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoices; and with my song I will praise Him.
- (8) The LORD {Jehovah} is their strength, and He is the saving strength of His anointed.
- (9) Save Your people, and bless Your inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up forever.

King James 1769 Version

#### Chapter 29

#### A Psalm of David.

- (1) Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.
- (2) Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- (3) The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD *is* upon many waters.
- (4) The voice of the LORD *is* powerful; the voice of the LORD *is* full of majesty.
- (5) The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.
- (6) He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.
- (7) The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.
- (8) The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
- (9) The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of *his* glory.
- (10) The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.
- (11) The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 29

#### A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) Give to the LORD {Jehovah}, O you mighty, give to the LORD {Jehovah} glory and strength {praise}.
- (2) Give to the LORD {Jehovah} the glory due to His Name; worship the LORD {Jehovah} in the beauty of holiness.
- (3) The voice of the LORD {Jehovah} is upon the waters: the God of glory thunders: the LORD {Jehovah} is upon many waters.
- (4) The voice of the LORD {Jehovah} *is* powerful; the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} *is* full of majesty.
- (5) The voice of the LORD {Jehovah} breaks the cedars; yes, the LORD {Jehovah} breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- (6) He causes them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.<sup>a</sup>
- (7) The voice of the LORD {Jehovah} divides the flames of fire.
- (8) The voice of the LORD {Jehovah} shakes the wilderness; the LORD {Jehovah} shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- (9) The voice of the LORD {Jehovah} causes the deer to give birth, and discovers the forests: and in His temple everyone speaks of *His* glory.
- (10) The LORD {Jehovah} sits upon the waters; yes, the LORD {Jehovah} sits King forever.
- (11) The LORD {Jehovah} will give strength to His people; the LORD {Jehovah} will bless His people with peace.

29:6a - unicorn - Job 39:9,10; Ps. 22:21; Ps. 92:10 - see Num. 23:22

King James 1769 Version

#### Chapter 30

### A Psalm and Song at the dedication of the house of David.

- (1) I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.
- (2) O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.
- (3) O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.
- (4) Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.
- (5) For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favour *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.
- (6) And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.
- (7) LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, *and* I was troubled.
- (8) I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.
- (9) What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?
- (10) Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 30

### A Psalm and Song at the dedication of the house of David.

- (1) I will exalt {praise} You, O LORD {Jehovah}; because You have lifted me up, and have not allowed my foes to rejoice over me.
- (2) O LORD {Jehovah} my God, I cried to You, and You have healed me.
- (3) O LORD {Jehovah}, You have brought up my soul from the grave: You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.<sup>a</sup>
- (4) Sing to the LORD {Jehovah}, O you His saints, and give thanks at the memory of His holiness.
- (5) Because His anger *endures but* a moment; in His favor *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *comes* in the morning.
- (6) And in my prosperity I said, I will never be moved.
- (7) LORD {Jehovah}, by Your favor You have caused my mountain to stand strong: You hid Your face, *and* I was troubled.
- (8) I cried to You, O LORD {Jehovah}; and to the LORD {Jehovah} I made request.
- (9) What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? will the dust praise You? will it declare Your truth?
- (10) Hear, O LORD {Jehovah}, and have mercy upon me: LORD {Jehovah}, You be my helper.

30:3a - pit - abyss

#### King James 1769 Version

- (11) Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;
- (12) To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

#### Chapter 31

## To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- (1) In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.
- (2) Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of 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) Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou *art* my strength.
- (5) Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.
- (6) I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.
- (7) I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;
- (8) And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (11) You have turned for me my mourning into dancing: You have put off my sackcloth, and clothed me with gladness;
- (12) To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to You, and not be silent. O LORD {Jehovah} my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

#### Chapter 31

## To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) In You, O LORD {Jehovah}, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in Your righteousness.
- (2) Bow down Your ear to me; deliver me speedily: You be my strong rock, for a house of defense to save me.
- (3) Because You *are* my rock and my fortress; therefore for Your Name's sake lead me, and guide me.
- (4) Pull me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me: because You *are* my strength.
- (5) Into Your hand I commit my spirit:<sup>a</sup> You have redeemed me, O LORD {Jehovah} God of truth.
- (6) I have hated those who regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (7) I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy: because You have considered my trouble; You have known my soul in adversities;
- (8) And have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: You have set my feet in a large room.

31:5a - Luke 23:46

#### King James 1769 Version

- (9) Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, *yea*, my soul and my belly.
- (10) For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.
- (11) I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, 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 slander of many: fear *was* on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.
- (14) But I trusted in thee, O LORD: 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 for thy mercies' sake.
- (17) Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, *and* let them be silent in the grave.
- (18) Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

- King James Paraphrase
- (9) Have mercy upon me, O LORD {Jehovah}, because I am in trouble: my eye is consumed with grief, *yes*, my soul and my body.
- (10) Because my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength fails because of my sin, and my bones are consumed.
- (11) I was a reproach among all my enemies, but especially among my neighbors, and a fear to my acquaintance: those who saw me outside fled from me.
- (12) I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.
- (13) Because I have heard the slander of many: fear *was* on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.
- (14) But I trusted in You, O LORD {Jehovah}: I said, You are my God.
- (15) My times *are* in Your hand: deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- (16) Cause Your face to shine upon Your servant: save me for Your mercies' sake.
- (17) Let me not be ashamed, O LORD {Jehovah}; because I have called upon You: let the wicked be ashamed, *and* let them be silent in the grave.
- (18) Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (19) *Oh* how great *is* thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; *which* thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!
- (20) Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.
- (21) Blessed *be* the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.
- (22) For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.
- (23) O love the LORD, all ye his saints: *for* the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.
- (24) Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

## Chapter 32 *A Psalm* of David, Maschil.

- (1) Blessed *is he whose* transgression *is* forgiven, *whose* sin *is* covered.
- (2) Blessed *is* the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit *there is* no guile.
- (3) When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (19) *Oh* how great *is* Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear {revere} You; *which* You have done for those who trust in You before the sons of men!
- (20) You will hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the pride of man: You will keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.
- (21) Blessed *is* the LORD {Jehovah}: because He has shown me His marvelous kindness in a strong city.
- (22) Because I said in my haste, I am cut off from before Your eyes: nevertheless You heard the voice of my requests when I cried to You.
- (23) O love the LORD {Jehovah}, all you His saints: *because* the LORD {Jehovah} preserves the faithful, and plentifully repays the proud worker.
- (24) Be of good courage, and He will strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the LORD {Jehovah}.

#### Chapter 32

## A Psalm {song} of David, Instruction.<sup>a</sup>

- (1) Blessed *is he whose* evil deed *is* forgiven, *whose* sin *is* covered.<sup>b</sup>
- (2) Blessed *is* the man to whom the LORD {Jehovah} does not count sin, and in whose spirit *there is* no deceit.
- (3) When I kept silence, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long.

32:0a - Maschil {משכיל} - instruction - a poem or song that teaches

There are twelve Psalms of instruction: Ps. 32; 42; 44; 45; 52; 53; 54; 55; 74; 88; 89; 142

32:1b - Rom. 4:7-8

#### King James 1769 Version

- (4) For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.
- (5) I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.
- (6) For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.
- (7) Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt 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 guide thee with mine eye.
- (9) Be ye not as the horse, *or* as the mule, *which* have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.
- (10) Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.
- (11) Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all *ye that are* upright in heart.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (4) Because day and night Your hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah {musical pause}.
- (5) I acknowledged my sin to You, and my sin I have not hidden. I said, I will confess my sins to the LORD {Jehovah}; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah {musical pause}.
- (6) For this everyone who is godly will pray to You in a time when You may be found: surely in the floods of great waters they will not come near to him.
- (7) You *are* my hiding place; You will preserve me from trouble; You will encircle me with songs of deliverance. Selah {musical pause}.
- (8) I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you will go: I will guide you with my eye.
- (9) Do not be as the horse, *or* as the mule, *which* have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near to you.
- (10) Many sorrows will be to the wicked: but he who trusts in the LORD {Jehovah}, mercy will encircle him.
- (11) Be glad in the LORD {Jehovah}, and rejoice, you righteous: and shout for joy, all *you who are* upright in heart.

32:4c - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

King James 1769 Version

#### **Chapter 33**

- (1) Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: *for* praise is comely for the upright.
- (2) Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings.
- (3) Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.
- (4) For the word of the LORD *is* right; and all his works *are done* in truth.
- (5) He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.
- (6) By the word of the LORD 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 an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.
- (8) Let all the earth fear the LORD: 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) The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.
- (11) The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 33

- (1) Rejoice in the LORD {Jehovah}, O you righteous: *because* praise is becoming for the upright.
- (2) Praise the LORD {Jehovah} with harp: sing to Him with the psaltery {lyre} and an instrument of ten strings.<sup>a</sup>
- (3) Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise.
- (4) Because the word of the LORD {Jehovah} is right; and all His works are done in truth.
- (5) He loves righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (6) By the word of the LORD {Jehovah} the heavens<sup>b</sup> were made; and all their hosts {armies; multitude} by the breath of His mouth.<sup>c</sup>
- (7) He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap: He lays up the depth in storehouses.
- (8) Let all the earth fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah}: let all those who live in the world stand in awe of Him.
- (9) Because He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.
- (10) The LORD {Jehovah} brings the counsel of the heathen {ungodly} to nothing: He makes the devices {plans} of the people of no effect.
- (11) The counsel of the LORD {Jehovah} stands forever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations.

33:2a - Ps. 150:3

33:6b - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

33:6c - Gen. 1

#### King James 1769 Version

- (12) Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.
- (13) The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.
- (14) From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.
- (15) He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.
- (16) There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.
- (17) An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.
- (18) Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;
- (19) To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.
- (20) Our soul waiteth for the LORD: 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 mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (12) Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD {Jehovah}; *and* the people *whom* He has chosen for His own inheritance.
- (13) The LORD {Jehovah} looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.
- (14) From the place where He lives He looks upon all those who live on the earth.
- (15) He fashions their hearts alike; He considers all their works.
- (16) There is no king saved by the multitude of an army: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.
- (17) A horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.
- (18) Indeed, the eye of the LORD {Jehovah} *is* upon those who fear {revere} Him, upon those who hope in His mercy:
- (19) To deliver their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.
- (20) Our soul waits for the LORD {Jehovah}: He *is* our help and our shield.
- (21) Because our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy Name.
- (22) Let Your mercy, O LORD {Jehovah}, be upon us, accordingly as we hope in You.

King James 1769 Version

#### Chapter 34

# A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.

- (1) I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.
- (2) My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.
- (3) O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- (4) I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- (5) They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
- (6) This poor man cried, and the LORD heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles.
- (7) The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
- (8) O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him
- (9) O fear the LORD, 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 the LORD shall not want any good *thing*.

King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 34

#### A Psalm {song} of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech;<sup>a</sup> who drove him away, and he departed.

- (1) I will bless the LORD {Jehovah} at all times: His praise *will* continually *be* in my mouth.
- (2) My soul will make her boast in the LORD {Jehovah}: the humble will hear *of it*, and be glad.
- (3) O magnify the LORD {Jehovah} with me, and let us exalt {praise} His Name together.
- (4) I sought the LORD {Jehovah}, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- (5) They looked to Him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
- (6) This poor man cried, and the LORD {Jehovah} heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles.
- (7) The angel of the LORD {Jehovah} encamps around those who fear {revere} Him, and delivers them.
- (8) O taste and see that the LORD {Jehovah} *is* good: blessed *is* the man *who* trusts in Him.
- (9) O fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah}, you His saints: because *there* is no lack to those who fear {revere} Him.
- (10) The young lions go lacking, and suffer hunger: but those who seek the LORD {Jehovah} will not lack any good *thing*.

34:0a - I Sam. 21:13

#### King James 1769 Version

- (11) Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- (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 the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.
- (16) The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- (17) *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
- (18) The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
- (19) Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD 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 desolate.
- (22) The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (11) Come, you children, listen to me: I will teach you the fear {reverence} of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (12) What man is he who desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good?
- (13) Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.
- (14) Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
- (15) The eyes of the LORD {Jehovah} are upon the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry.
- (16) The face of the LORD {Jehovah} is against those who do evil, to cut off their memory from the earth.
- (17) *The righteous* cry, and the LORD {Jehovah} hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- (18) The LORD {Jehovah} is near to those who are of a broken heart; and saves those of an humble spirit.
- (19) Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD {Jehovah} delivers him out of them all.
- (20) He keeps all his bones: not one of them is broken.
- (21) Evil will kill the wicked: and those who hate the righteous will be desolate.
- (22) The LORD {Jehovah} redeems the soul of His servants: and none of those who trust in Him will be desolate.

King James 1769 Version

#### Chapter 35

#### A Psalm of David.

- (1) Plead *my cause*, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.
- (2) Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.
- (3) Draw out also the spear, and stop *the way* against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I *am* thy salvation.
- (4) Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.
- (5) Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase *them*.
- (6) Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.
- (7) For without cause have they hid for me their net *in* a pit, *which* without cause they have digged for my soul.
- (8) Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.
- (9) And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.
- (10) All my bones shall say, LORD, who *is* like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 35

#### A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) Plead *my cause*, O LORD {Jehovah}, with those who strive with me: fight against those who fight against me.
- (2) Take hold of shield and armor, and stand up for my help.
- (3) Draw out also the spear, and stop *the way* against those who persecute me: say to my soul, I *am* your salvation.
- (4) Let them be confounded and put to shame who seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion who devise my harm.
- (5) Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD {Jehovah} chase *them*.
- (6) Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD {Jehovah} persecute them.
- (7) Because without cause they have hid their net for me *in* a pit, *which* without cause they have dug for my soul.
- (8) Let destruction come upon him unawares; and let his net that he has hidden catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.
- (9) And my soul will be joyful in the LORD {Jehovah}: it will rejoice in His salvation.
- (10) All my bones will say, LORD {Jehovah}, Who *is* like You, Who delivers the poor from him who is too strong for him, yes, the poor and the needy from him who takes his things?

#### King James 1769 Version

- (11) False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge *things* that I knew not.
- (12) They rewarded me evil for good *to* the spoiling of my soul.
- (13) But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing *was* sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.
- (14) I behaved myself as though *he had been* my friend *or* brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth *for his* mother.
- (15) But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: *yea*, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it* not; they did tear *me*, and ceased not:
- (16) With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.
- (17) Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.
- (18) I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.
- (19) Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: *neither* let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.
- (20) For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against *them that are* quiet in the land.
- (21) Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, *and* said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen *it*.

- King James Paraphrase
- (11) False witnesses arose; they laid to my charge *things* that I did not know.
- (12) They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my soul.
- (13) But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing *was* sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into my own bosom.
- (14) I behaved myself as though *he had been* my friend *or* brother: I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns *for his* mother.
- (15) But in my adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: *yes*, the slanderers gathered themselves together against me, and I did not know *it*; they tore *me*, and did not cease:
- (16) With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.
- (17) Lord, how long will You look on? rescue my soul from their destruction, my darling from the lions.
- (18) I will give You thanks in the great congregation: I will praise You among many people.
- (19) Do not let those who are my enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: *neither* let those wink with the eye who hate me without a cause.
- (20) Because they do not speak peace: but they devise deceitful matters against *those who are* quiet in the land.
- (21) Yes, they opened their mouth wide against me, *and* said, Aha, aha, our eye has seen *it*.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (22) *This* thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me.
- (23) Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, *even* unto my cause, my God and my Lord.
- (24) Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.
- (25) Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.
- (26) Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify *themselves* against me.
- (27) Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.
- (28) And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness *and* of thy praise all the day long.

#### Chapter 36

## To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD.

- (1) The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, *that there is* no fear of God before his eyes.
- (2) For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (22) *This* You have seen, O LORD {Jehovah}: do not keep silence: O Lord, do not be far from me.
- (23) Stir up Yourself, and awaken to my judgment, *even* to my cause, my God and my Lord.
- (24) Judge me, O LORD {Jehovah} my God, according to Your righteousness; and do not let them rejoice over me.
- (25) Do not let them say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.
- (26) Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together who rejoice at my hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify *themselves* against me.
- (27) Let them shout for joy, and be glad, who favor my righteous cause: yes, let them say continually, Let the LORD {Jehovah} be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.
- (28) And my tongue will speak of Your righteousness *and* of Your praise all the day long.

#### Chapter 36

## To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David the servant of the LORD {Jehovah}.

- (1) The sin of the wicked says within my heart, *that there is* no fear of God before his eyes.
- (2) Because he flatters himself in his own eyes, until his sin is found to be hateful.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (3) The words of his mouth *are* iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, *and* to do good.
- (4) He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way *that is* not good; he abhorreth not evil.
- (5) Thy mercy, O LORD, *is* in the heavens; *and* thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the clouds.
- (6) Thy righteousness *is* like the great mountains; thy judgments *are* a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.
- (7) How excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.
- (8) They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt 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) O 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 remove me.
- (12) There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (3) The words of his mouth *are* sin and deceit: he has no desire to be wise, *and* to do good.
- (4) He devises {plans} mischief upon his bed; he sets himself in a way *that is* not good; he does not hate evil.
- (5) Your mercy, O LORD {Jehovah}, *is* in the heavens;<sup>a</sup> *and* Your faithfulness *reaches* to the clouds.
- (6) Your righteousness *is* like the great mountains; Your judgments *are* a great deep: O LORD {Jehovah}, You preserve man and beast.
- (7) How excellent *is* Your loving kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.
- (8) They will be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Your house; and You will make them drink of the river of Your pleasures.
- (9) Because with You is the fountain of life: in Your light we will see light.
- (10) O continue Your loving kindness to those who know You; and Your righteousness to the upright in heart.
- (11) Do not let the foot of pride come against me, and do not let the hand of the wicked remove me.
- (12) There the workers of sin have fallen: they are cast down, and will not be able to rise.

36:5a - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

King James 1769 Version

#### **Chapter 37**

#### A Psalm of David.

- (1) Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.
- (2) For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.
- (3) Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
- (4) Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
- (5) Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.
- (6) And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.
- (7) Rest in the LORD, 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 in any wise to do evil
- (9) For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.
- (10) For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall* not *be*: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall* not *be*.
- (11) But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 37

#### A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) Do not fret yourself because of evildoers, neither be envious of those who are workers of sin.
- (2) Because they will soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.
- (3) Trust in the LORD {Jehovah}, and do good; *so* you will live in the land, and truly you will be fed.
- (4) Delight yourself also in the LORD {Jehovah}; and He will give you the desires of your heart.
- (5) Commit your way to the LORD {Jehovah}; trust also in Him; and He will bring *it* to pass.
- (6) And He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your judgment as the noonday.
- (7) Rest in the LORD {Jehovah}, and wait patiently for Him: do not fret yourself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices {plans} to pass.
- (8) Cease from anger, and forsake wrath {anger; judgment}: do not fret yourself in any wise to do evil.
- (9) Because evildoers will be cut off: but those who wait upon the LORD {Jehovah}, they will inherit the earth.
- (10) Because in yet a little while, and the wicked *will* not *be*: yes, you will diligently consider his place, and it *will* not *be*.
- (11) But the humble will inherit the earth;<sup>a</sup> and will delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

37:11a- Mat. 5:5

#### King James 1769 Version

- (12) The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
- (13) The Lord shall 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, *and* to slay such as be of upright conversation.
- (15) Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.
- (16) A little that a righteous man hath *is* better than the riches of many wicked.
- (17) For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.
- (18) The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.
- (19) They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
- (20) But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD *shall be* as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.
- (21) The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.
- (22) For *such* as *be* blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and *they that* be cursed of him shall be cut off.
- (23) The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

- King James Paraphrase
- (12) The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes upon him with his teeth.
- (13) The Lord will laugh at him: because He sees 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, *and* to kill those of upright conversation.
- (15) Their sword will enter into their own heart, and their bows will be broken.
- (16) A little that a righteous man has *is* better than the riches of many wicked.
- (17) Because the arms of the wicked will be broken: but the LORD {Jehovah} upholds the righteous.
- (18) The LORD {Jehovah} knows the days of the upright: and their inheritance will be forever.
- (19) They will not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they will be satisfied.
- (20) But the wicked will perish, and the enemies of the LORD {Jehovah} will be as the fat of lambs: they will consume; into smoke they will consume away.
- (21) The wicked borrows, and does not pay back: but the righteous shows mercy, and gives.
- (22) Because those who are blessed by Him will inherit the earth; and those who are cursed by Him will be cut off.
- (23) The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD {Jehovah}: and He delights in his way.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (24) Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD 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) *He is* ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed *is* blessed.
- (27) Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.
- (28) For the LORD loveth judgment, 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 speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.
- (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) The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.
- (34) Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall 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 bay tree.
- (36) Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (24) Though he fall, he will not be completely cast down: because the LORD {Jehovah} upholds *him with* His hand.
- (25) I have been young, and *now* am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his children begging for bread.
- (26) *He is* ever merciful, and lends and his children *are* blessed.
- (27) Depart from evil, and do good; and live forevermore.
- (28) Because the LORD {Jehovah} loves judgment, and does not forsake His saints; they are preserved forever: but the descendants of the wicked will be cut off.
- (29) The righteous will inherit the land, and live in it forever.
- (30) The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue talks of judgment.
- (31) The law of his God *is* in his heart; none of his steps will slide.
- (32) The wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to kill him.
- (33) The LORD {Jehovah} will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.
- (34) Wait on the LORD {Jehovah}, and keep His way, and He will exalt you to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, you will see *it*.
- (35) I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.
- (36) Yet he passed away, and, indeed, he *was* no more: yes, I sought him, but he could not be found.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (37) Mark the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: for the end of *that* man *is* peace.
- (38) But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.
- (39) But the salvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: *he is* their strength in the time of trouble.
- (40) And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

#### Chapter 38

## A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

- (1) O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
- (2) For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.
- (3) There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin.
- (4) For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
- (5) My wounds stink *and* are corrupt because of my foolishness.
- (6) I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.
- (7) For my loins are filled with a loathsome *disease*: and *there is* no soundness in my flesh.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (37) Take note of the perfect *man*, and look upon the upright: because the end of *that* man *is* peace.
- (38) But those who do evil will be destroyed together: the end of the wicked will be cut off.
- (39) But the salvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD {Jehovah}: He *is* their strength in the time of trouble.
- (40) And the LORD {Jehovah} will help them, and deliver them: He will deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.

#### Chapter 38 A Psalm {song} of David, to bring to remembrance.

- (1) O LORD {Jehovah}, do not rebuke me in Your anger: nor discipline me in Your hot displeasure.
- (2) Because Your arrows stick fast in me, and Your hand greatly presses me.
- (3) There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin
- (4) Because my sins have gone over my head: as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
- (5) My wounds stink *and* are corrupt because of my foolishness.
- (6) I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.
- (7) Because my body is filled with a terrible *disease*: and *there is* no soundness in my flesh.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (8) I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.
- (9) Lord, all my desire *is* before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.
- (10) My heart panteth, 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 sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.
- (12) They also that seek after my life lay snares *for me*: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.
- (13) But I, as a deaf *man*, heard not; and *I was* as a dumb man *that* openeth not his mouth.
- (14) Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth *are* no reproofs.
- (15) For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.
- (16) For I said, *Hear me*, lest *otherwise* they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify *themselves* against me.
- (17) For I *am* ready to halt, 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* they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

- King James Paraphrase
- (8) I am feeble and greatly broken: I have groaned because of the turmoil of my heart.
- (9) Lord, all my desire *is* before You; and my groaning is not hidden from You.
- (10) My heart pants, my strength fails me: as for the light of my eyes, it also is gone from me.
- (11) My lovers and my friends stand back because of my disease; and my kinsmen stand afar off.
- (12) Those also who seek after my life lay snares *for me*: and those who seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.
- (13) But I, as a deaf *man*, did not hear; and *I was* as a dumb man *who* did not open his mouth.
- (14) So I was as a man who did not hear, and in whose mouth *are* no reproofs.
- (15) Because in You, O LORD {Jehovah}, I hope: You will hear, O Lord my God.
- (16) Because I said, *Hear me*, lest *otherwise* they should rejoice over me: when my foot slips, they magnify *themselves* against me.
- (17) Because I *am* ready to fall, and my sorrow *is* continually before me.
- (18) Because I will declare my sin; I will be sorry for my sin.
- (19) But my enemies *are* lively, *and* they are strong: and those who hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (20) They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow *the thing that* good *is*.
- (21) Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me.
- (22) Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

#### Chapter 39

## To the chief Musician, even to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.

- (1) I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.
- (2) I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, *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) LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it *is*; *that* I may know how frail I *am*.
- (5) Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.
- (6) Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall gather them.
- (7) And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope *is* in thee.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (20) Also those who render evil for good are my adversaries; because I follow *the thing that is* good.
- (21) Do not forsake me, O LORD {Jehovah}: O my God, do not be far from me.
- (22) Come quickly to help me, O Lord my salvation.

#### Chapter 39

## To the chief Musician, even to Jeduthun, A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I not sin with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.
- (2) I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, *even* from good; and my sorrow was stirred.
- (3) My heart was hot within me, while I was meditating the fire burned: *then* I spoke with my tongue,
- (4) LORD {Jehovah}, cause me to know my end, and what the measure of my days is; *that* I may know how frail I *am*.
- (5) Indeed, You have made my days as the width of a hand; and my age *is* as nothing before You: truly every man at his best state *is* altogether vanity. Selah {musical pause}.<sup>a</sup>
- (6) Surely every man walks in a vain show: surely they are troubled in vain: he heaps up *riches*, and does not know who will gather them.
- (7) And now, Lord, what do I wait for? my hope *is* in You.

39:5a - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (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 blow of thine hand.
- (11) When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man *is* vanity. Selah.
- (12) Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I *am* a stranger with thee, *and* a sojourner, as all my fathers *were*.
- (13) O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

#### **Chapter 40**

## To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- (1) I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my
- (2) He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and 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 the LORD.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (8) Deliver me from all my sins: do not make me the reproach of the foolish.
- (9) I was dumb, I did not open my mouth; because You did *it*.
- (10) Remove Your stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of Your hand.
- (11) When You with rebukes correct man for sin, You cause his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man *is* vanity. Selah {musical pause}.
- (12) Hear my prayer, O LORD {Jehovah}, and give ear to my cry; do not hold Your peace at my tears: because I *am* a stranger with You, *and* a traveler, as all my forefathers *were*.
- (13) O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go from here, and be no more.

#### **Chapter 40**

## To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) I waited patiently for the LORD {Jehovah}; and He listened to me, and heard my cry.
- (2) He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry {muddy} clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my ways.
- (3) And He has put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise to our God: many will see *it*, and fear, and will trust in the LORD {Jehovah}.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (4) Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
- (5) Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.
- (6) Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.
- (7) Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me,
- (8) I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.
- (9) I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, 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 congregation.
- (11) Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.
- (12) For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.

- King James Paraphrase
- (4) Blessed *is* that man who makes the LORD {Jehovah} his trust, and does not respect the proud, nor those who turn aside to lies.
- (5) Many, O LORD {Jehovah} my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done, and Your thoughts which are towards us: they cannot be counted in order to You: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.
- (6) Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; my ears You have opened: burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.
- (7) Then I said, Look, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me,
- (8) I delight to do Your will, O my God: yes, Your law *is* within my heart.
- (9) I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: indeed, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD {Jehovah}, You know.
- (10) I have not hid Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation: I have not concealed Your loving kindness and Your truth from the great congregation.
- (11) Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD {Jehovah}: let Your loving kindness and Your truth continually preserve me.
- (12) Because uncountable evils have encircled me: my sins have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of my head: therefore my heart fails me.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (13) Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.
- (14) Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.
- (15) Let them be desolate for a reward 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, The LORD be magnified.
- (17) But I *am* poor and needy; *yet* the Lord thinketh upon me: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

## Chapter 41 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- (1) Blessed *is* he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.
- (2) The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; *and* he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.
- (3) The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.
- (4) I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (13) Be pleased, O LORD {Jehovah}, to deliver me: O LORD {Jehovah}, come quickly to help me.
- (14) Let them be ashamed and confounded together who seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame who wish me evil.
- (15) Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame who say to me, Aha, aha.
- (16) Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You: let those who love Your salvation say continually, The LORD {Jehovah} be magnified.
- (17) But I *am* poor and needy; *yet* the Lord thinks upon me: You *are* my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.

## Chapter 41 To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) Blessed *is* he who considers the poor: the LORD {Jehovah} will deliver him in time of trouble.
- (2) The LORD {Jehovah} will preserve him, and keep him alive; *and* he will be blessed upon the earth: and You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.
- (3) The LORD {Jehovah} will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing {hopelessness}: You will make all his bed in his sickness.
- (4) I said, LORD {Jehovah}, be merciful to me: heal my soul; because I have sinned against You.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (5) Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?
- (6) And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh vanity: 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) An evil disease, *say they*, cleaveth fast unto him: and *now* that he lieth he shall rise up no more.
- (9) Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up *his* heel against me
- (10) But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.
- (11) By this I know that thou favourest 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* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

#### Chapter 42

## To the chief Musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah.

(1) As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (5) My enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?
- (6) And if he comes to see *me*, he speaks vanity: his heart gathers sin to itself; *when* he goes abroad, he tells *it*.
- (7) All who hate me whisper together against me: against me they devise {plan} my hurt.
- (8) An evil disease, *they say*, clings fast to him: and *now* that he lies down he will rise up no more.
- (9) Yes, my own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, who ate of my bread, has lifted up *his* heel against me.
- (10) But You, O LORD {Jehovah}, be merciful to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them.
- (11) By this I know that You favor me, because my enemy does not triumph over me.
- (12) And as for me, You uphold me in my integrity, and set me before Your face forever.
- (13) Blessed *is* the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen {let it be}, and Amen {let it be}.

#### Chapter 42

## To the chief Musician, Instruction,<sup>a</sup> for the sons of Korah.<sup>b</sup>

(1) As the deer pants after the brooks of water, so my soul pants after You, O God

- 42:0 Maschil {משביל} instruction a poem or song that teaches

  There are twelve Psalms of instruction: Ps. 32; 42; 44; 45; 52; 53; 54;
  55; 74; 88; 89; 142
- 42:0b sons of Korah the sons of Korah were door/gate keepers of the tabernacle and later the temple (I Chr. 9:17-24; 26:1-19) eleven Psalms are for the sons of Korah: Ps. 42; 44; 45; 46; 47; 48; 49; 84; 85; 87; 88

#### King James 1769 Version

- (2) My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?
- (3) My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where *is* thy God?
- (4) When I remember these *things*, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.
- (5) Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and *why* art thou disquieted in 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 will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.
- (7) Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
- (8) *Yet* the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song *shall be* with me, *and* my prayer unto the God of my life.
- (9) I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
- (10) As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

- King James Paraphrase
- (2) My soul thirsts for God, for the living God: when will I come and appear before God?
- (3) My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually say to me, Where *is* your God?
- (4) When I remember these *things*, I pour out my soul within me: because I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude who kept the holy day.
- (5) Why are you cast down, O my soul? and *why* are you unsettled within me? hope in God: because I will yet praise Him *for* the help of His countenance {smile; facial expression}.
- (6) O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore I will remember You from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.
- (7) Deep calls to deep at the noise of Your waterspouts: all Your waves and Your breakers have gone over me.
- (8) Yet the LORD {Jehovah} will command His loving kindness in the daytime, and in the night His song will be with me, and my prayer to the God of my life.
- (9) I will say to God my rock, Why have You forgotten me? why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
- (10) *As* with a sword in my bones, my enemies reproach me; while they say daily to me, Where *is* your God?

#### King James 1769 Version

(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 health of my countenance, and my God.

#### **Chapter 43**

- (1) Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.
- (2) For thou *art* the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
- (3) O 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 my exceeding joy: yea, 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 in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who* is the health of my countenance, and my God.

#### King James Paraphrase

(11) Why are you cast down, O my soul? and why are you unsettled within me? hope in God: because I will yet praise Him, *Who is* the health of my countenance {smile; facial expression}, and my God.

#### Chapter 43

- (1) Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.
- (2) Because You *are* the God of my strength: why do You cast me off? why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
- (3) O send out Your light and Your truth: let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill, and to Your tabernacles.
- (4) Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding great joy: yes, upon the harp I will praise You, O God my God.
- (5) Why are you cast down, O my soul? and why are you unsettled within me? hope in God: because I will yet praise Him, *Who is* the health of my countenance {smile; facial expression}, and my God.

King James 1769 Version

#### **Chapter 44**

## To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, Maschil.

- (1) We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, *what* work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.
- (2) *How* thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; *how* thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.
- (3) For they got 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 hadst a favour unto them.
- (4) Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.
- (5) Through thee will we push down our enemies: 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 enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.
- (8) In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.
- (9) But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.

#### King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 44

### To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah.<sup>a</sup> Instruction.<sup>b</sup>

- (1) We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, *what* work You did in their days, in the times of old.
- (2) *How* You drove out the heathen {ungodly} with Your hand, and planted them; *how* You afflicted the people, and cast them out.
- (3) Because they did not get the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but Your right hand, and Your arm, and the light of Your countenance {smile; facial expression}, because You had favor towards them.
- (4) You are my King, O God: command deliverance for Jacob.
- (5) Through You we will push down our enemies: through Your Name we will tread them under who rise up against us.
- (6) Because I will not trust in my bow, neither will my sword save me.
- (7) But You have saved us from our enemies, and have put those to shame who hated us.
- (8) In God we boast all the day long, and praise Your Name forever. Selah {musical pause}.c
- (9) But You have cast off, and put us to shame; and do not go forth with our armies.
- 44:0a sons of Korah the sons of Korah were door/gate keepers of the tabernacle and later the temple (I Chr. 9:17-24; 26:1-19) eleven Psalms are for the sons of Korah: Ps. 42; 44; 45; 46; 47; 48; 49; 84; 85; 87; 88
- 44:0b Maschil {משליל} instruction a poem or song that teaches. There are twelve Psalms of instruction: Ps. 32; 42; 44; 45; 52; 53; 54; 55; 74; 88; 89; 142
- 44:8c Selah (סלה) musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (10) Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.
- (11) Thou hast given us like sheep *appointed* for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.
- (12) Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase *thy wealth* by their price.
- (13) Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.
- (14) Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.
- (15) My confusion *is* continually 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 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) Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.
- (20) If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;
- (21) Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (10) You cause us to turn back from the enemy: and those who hate us take for themselves.
- (11) You have given us like sheep appointed for food; and have scattered us among the heathen {ungodly nations}.
- (12) You sell Your people for nothing, and do not increase *Your wealth* by their price.
- (13) You make us a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn and a derision to those who are all around us.
- (14) You make us a byword among the heathen {ungodly}, a shaking of the head among the people.
- (15) My confusion *is* continually before me, and the shame of my face has covered me.
- (16) Because the voice of him who reproaches and blasphemes; because of the enemy and avenger.
- (17) All this has come upon us; yet we have not forgotten You, neither have we dealt falsely in Your covenant.
- (18) Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from Your way;
- (19) Though You have greatly broken us in the place of dragons,<sup>d</sup> and covered us with the shadow of death.
- (20) If we have forgotten the Name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;
- (21) Will not God search this out? because He knows the secrets of the heart.

44:19d – dragons – Job 26:13; 30:29; Ps. 44:19; 74:13; 91:13; 148:7; Is. 27:1

#### King James 1769 Version

- (22) Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.
- (23) Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? 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 belly cleaveth unto the earth.
- (26) Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

#### Chapter 45

#### To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, Maschil, A Song of loves.

- (1) My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of 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 into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever
- (3) Gird thy sword upon *thy* thigh, O *most* mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (22) Yes, for Your sake we are killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.
- (23) Awaken, why do You sleep, O Lord? arise, do not cast *us* off forever.
- (24) Why do You hide Your face, *and* forget our affliction and our oppression?
- (25) Because our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly clings to the earth.
- (26) Arise for our help, and redeem us for Your mercies' sake.

#### Chapter 45

# To the chief Musician set to the tune of 'Concerning the Lilies', a for the sons of Korah, b Instruction, c A Song of loves.

- (1) My heart is overflowing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made concerning the king: my tongue *is* the pen of a ready writer.
- (2) You are fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into your lips: therefore God has blessed you forever.
- (3) Tie your sword upon *your* thigh, O *most* mighty, with your glory and your majesty.

#### 44:22e - Rom. 8:36

- 45:0a upon Shoshannim (על שושנים) set to the tune of 'Concerning the Lilies' probably a popular song in David's day
- 45:0b sons of Korah the sons of Korah were door/gate keepers of the tabernacle and later the temple (I Chr. 9:17-24; 26:1-19)– eleven Psalms are for the sons of Korah: Ps. 42; 44; 45; 46; 47; 48; 49; 84; 85; 87; 88
- 45:0c Maschil (משכיל) instruction a poem or song that teaches. There are twelve Psalms of instruction: Ps. 32; 42; 44; 45; 52; 53; 54; 55; 74; 88; 89; 142

#### King James 1769 Version

- (4) And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
- (5) Thine arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; *whereby* the people fall under thee.
- (6) Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre.
- (7) Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest 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 the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.
- (9) Kings' daughters *were* among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did 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 shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he *is* thy Lord; and worship thou him.
- (12) And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift; *even* the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.
- (13) The king's daughter *is* all glorious within: her clothing *is* of wrought gold.
- (14) She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (4) And in your majesty ride prosperously because of truth and humility *and* righteousness; and your right hand will teach you terrible things.
- (5) Your arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; *by them* the people fall under you.
- (6) Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever: the scepter {kingly staff} of Your kingdom *is* a right scepter.
- (7) You love righteousness, and hate wickedness: therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- (8) All your clothes *smell* of myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia {perfume}, out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made you glad.
- (9) Kings' daughters *were* among your honorable women: upon your right hand stood the queen in gold of Ophir {India}.
- (10) Listen, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear; forget also your own people, and your father's house;
- (11) So the king will greatly desire your beauty: because He *is* your Lord; and you worship Him.
- (12) And the daughter of Tyre will be there with a gift; even the rich among the people will seek your favor.
- (13) The king's daughter *is* all glorious within: her clothing *is* a work of gold.
- (14) She will be brought to the king in clothes of needlework: the virgins her companions who follow her will be brought to you.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (15) With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.
- (16) Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.
- (17) I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

#### **Chapter 46**

## To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth.

- (1) God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- (2) Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea:
- (3) Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.
- (4) *There is* a river, the streams whereof shall 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 shall help her, and that right early.
- (6) The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (15) With gladness and rejoicing they will be brought: they will enter into the King's palace.
- (16) In the place of your fathers your children will be, whom You may make princes in all the earth.
- (17) I will cause Your Name to be remembered in all generations: therefore the people will praise You forever and ever.

#### **Chapter 46**

## To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah,<sup>a</sup> A Song 'For the Virgins'.<sup>b</sup>

- (1) God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- (2) Therefore we will not be afraid, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea:
- (3) *Though* its waters roar *and* are troubled, *though* the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah {musical pause}.<sup>c</sup>
- (4) *There is* a river, the streams of which will 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 will not be moved: God will help her, and that at the dawn of the morning.
- (6) The heathen {ungodly} raged, the kingdoms were moved: He spoke, the earth melted.
- 46:0a sons of Korah the sons of Korah were door/gate keepers of the tabernacle and later the temple (I Chr. 9:17-24; 26:1-19) eleven Psalms are for the sons of Korah: Ps. 42; 44; 45; 46; 47; 48; 49; 84; 85; 87; 88
- 46:0b upon Alamoth {על־עלמות} for the virgins see <u>Appendix H: Does</u>
  Isaiah 7:14 refer to a virgin? Yes!!!
- 46:3c Selah {סלה} musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (7) The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.
- (8) Come, behold the works of the LORD, 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 chariot in the fire.
- (10) Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.
- (11) The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

#### Chapter 47 To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

- (1) O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
- (2) For the LORD most high *is* terrible; *he is* a great King over all the earth.
- (3) He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.
- (4) He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.
- (5) God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (7) The LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah {musical pause}.
- (8) Come, see the works of the LORD {Jehovah}, what desolation He has made in the earth.
- (9) He causes wars to cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow, and cuts the spear in pieces; He burns the chariot in the fire.
- (10) Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen {ungodly nations}, I will be exalted in the earth.
- (11) The LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah {musical pause}.

#### Chapter 47

## To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} for the sons of Korah.<sup>a</sup>

- (1) O clap your hands, all you people; shout to God with the voice of triumph.
- (2) Because the LORD {Jehovah} most high *is* terrible; *He is* a great King over all the earth.
- (3) He will subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.
- (4) He will choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom He loved. Selah {musical pause}.<sup>b</sup>
- (5) God has gone up with a shout, the LORD {Jehovah} with the sound of a trumpet.<sup>c</sup>

47:0a – sons of Korah – the sons of Korah were door/gate keepers of the tabernacle and later the temple – (I Chr. 9:17-24; 26:1-19) – eleven Psalms are for the sons of Korah: Ps. 42; 44; 45; 46; 47; 48; 49; 84; 85; 87; 88

47:4b - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

47:5c - Is. 26:19; I Thes. 4:16,17

#### King James 1769 Version

- (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 with understanding.
- (8) God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
- (9) The princes of the people are gathered together, *even* the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth *belong* unto God: he is greatly exalted.

#### **Chapter 48**

### A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah.

- (1) Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, *in* the mountain of his holiness.
- (2) Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
- (3) God is known in her palaces for a refuge.
- (4) For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.
- (5) They saw *it*, *and* so they marvelled; they were troubled, *and* hasted away.
- (6) Fear took hold upon them there, *and* pain, as of a woman in travail.
- (7) Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (6) Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- (7) Because God *is* the King of all the earth: you sing praises with understanding.
- (8) God reigns over the heathen {ungodly}: God sits upon the throne of His holiness.
- (9) The princes of the people are gathered together, *even* the people of the God of Abraham: because the shields of the earth *belong* to God: He is greatly exalted.

#### Chapter 48

## A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah.<sup>a</sup>

- (1) Great *is* the LORD {Jehovah}, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, *in* the mountain of His holiness.
- (2) Beautiful on high, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
- (3) God is known in her palaces for a refuge.
- (4) Because, look, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.
- (5) They saw *it*, and so they marveled; they were troubled, and ran away.
- (6) Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in child birth.
- (7) You break the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

48:0a – sons of Korah – the sons of Korah were door/gate keepers of the tabernacle and later the temple – (I Chr. 9:17-24; 26:1-19) – eleven Psalms are for the sons of Korah: Ps. 42; 44; 45; 46; 47; 48; 49; 84; 85; 87; 88

#### King James 1769 Version

- (8) As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah.
- (9) We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.
- (10) According to 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 rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.
- (12) Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.
- (13) Mark ye well her bulwarks, 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.

#### Chapter 49

## To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

- (1) Hear this, all *ye* people; give ear, all *ye* inhabitants of the world:
- (2) Both low and high, rich and poor, together.
- (3) My mouth shall speak of 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.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (8) As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies}, in the city of our God: God will establish it forever. Selah {musical pause}.b
- (9) We have thought of Your loving kindness, O God, in the midst of Your temple.
- (10) According to Your Name, O God, so *is* Your praise to the ends of the earth: Your right hand is full of righteousness.
- (11) Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of Your judgments.
- (12) Walk about Zion, and go all around her: count its towers.
- (13) Notice well her bulwarks {fortifications}, consider her palaces; that you may tell *it* to the generation following.
- (14) Because this God *is* our God forever and ever: He will be our guide *even* to death.

#### Chapter 49

## To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} for the sons of Korah.<sup>a</sup>

- (1) Hear this, all *you* people; listen, all *you* who live in the world:
- (2) Both low and high, rich and poor, together.
- (3) My mouth will speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart *will be* of understanding.
- (4) I will incline my ear to a parable: I will open my mystery upon the harp.

#### 48:8b - Selah (סלה) - musical pause

49:0a – sons of Korah – the sons of Korah were door/gate keepers of the tabernacle and later the temple – (I Chr. 9:17-24; 26:1-19) – eleven Psalms are for the sons of Korah: Ps. 42; 44; 45; 46; 47; 48; 49; 84; 85; 87; 88

#### King James 1769 Version

- (5) Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, *when* the iniquity of my heels shall compass 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 a ransom for him:
- (8) (For the redemption of their soul *is* precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)
- (9) That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.
- (10) For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person 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) Nevertheless man *being* in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts *that* perish.
- (13) This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings.
- (14) Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.
- (15) But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.
- (16) Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

- King James Paraphrase
- (5) Why should I be afraid in the days of evil, *when* the sin of my heels will encircle me?
- (6) Those who 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 a ransom for him:
- (8) (Because the redemption of their soul *is* precious, and it ceases forever:)
- (9) That he should still live forever, *and* not see corruption.
- (10) Because he sees *that* wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish {crude; ungodly}<sup>b</sup> person perish, and leave their wealth to others.
- (11) Their inward thought *is, that* their houses *will continue* forever, *and* their houses to all generations; they call *their* lands after their own names.
- (12) Nevertheless man *being* in honor still does not live: he is like the beasts *that* perish.
- (13) This their way *is* their folly: yet their posterity {children; descendants} approve their sayings. Selah {musical pause}.
- (14) Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death will feed on them; and the upright will have dominion {rule; authority} over them in the morning; and their beauty will consume in the grave from their home.
- (15) But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: because He will receive me. Selah {musical pause}.
- (16) Do not be afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased:

49:10b - brutish - beastly, animal-like, crude - ungodly 49:13c - Selah (סלה) - musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (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* will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.
- (19) He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.
- (20) Man *that is* in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts *that* perish.

#### Chapter 50 A Psalm of Asaph.

- (1) The mighty God, even the LORD, 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.
- (3) Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.
- (4) He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.
- (5) Gather my saints together unto me; those that 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 against thee: I *am* God, *even* thy God.
- (8) I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (17) Because when he dies he will carry nothing away: his glory will not descend after him.
- (18) Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and *men* will praise you, when you do well to yourself.
- (19) He will go to the generation of his fathers; they will never see light.
- (20) Man *that is* in honor, and does not understand, is like the beasts *that* perish.

#### Chapter 50 A Psalm {song} of Asaph.

- (1) The mighty God, even the LORD {Jehovah}, has spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down.
- (2) Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shined.
- (3) Our God will come, and will not keep silence: a fire will devour before Him, and it will be very tempestuous {stormy} all around Him.
- (4) He will call to the heavens<sup>a</sup> from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people.
- (5) Gather My saints together to Me; those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.
- (6) And the heavens will declare His righteousness: because God *is* Himself judge. Selah {musical pause}. <sup>b</sup>
- (7) Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against you: I am God, even your God.
- (8) I will not reprove you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, *to have been* continually before Me.

50:4a – heavens – see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14 50:6b - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (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 upon a thousand hills.
- (11) I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field *are* 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 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, or *that* thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?
- (17) Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.
- (18) When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and 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; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.
- (21) These *things* hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether *such an 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.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (9) I will take no bull out of your house, *nor* male goats out of your folds.
- (10) Because every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.
- (11) I know all the birds of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field *are* Mine.
- (12) If I were hungry, I would not tell you: because the world *is* Mine, and all its fullness.
- (13) Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?
- (14) Offer to God thanksgiving; and pay your vows to the most High:
- (15) And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver you, and you will glorify Me.
- (16) But to the wicked God says, What have you to do to declare My laws, or *that* you should take My covenant in your mouth?
- (17) Since you hate instruction, and cast My words behind you.
- (18) When you saw a thief, then you conspired with him, and have been partaker with adulterers.
- (19) You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit.
- (20) You sit *and* speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son.
- (21) These *things* you have done, and I kept silence; you thought that I was altogether *one such* as yourself: *but* I will reprove you, and set *them* in order before your eyes.
- (22) Now consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear *you* in pieces, and *there* is no one to deliver.

#### King James 1769 Version

(23) Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth *his* conversation *aright* will I shew the salvation of God.

#### Chapter 51

#### To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

- (1) Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
- (2) Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- (3) For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me.
- (4) Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.
- (5) Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive
- (6) Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
- (7) Purge 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.

#### King James Paraphrase

(23) Whoever offers praise glorifies Me: and to him who orders *his* conversation *aright* I will show the salvation of God.

#### Chapter 51

# To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.<sup>a</sup>

- (1) Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving kindness: according to the multitude of Your tender mercies blot out my unrighteous deeds.
- (2) Wash me thoroughly from my sin, and cleanse me from my unrighteousness.
- (3) Because I acknowledge my unrighteous deeds: and my sin *is* ever before me.
- (4) Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done *this* evil in Your sight: that You might be justified when You speak, *and* be clear when You judge.
- (5) Indeed, I was formed in sin; and in sin my mother conceived me.
- (6) Indeed, You desire truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* You will cause me to know wisdom.
- (7) Purge me with hyssop,<sup>b</sup> and I will be clean: wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- (8) Cause me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* You have broken may rejoice.

#### 51:0a - II Sam. 12:1f

51:7b – hyssop – a weed, similar to a broom weed – used by the priests to dip into a bowl of blood and sprinkle the blood around the tabernacle to atone for sin

#### King James 1769 Version

- (9) Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.
- (10) Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a 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 thy* free spirit.
- (13) Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
- (14) Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: *and* my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
- (15) O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
- (16) For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give *it*: thou delightest not 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 shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (9) Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my unrighteous deeds.
- (10) Create<sup>c</sup> in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
- (11) Do not cast me away from Your presence; and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
- (12) Restore to me the joy of Your salvation; and uphold me *with Your* free Spirit.
- (13) *Then* I will teach the unrighteous Your ways; and sinners will be converted to You.
- (14) Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, You God of my salvation: *and* my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness.
- (15) O Lord, You open my lips; and my mouth will give forth Your praise.
- (16) Because You do not desire sacrifice; else I would give *it*: You do not delight in burnt offerings.
- (17) The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and an humble heart, O God, You will not despise.
- (18) Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion: You build the walls of Jerusalem.
- (19) Then You will be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then they will offer bulls upon Your altar.

51:10c – Create -- bara (ברא) -- the word to <u>create</u> is used only of God – man can only take that which already exists and modify it. [Gen. 1:1; Heb. 11:3; John 1:3]

King James 1769 Version

#### Chapter 52

To the chief Musician, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahimelech.

- (1) Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God *endureth* continually.
- (2) Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; 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, O *thou* deceitful tongue.
- (5) God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of *thy* dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.
- (6) The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:
- (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 I *am* like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
- (9) I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done *it*: and I will wait on thy name; for *it is* good before thy saints.

King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 52

To the chief Musician, Instruction, A Psalm {song} of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said to him, David has come to the house of Ahimelech.

- (1) Why do you boast yourself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God *endures* continually.
- (2) Your tongue devises mischief; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
- (3) You love evil more than good; *and* lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah {musical pause}.
- (4) You love all devouring words, O *you* deceitful tongue.
- (5) God will likewise destroy you forever, He will take you away, and pluck you out of *your* home, and root you out of the land of the living. Selah {musical pause}.
- (6) The righteous also will see, and fear {revere}, and will laugh at him:
- (7) Look, *this is* the man *who* did not make God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, *and* strengthened himself in his wickedness.
- (8) But I *am* like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever.
- (9) I will praise you forever, because You have done *it*: and I will wait on Your Name; because *it is* good before Your saints.

52:0a - Maschil (משכיל) - instruction - a poem or song that teaches. There are twelve Psalms of instruction: Ps. 32; 42; 44; 45; 52; 53; 54; 55; 74; 88; 89; 142

52:0b - I Sam. 22:9-20

52:3c - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

King James 1769 Version

#### Chapter 53

## To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David.

- (1) The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: *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 God.
- (3) Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether 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: they have not called 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 despised them.
- (6) Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

#### King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 53

# To the chief Musician to the tune of 'On a Sickness', a Instruction, b A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) The fool has said in his heart, *There is* no God. They are corrupt, and have done abominable {terrible} sins: *there is* no one who does good.
- (2) God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* who understood, who sought God.
- (3) Every one of them has gone back: they have altogether become filthy; *there is* no one who does good, no, not one.<sup>c</sup>
- (4) Have the workers of sin no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread: they have not called upon God.
- (5) There they were in great fear, where no fear was: because God has scattered the bones of him who encamps against you: you have put them to shame, because God has despised them.
- (6) Oh that the salvation of Israel had already *come* out of Zion! When God brings back the captivity of His people, Jacob will rejoice, *and* Israel will be glad.
- 53:0a upon Mahalath { על מחלת} to tune of 'On a Sickness' possibly a popular song in David's day or an unknown musical instrument Ps. 88:0
- 53:0b Maschil (משכיל) instruction a poem or song that teaches. There are twelve Psalms of instruction: Ps. 32; 42; 44; 45; 52; 53; 54; 55; 74; 88; 89; 142
- 53:3c Rom. 3:12

King James 1769 Version

#### Chapter 54

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David, when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?

- (1) Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.
- (2) Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.
- (3) For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.
- (4) Behold, God *is* mine helper: the Lord *is* with them that uphold my soul.
- (5) He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.
- (6) I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for *it is* good.
- (7) For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen *his desire* upon mine enemies.

#### Chapter 55

#### To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David.

- (1) Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.
- (2) Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise:

King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 54

To the chief Musician on Stringed Instruments,<sup>a</sup> Instruction,<sup>b</sup> A Psalm {song} of David, when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, Does not David hide himself with us?<sup>c</sup>

- (1) Save me, O God, by Your Name, and judge me by Your strength.
- (2) Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth.
- (3) Because strangers have risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah {musical pause}<sup>d</sup>.
- (4) Indeed, God *is* my helper: the Lord *is* with those who uphold my soul.
- (5) He will reward evil to my enemies: cut them off in Your truth.
- (6) I will freely sacrifice to You: I will praise Your Name, O LORD {Jehovah}; because *it is* good.
- (7) Because He has delivered me out of all trouble: and my eye has seen *His desire* upon my enemies.

#### Chapter 55

To the chief Musician on Stringed Instruments,<sup>a</sup> Instruction,<sup>b</sup> A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) Listen to my prayer, O God; and do not hide Yourself from my request.
- (2) Attend to me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

54:0a - on Neginoth {בנגינות} - upon stringed instruments

54:0b - Maschil {משכיל} - instruction - a poem or song that teaches. There are twelve Psalms of instruction: Ps. 32; 42; 44; 45; 52; 53; 54; 55; 74; 88; 89; 142

54:0c - I Sam. 23:19; 26:1

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King James 1769 Version

- (3) Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate 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! *for then* would I fly away, and be at rest.
- (7) Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah.
- (8) I would hasten my escape from the windy storm *and* tempest.
- (9) Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.
- (10) Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow *are* in the midst of it.
- (11) Wickedness *is* in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her 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 guide, and mine acquaintance.
- (14) We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.

King James Paraphrase

- (3) Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: because they cast sin upon me, and in anger they hate me.
- (4) My heart is greatly pained within me: and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- (5) Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me, and horror has overwhelmed me.
- (6) And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! *because then* I would fly away, and be at rest.
- (7) Indeed, *then* I would wander far off, *and* remain in the wilderness. Selah {musical pause}.
- (8) I would quickly make my escape from the windy storm *and* tempest.
- (9) Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: because I have seen violence and strife in the city.
- (10) Day and night they go about it upon its walls: mischief also and sorrow *are* in its midst.
- (11) Wickedness *is* in its midst: deceit and wickedness do not depart from her streets.
- (12) Because *it was* not an enemy *that* reproached me; then I could have borne *it*: neither *was it* he who hated me *who* magnified *himself* against me; then I would have hidden myself from him:
- (13) But *it was* you, a man my equal, my guide, and my acquaintance.
- (14) We took sweet counsel together, and walked to the house of God in company.

55:7c - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (15) Let death seize upon them, *and* let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness *is* in their dwellings, *and* among them.
- (16) As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.
- (17) Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.
- (18) He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me: for there were many with me.
- (19) God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.
- (20) He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant.
- (21) *The words* of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war *was* in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet *were* they drawn swords.
- (22) Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.
- (23) But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

- King James Paraphrase
- (15) Let death seize upon them, *and* let them go down quick into hell: because wickedness *is* in their houses, *and* among them.
- (16) As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD {Jehovah} will save me.
- (17) Evening, and morning, and at noon,<sup>d</sup> I will pray, and cry aloud: and He will hear my voice.
- (18) He has delivered my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me: because there were many with me.
- (19) God will hear, and afflict them, even He Who lives of old. Selah {musical pause}. Because there is no change in them, therefore they do not fear {revere} God.
- (20) He has put forth his hands against those who are at peace with him: he has broken his covenant.
- (21) *The words* of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war *was* in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet they *were* drawn swords.
- (22) Cast your burden upon the LORD {Jehovah}, and He will sustain you: He will never allow the righteous to be moved.
- (23) But You, O God, will bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men will not live out half their days; but I will trust in You.

55:17d – evening, and morning, and at noon – Biblically the day starts at evening – See note on Gen. 1:5e

King James 1769 Version

#### Chapter 56

#### To the chief Musician upon Jonathelemrechokim, Michtam of David, when the Philistines took him in Gath.

- (1) Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.
- (2) Mine enemies would daily swallow *me* up: for *they be* many that fight against me, O thou most High.
- (3) What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.
- (4) In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.
- (5) Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts *are* against me for evil.
- (6) They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.
- (7) Shall they escape by iniquity? in thine anger cast down the people, O God.
- (8) Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: *are they* not in thy book?
- (9) When I cry *unto thee*, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God *is* for me.
- (10) In God will I praise *his* word: in the LORD will I praise *his* word.
- (11) In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 56

# To the chief Musician to the tune of `On the Silent Dove far off.', a Poem {song} of David, when the Philistines took him in Gath.c

- (1) Be merciful to me, O God: because man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresses me.
- (2) My enemies would daily swallow *me* up: because *there are* many who fight against me, O You most High.
- (3) What time I am afraid, I will trust in You.
- (4) In God I will praise His word, in God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid of what flesh can do to me.
- (5) Every day they wrest {twist} my words: all their thoughts *are* against me for evil.
- (6) They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.
- (7) Will they escape by sin? in *Your* anger cast down the people, O God.
- (8) You see my wanderings: You put my tears into Your bottle: *are they* not in Your book?
- (9) When I cry to You, then my enemies will turn back: this I know; because God is for me.
- (10) In God I will praise *His* word: in the LORD {Jehovah} I will praise *His* word.
- (11) In God I have put my trust: I will not be afraid of what man can do to me.
- 56:0a Jonathelemrechokim {על יונת אלם רחקים} to the tune of `On the Silent Dove far off.' possibly a popular song in David's day
- 56:0b Michtam (מכחם) engraving, poem, song Ps. 16:0; 57:0; 58:0; 59:0; 60:0
- 56:0c I Sam. 21:10-15

#### King James 1769 Version

- (12) Thy vows *are* upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.
- (13) For thou hast delivered my soul from death: *wilt* not *thou deliver* my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

#### Chapter 57

#### To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.

- (1) Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until *these* calamities be overpast.
- (2) I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth *all things* for me
- (3) He shall send from heaven, and save me *from* the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.
- (4) My soul *is* among lions: *and* I lie *even 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, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (12) Your vows *are* upon me, O God: I will render praises to You.
- (13) Because You have delivered my soul from death: *will You* not *deliver* my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

#### Chapter 57

# To the chief Musician, to the tune of "Do Not Destroy", a Poem {song} of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.

- (1) Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me: because my soul trusts in You: yes, in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, until *these* calamities have passed over.
- (2) I will cry to God most high; to God Who performs *all things* for me.
- (3) He will send from heaven, and save me *from* the reproach of him who would swallow me up. Selah {musical pause}.c God will send forth His mercy and His truth.
- (4) My soul *is* among lions: *and* I lie {down} *even among* those who are set on fire, *even* the sons of men, whose teeth *are* spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.
- (5) Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; d let Your glory be above all the earth.
- (6) They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have dug a pit before me, into the midst of which they have *themselves* fallen. Selah {musical pause}.
- 57:0a Altaschith אל תשוחה} to the tune of "Do Not Destroy" possibly a popular tune in David's day
- 57:0b Michtam (מכתם) engraving, poem, song Ps. 16:0; 56:0; 58:0; 59:0; 60:0
- 57:3c Selah {סלה} musical pause
- 57:5d heavens see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

#### King James 1769 Version

- (7) My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.
- (8) Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.
- (9) I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.
- (10) For thy mercy *is* great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.
- (11) Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

#### **Chapter 58**

### To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David.

- (1) Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?
- (2) Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.
- (3) The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be 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 will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.
- (6) Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (7) My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.
- (8) Awaken, my glory; awake, songs and harp: I *myself* will awake early.
- (9) I will praise You, O Lord, among the people: I will sing to You among the nations.
- (10) Because Your mercy is great to the heavens, and Your truth to the clouds.
- (11) Be exalted, O God, above the heavens: *let* Your glory *be* above all the earth.

#### Chapter 58

# To the chief Musician, to the tune of "Do Not Destroy", a Poem {song} of David.

- (1) Do you indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do you judge uprightly, O you sons of men?
- (2) Yes, in heart you work wickedness; you weigh 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 snake: *they are* like the deaf snake *that* stops her ear;
- (5) Which will not listen to the voice of charmers, charming ever so wisely.
- (6) Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD {Jehovah}.
- 58:0a Altaschith {אל תשוח to the tune of "Do Not Destroy" possibly a popular tune in David's day
- 58:0b Michtam (מכחם) engraving, poem, song Ps. 16:0; 56:0; 57:0; 59:0; 60:0

#### King James 1769 Version

- (7) Let them melt away as waters *which* run continually: *when* he bendeth *his bow to shoot* his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.
- (8) As a snail *which* melteth, let *every one of them* pass away: *like* the untimely birth of a woman, *that* they may not see the sun.
- (9) Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in *his* wrath.
- (10) The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
- (11) So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

#### Chapter 59

#### To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

- (1) Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.
- (2) Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.
- (3) For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not *for* my transgression, nor *for* my sin, O LORD.
- (4) They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault: awake to help me, and behold.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (7) Let them melt away as waters *which* run continually: *when* he bends *his bow to shoot* his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.
- (8) As a snail *which* melts, let *every one of them* pass away: *like* the untimely birth of a woman, *that* they may not see the sun.
- (9) Before your pots can feel the thorns, He will take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in *His* wrath {anger; judgment}.
- (10) The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance: he will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
- (11) So that a man will say, *Truly there* is a reward for the righteous: truly He is a God Who judges in the earth.

#### **Chapter 59**

# To the chief Musician, to the tune of "Do Not Destroy", a Poem {song}b of David; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

- (1) Deliver me from my enemies, O my God: defend me from those who rise up against me.
- (2) Deliver me from the workers of sin, and save me from bloody men.
- (3) Because, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not *because of* my unrighteousness, nor *because of* my sin, O LORD {Jehovah}.
- (4) They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault: awake to help me, and see.
- 59:0a Altaschith (אל תשוחה) to the tune of "Do Not Destroy" possibly a popular tune in David's day
- 59:0b Michtam (מכתם) engraving, poem, song Ps. 16:0; 56:0; 57:0; 58:0; 59:0; 60:0

King James 1769 Version

- (5) Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.
- (6) They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.
- (7) Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords *are* in their lips: for who, *say they*, doth hear?
- (8) But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.
- (9) *Because of* his strength will I wait upon thee: for God *is* my defence.
- (10) The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see *my desire* upon mine enemies.
- (11) Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord 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*, that they *may* not *be*: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.
- (14) And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.
- (15) Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

King James Paraphrase

- (5) You therefore, O LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies}, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen {ungodly}: do not be merciful to any wicked evil doers. Selah {musical pause}.
- (6) They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go all around the city.
- (7) Indeed, they belch out with their mouth: swords *are* in their lips: because *they say* who hears?
- (8) But You, O LORD {Jehovah}, will laugh at them; You will have all the heathen {ungodly} in derision.
- (9) *Because of* his strength I will wait upon You: because God *is* my defense.
- (10) The God of my mercy will protect me: God will let me see *my desire* upon my enemies.
- (11) Do not kill them, lest my people forget: scatter them by Your power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.
- (12) *Because* 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 anger, consume *them*, that they *may* not *be*: and let them know that God rules in Jacob to the ends of the earth. Selah {musical pause}.
- (14) And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go all around the city.
- (15) Let them wander up and down for food, and grudge if they are not satisfied.

59:5c - Selah (סלה) - musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (16) But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.
- (17) Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

#### Chapter 60

To the chief Musician upon Shushaneduth, Michtam of David, to teach; when he strove with Aramnaharaim and with Aramzobah, when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the valley of salt twelve thousand.

- (1) O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.
- (2) Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.
- (3) Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (16) But I will sing of Your power; yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning: because You have been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble.
- (17) To You, O my strength, I will sing: because God *is* my defense, *and* the God of my mercy.

#### Chapter 60

To the chief Musician to the tune "Lily of the Promise", a Poem {song} of David, to teach; when he strove with Syria of the two Rivers {Tigris and Euphrates} and with Syria-zobah, d when Joab returned, and struck twelve thousand of Edom in the valley of salt. e

- (1) O God, You have cast us off, You have scattered us, You have been displeased; O turn Yourself to us again.
- (2) You have caused the earth to tremble; You have broken it: heal its breaches; because it shakes.
- (3) You have shown Your people hard things: You have caused us to drink the wine of astonishment.
- 60:0a upon Shushaneduth (על שושן עדות) to the tune "Lily of the Promise" possibly a popular song in David's day
- 60:0b Michtam (מכתם) engraving, poem, song Ps. 16:0; 56:0; 57:0; 58:0; 59:0
- 60:0c Aram-naharaim ארם נהרים} Syria of the two Rivers {Tigris and Euphrates}
- 60:od Aram-zobah ארם צובה} Syria-zobah an area of Syria
- 60:0e II Sam. 8:3,12-13; 10:16; I Chr. 18:3,12-13; 19:16-19 valley of salt south of the Dead Sea

#### King James 1769 Version

- (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 hear me.
- (6) God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
- (7) Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; Judah *is* my lawgiver;
- (8) Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou because of me.
- (9) Who will bring me *into* the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?
- (10) Wilt not thou, O God, which hadst cast us off? and thou, O God, which didst not go out with our armies?
- (11) Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man.
- (12) Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

#### Chapter 61

### To the chief Musician upon Neginah, A Psalm of David.

- (1) Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.
- (2) From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (4) You have given a banner to those who fear {revere} You, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah {musical pause}.
- (5) That Your beloved may be delivered; save *with* Your right hand, and hear me.
- (6) God has spoken in His holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out {divide} the valley of Succoth.
- (7) Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of my head; Judah *is* my lawgiver;
- (8) Moab *is* my wash-pot; over Edom I will cast out my shoe: Philistia, You triumph because of me.
- (9) Who will bring me *into* the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?
- (10) Will You not, O God, Who has cast us off? and You, O God, Who did not go out with our armies?
- (11) Give us help from trouble: because vain *is* the help of man.
- (12) Through God we will do valiantly: because *it is* He *Who* will tread down our enemies.

#### Chapter 61

# To the chief Musician upon Stringed Instruments, A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.
- (2) From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I.

60:4f - Selah (סלה) - musical pause

61:0a - upon Neginah {על נגינת} - stringed instruments

#### King James 1769 Version

- (3) For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower from the enemy.
- (4) I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.
- (5) For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.
- (6) Thou wilt prolong the king's life: *and* his years as many generations.
- (7) He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, *which* may preserve him.
- (8) So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

#### Chapter 62

### To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.

- (1) Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him *cometh* my salvation.
- (2) He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *he is* my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.
- (3) How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall *shall ye be, and* as a tottering fence.
- (4) They only consult to cast *him* down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.
- (5) My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation *is* from him.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (3) Because You have been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower from the enemy.
- (4) I will live in Your tabernacle forever: I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah {musical pause}.
- (5) Because You, O God, have heard my vows: You have given *me* the heritage of those who fear {revere} Your Name.
- (6) You will prolong the king's life: *and* his years as many generations.
- (7) He will live before God forever: O prepare mercy and truth, *which* may preserve him.
- (8) So I will sing praise to Your Name forever, that I may daily perform my vows.

#### Chapter 62

## To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) Truly my soul waits upon God: from Him my salvation *comes*.
- (2) He only is my rock and my salvation; *He is* my defense; I will not be greatly moved.
- (3) How long will you imagine mischief against a man? you will be killed all of you: *you will be* as a leaning wall, *and as* a tottering fence.
- (4) They only consult to cast *him* down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they inwardly curse. Selah {musical pause}.<sup>a</sup>
- (5) My soul, wait only upon God; because my hope *is* from Him.

61:4b - Selah (סלה) - musical pause

62:4a - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (6) He only *is* my rock and my salvation: *he is* my defence; I shall not be moved.
- (7) In God *is* my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, *and* 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 men of low degree *are* vanity, *and* men of high degree *are* a lie: to be laid in the balance, they *are* altogether *lighter* than vanity.
- (10) Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart *upon them*.
- (11) God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power *belongeth* unto God.
- (12) Also unto thee, O Lord, *belongeth* mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

#### Chapter 63

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

- (1) O God, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;
- (2) To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.
- (3) Because thy lovingkindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise thee.
- (4) Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (6) He only *is* my rock and my salvation: *He is* my defense; I will not be moved.
- (7) In God *is* my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, *and* my refuge, *is* in God.
- (8) Trust in Him at all times; *you* people, pour out your heart before Him: God *is* a refuge for us. Selah {musical pause}.
- (9) Surely men of low degree *are* vanity, *and* men of high degree *are* a lie: to be laid in the balance, they *are* altogether *lighter* than vanity.
- (10) Do not trust in oppression, and do not become vain in robbery: if riches increase, do not set your heart upon them.
- (11) God has spoken once; twice I have heard this; that power *belongs* to God.
- (12) Also to You, O Lord, *belongs* mercy: because You render to every man according to his work.

#### Chapter 63

#### A Psalm {song} of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

- (1) O God, You *are* my God; early I will seek You: my soul thirsts for You, my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;
- (2) To see Your power and Your glory, *as* I have seen You in the sanctuary.
- (3) Because Your loving kindness *is* better than life, my lips will praise You.
- (4) So I will bless You while I live: I will lift up my hands in Your Name.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (5) My soul shall be satisfied as *with* marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise *thee* with joyful lips:
- (6) When I remember thee upon my bed, *and* meditate on thee in the *night* watches.
- (7) Because thou hast been my help, therefore 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, to destroy *it*, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.
- (10) They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.
- (11) But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

#### Chapter 64 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- (1) Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
- (2) Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:
- (3) Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:
- (4) That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.
- (5) They encourage themselves *in* an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them?

#### King James Paraphrase

- (5) My soul will be satisfied as *with* marrow and fatness; and my mouth will praise *You* with joyful lips:
- (6) When I remember You upon my bed, *and* meditate on You in the *night* watches.
- (7) Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.
- (8) My soul follows close to You: Your right hand upholds me.
- (9) But those *who* seek my soul, to destroy *it*, will go into the lower parts of the earth.
- (10) They will fall by the sword: they will be a portion for foxes.
- (11) But the king will rejoice in God; everyone who swears by Him will rejoice: but the mouth of those who speak lies will be stopped.

## Chapter 64 To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
- (2) Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of sin:
- (3) Who whet {sharpen} their tongue like a sword, *and* bend *their bows to shoot* their arrows, *even* bitter words:
- (4) That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly they shoot at him, and are not afraid.
- (5) They encourage themselves *in* an evil matter: they commune of secretly laying snares; they say, Who will see them?

#### King James 1769 Version

- (6) They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward *thought* of every one *of them*, and the heart, *is* deep.
- (7) But God shall shoot at them *with* an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded.
- (8) So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away.
- (9) And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.
- (10) The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

# Chapter 65 To the chief Musician, A Psalm and Song of David.

- (1) Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.
- (2) O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.
- (3) Iniquities prevail against me: *as for* our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.
- (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, even of thy holy temple.
- (5) By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

#### King James Paraphrase

- (6) They search out sins; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward *thought* of every one *of them*, and the heart, *is* deep.
- (7) But God will shoot at them *with* an arrow; suddenly they will be wounded.
- (8) So they will cause their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all who see them will flee away.
- (9) And all men will fear, and will declare the work of God; because they will wisely consider what He does.
- (10) The righteous will be glad in the LORD {Jehovah}, and will trust in Him; and all the upright in heart will rejoice.

#### Chapter 65 To the chief Musician, A Psalm and Song of David.

- (1) Praise waits for You, O God, in Sion: and to You the vow will be performed.
- (2) O You Who hear prayers, to You all flesh will come.
- (3) Sins prevail against me: *as for* our unrighteousness deeds, You will purge them away.
- (4) Blessed is the man whom You choose, and cause to approach to You, that he may live in Your courts: we will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, even of Your holy temple.
- (5) By terrible {marvelous} things in righteousness You will answer us, O God of our salvation; Who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are afar off upon the sea:

#### King James 1769 Version

- (6) Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; *being* girded with power:
- (7) Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.
- (8) They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
- (9) Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, *which* is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.
- (10) Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.
- (11) Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.
- (12) They drop *upon* the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.
- (13) The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

#### **Chapter 66**

### To the chief Musician, A Song *or* Psalm.

- (1) Make a joyful noise unto God, all ve lands:
- (2) Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (6) Who by His strength sets fast the mountains; *being* clothed with power:
- (7) Who stills the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.
- (8) Also those who live in the furthermost parts are afraid at Your signs: You cause the going out of the morning and evening to rejoice.
- (9) You visit the earth, and water it: You greatly enrich it with the river of God, *which* is full of water: You prepare them corn, when You have so provided for it.
- (10) You water the ridges of it abundantly: You set its furrows: You make it soft with showers: You bless its sprouting.
- (11) You crown the year with Your goodness; and Your paths drop fatness.
- (12) They drop *upon* the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.
- (13) The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

#### **Chapter 66**

### To the chief Musician, A Song or Psalm.

- (1) Make a joyful noise to God, all you lands:
- (2) Sing forth the honor of His Name: make His praise glorious.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (3) Say unto God, How terrible *art* thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies 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* terrible *in his* doing toward the children of men.
- (6) He turned the sea into dry *land:* they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.
- (7) He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.
- (8) O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:
- (9) Which 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 laidst affliction upon our loins.
- (12) Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy *place*.
  (13) I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my
- (14) Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (3) Say to God, How awesome *You* are in Your works! through the greatness of Your power Your enemies will submit themselves to You.
- (4) All the earth will worship You, and will sing to You; they will sing *to* Your Name. Selah {musical pause}.<sup>a</sup>
- (5) Come and see the works of God: *He is* awesome *in His* deeds towards the children of men.
- (6) He turned the sea into dry *land:* they went through the waters on foot: there we rejoiced in Him.<sup>b</sup>
- (7) He rules by His power forever; His eyes see the nations: do not let the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah {musical pause}.
- (8) O bless our God, you people, and cause the voice of His praise to be heard:
- (9) Who holds our soul in life, and does not allow our feet to be moved.
- (10) Because You, O God, have proved us: You have tried us, as silver is tried.
- (11) You brought us into the net; You laid affliction upon our bodies.
- (12) You have caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but You brought us out into an abundant *place*.
- (13) I will go into Your house with burnt offerings: I will pay to You my vows,
- (14) Which my lips have prayed, and my mouth has spoken, when I was in trouble.

66:4a - Selah (הלס) - musical pause 66:6b - Ex. 14:21

#### King James 1769 Version

- (15) I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks 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 he was extolled with my tongue.
- (18) If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:
- (19) *But* verily God hath heard *me;* he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
- (20) Blessed *be* God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

#### Chapter 67

## To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm or Song.

- (1) God be merciful unto us, and bless us; *and* cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.
- (2) That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.
- (3) Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
- (4) O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.
- (5) Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
- (6) Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.
- (7) God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (15) I will offer to You burnt sacrifices of fattened calves, with the incense of rams; I will offer bulls with goats. Selah {musical pause}.
- (16) Come *and* hear, all you who fear {revere} God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul.
- (17) I cried to Him with my mouth, and He was praised with my tongue.
- (18) If I regard sin in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:
- (19) *But* truly God has heard *me*; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- (20) Blessed *is* God, Who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me.

### Chapter 67

### To the chief Musician on Stringed Instruments, a A Psalm *or* Song.

- (1) God be merciful to us, and bless us; *and* cause His face to shine upon us; Selah {musical pause}.<sup>b</sup>
- (2) That Your way may be known upon earth, Your saving health among all nations.
- (3) Let the people praise You, O God; let all the people praise You.
- (4) O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: because You will judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah {musical pause}.
- (5) Let the people praise You, O God; let all the people praise You.
- (6) Then the earth will yield her increase; and God, even our own God, will bless us.
- (7) God will bless us; and all the ends of the earth will fear Him.

67:0a - upon Neginoth (על נגינת) - stringed instruments

67:1b - Selah (סלה) - musical pause

King James 1769 Version

#### **Chapter 68**

### To the chief Musician, A Psalm or Song of David.

- (1) 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 rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.
- (4) Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.
- (5) A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, *is* God in his holy habitation.
- (6) God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.
- (7) O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah:
- (8) The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: *even* Sinai itself *was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- (9) Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 68

### To the chief Musician, A Psalm or Song of David.

- (1) Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered: let those also who hate Him flee before Him.
- (2) As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- (3) But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yes, let them exceedingly rejoice.
- (4) Sing to God, sing praises to His Name: extol {give praise to} Him Who rides upon the heavens<sup>a</sup> by His Name JAH {Jehovah},<sup>b</sup> and rejoice before Him.
- (5) A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, *is* God in His holy house.
- (6) God sets those who are lonely in families: He brings out those who are bound with chains: but the rebellious live in a dry *land*.
- (7) O God, when You went forth before Your people, when You marched through the wilderness; Selah {musical pause}:
- (8) The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: *even* Sinai itself *was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- (9) You, O God, sent a plentiful rain, by which You confirmed Your inheritance, when it was weary.

68:4a - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

68:4b - JAH - short for Jehovah

68:7c - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (10) Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.
- (11) The Lord gave the word: great *was* the company of those that published *it*.
- (12) Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.
- (13) Though ye have lien among the pots, *yet shall ye be as* the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.
- (14) When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was *white* as snow in Salmon.
- (15) The hill of God *is as* the hill of Bashan; an high hill *as* the hill of Bashan.
- (16) Why leap ye, ye high hills? *this is* the hill *which* God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell *in it* for ever.
- (17) The chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, *even* thousands of angels: the Lord *is* among them, *as in* Sinai, in the holy *place*.
- (18) Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, *for* the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell *among them*.
- (19) Blessed *be* the Lord, *who* daily loadeth us *with benefits, even* the God of our salvation. Selah.
- (20) *He that is* our God *is* the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord *belong* the issues from death.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (10) Your congregation has lived there: You, O God, have prepared of Your goodness for the poor.
- (11) The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those who published *it*.
- (12) Kings of armies fled away: and she who stayed at home divided the spoil.
- (13) Though you have lain among the pots, *yet you will be as* the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.
- (14) When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was *white* as snow in Salmon.
- (15) The hill of God *is as* the hill of Bashan;<sup>d</sup> a high hill *as* the hill of Bashan
- (16) Why do you leap, you high hills? *this is* the hill *which* God desires to live in; yes, the LORD {Jehovah} will live *in it* forever.
- (17) The chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, *even* thousands of angels: the Lord *is* among them, *as in* Sinai, in the holy *place*.
- (18) You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive: You have received gifts for men; yes, *for* the rebellious also, that the LORD {Jehovah} God might live *among them*.
- (19) Blessed is the Lord, *Who* daily loads us *with benefits, even* the God of our salvation. Selah {musical pause}.
- (20) *He Who is* our God *is* the God of salvation; and to GOD {Jehovah} the Lord *belongs* the issues from death.

68:15d - hill of Bashan - a high and fruitful hill

#### King James 1769 Version

- (21) But God shall wound the head of his enemies, *and* the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.
- (22) The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring *my people* again from the depths of the sea:
- (23) That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of *thine* enemies, *and* the tongue of thy dogs in the same.
- (24) They have seen thy goings, O God; *even* the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.
- (25) The singers went before, the players on instruments *followed* after; among *them were* the damsels playing with timbrels.
- (26) Bless ye God in the congregations, *even* the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.
- (27) There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.
- (28) Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.
- (29) Because of thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee.
- (30) Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, *till every one* submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people *that* delight in war.
- (31) Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

- King James Paraphrase
- (21) But God will wound the head of His enemies, *and* the hairy scalp of those who continue in their evil deeds.
- (22) The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring *My people* again from the depths of the sea:
- (23) That your foot may be dipped in the blood of *your* enemies, *and* the tongue of your dogs in the same.
- (24) They have seen Your ways, O God; *even* the ways of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.
- (25) The singers went before, the players on instruments *followed* after; among *them were* the young maidens playing with tambourines.
- (26) Bless God in the congregations, *even* the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.
- (27) There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.
- (28) Your God has commanded your strength: strengthen, O God, that which You have done for us.
- (29) Because of Your temple at Jerusalem kings will bring presents to You.
- (30) Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, *until everyone* submits himself with pieces of silver: scatter the people *who* delight in war.
- (31) Princes will come out of Egypt; Ethiopia will soon stretch out her hands to God.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (32) Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; Selah:
- (33) To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, *which were* of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, *and that* a mighty voice.
- (34) Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency *is* over Israel, and his strength *is* in the clouds.
- (35) O God, *thou art* terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel *is* he that giveth strength and power unto *his* people. Blessed *be* God.

#### **Chapter 69**

### To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, A Psalm of David.

- (1) Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto *my* soul.
- (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 of 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 mine head: they that would destroy me, *being* mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored *that* which I took not away.
- (5) O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (32) Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises to the Lord; Selah {musical pause}:
- (33) To Him Who rides upon the heavens of heavens, *which were* of old; look, He sends out His voice, *and that* a mighty voice.
- (34) Ascribe strength to God: His excellency *is* over Israel, and His strength *is* in the clouds.
- (35) O God, *You are* awesome out of Your holy places: the God of Israel *is* He Who gives strength and power to *His* people. Blessed *is* God.

#### Chapter 69

# To the chief Musician set to the tune of 'Concerning the Lilies', A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) Save me, O God; because the waters have come in to *my* soul.
- (2) I sink in deep mire {mud}, where *there is* no standing: I have come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.
- (3) I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: my eyes fail while I wait for my God.
- (4) Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head: those who would destroy me, being my enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I did not take away.
- (5) O God, You know my foolishness; and my sins are not hidden from You.

69:0a - upon Shoshannim (על שושנים) - set to the tune of 'Concerning the Lilies' - probably a popular song in David's day

#### King James 1769 Version

- (6) Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, 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 thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.
- (10) When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.
- (11) I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them.
- (12) They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards.
- (13) But as for me, my prayer *is* unto thee, O LORD, *in* an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear 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 overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

- King James Paraphrase
- (6) Do not let those who wait on You, O Lord GOD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies}, be ashamed for my sake: do not let those who seek You be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.
- (7) Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; shame has covered my face.
- (8) I have become a stranger to my brothers, and an alien to my mother's children.
- (9) Because the zeal of Your house has consumed Me; and the reproaches of those who reproached You have fallen upon Me.<sup>b</sup>
- (10) When I wept, and disciplined my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.
- (11) I made sackcloth also my clothes; and I became a proverb to them.
- (12) Those who sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards.
- (13) But as for me, my prayer *is* to You, O LORD {Jehovah}, *in* an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of Your mercies hear me, in the truth of Your salvation.
- (14) Deliver me out of the mire {mud}, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from those who hate me, and out of the deep waters.
- (15) Do not let the flood waters overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and do not let the pit close her mouth upon me.

69:9b - John 2:17

#### King James 1769 Version

- (16) Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness *is* good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.
- (17) And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.
- (18) Draw nigh unto my soul, *and* redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.
- (19) Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries *are* all before thee.
- (20) Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: 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 meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
- (22) Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.
- (23) Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.
- (24) Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.
- (25) Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.
- (26) For they persecute *him* whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.
- (27) Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.

- King James Paraphrase
- (16) Hear me, O LORD {Jehovah}; because Your loving kindness *is* good: turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.
- (17) And do not hide Your face from Your servant; because I am in trouble: hear me speedily.
- (18) Draw near to my soul, *and* redeem it: deliver me because of my enemies.
- (19) You have known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor: my adversaries *are* all before You.
- (20) Reproach has broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked *for some* to take pity, but *there was* no one; 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.<sup>c</sup>
- (22) Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.
- (23) Let their eyes be darkened, that they not see; and cause their bodies continually to shake.
- (24) Pour out Your indignation upon them, and let Your wrathful anger take hold of them.
- (25) Let their house be desolate; *and* let no one live in their tents.
- (26) Because they persecute *him* whom You have stricken; and they talk to the grief of those whom You have wounded.
- (27) Add sin to their sin: and let them not come into Your righteousness.

69:21c - Mat. 27:34,48; John 19:29

#### King James 1769 Version

- (28) Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.
- (29) But I *am* poor and 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) *This* also shall please the LORD better than an ox *or* bullock that hath horns and hoofs.
- (32) The humble shall see *this, and* be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.
- (33) For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.
- (34) Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.
- (35) For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell 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.

#### Chapter 70

# To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

- (1) *Make haste*, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD.
- (2) Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (28) Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.
- (29) But I *am* poor and sorrowful: let Your 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) *This* also will please the LORD {Jehovah} better than an ox *or* bull that has horns and hoofs.
- (32) The humble will see *this, and* be glad: and your heart will live who seek God
- (33) Because the LORD {Jehovah} hears the poor, and does not despise His prisoners.
- (34) Let the heaven and earth praise Him, the seas, and everything that moves in them.
- (35) Because God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may live there, and have it in possession.
- (36) Also the children of His servants will inherit it: and those who love His Name will live there.

#### Chapter 70

# To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David, to bring to remembrance.

- (1) Come quickly, O God, to deliver me; come quickly to help me, O LORD {Jehovah}.
- (2) Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, who desire my harm.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (3) Let them be turned back for a reward 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 LORD, make no tarrying.

#### Chapter 71

- (1) In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.
- (2) Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.
- (3) Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou *art* my rock and my fortress.
- (4) Deliver 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 GOD: *thou art* my trust from my youth.
- (6) By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou 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) Let my mouth be filled *with* thy praise *and with* thy honour all the day.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (3) Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame who say, Aha, aha.
- (4) Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You: and let those who love Your salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.
- (5) But I *am* poor and needy: come quickly to me, O God: You *are* my help and my deliverer; O LORD {Jehovah}, make no delay.

#### Chapter 71

- (1) In You, O LORD {Jehovah}, I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.
- (2) Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline Your ear to me, and save me.
- (3) Be my strong house, to where I may continually resort: You have given commandment to save me; because You *are* my Rock and my Fortress.
- (4) Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
- (5) Because You *are* my hope, O Lord GOD {Jehovah}: *You are* my trust from my youth.
- (6) By You I have been held up from the womb: You are He Who took me out of my mother's body: my praise *will be* continually of You.
- (7) I am as a wonder to many; but You *are* my strong refuge.
- (8) Let my mouth be filled *with* Your praise *and with* Your honor all the day.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (9) Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.
- (10) For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,
- (11) Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for *there is* none to deliver *him*.
- (12) O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.
- (13) Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.
- (14) But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.
- (15) My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers *thereof*.
- (16) I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: 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) Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come.
- (19) Thy righteousness also, O God, *is* very high, who hast done great things: O God, who *is* like unto thee!

#### King James Paraphrase

- (9) Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength fails.
- (10) Because my enemies speak against me; and those who lay wait for my soul take counsel together,
- (11) Saying, God has forsaken him: persecute and take him; because *there* is no one to deliver *him*.
- (12) O God, do not be far from me: O my God, come quickly for my help.
- (13) Let them be confounded and consumed who are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered with reproach and dishonor who seek my harm.
- (14) But I will hope continually, and will yet praise You more and more.
- (15) My mouth will show forth Your righteousness *and* Your salvation all the day; because I do not know *its* numbers.
- (16) I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD {Jehovah}: I will make mention of Your righteousness, even of Yours alone.
- (17) O God, You have taught me from my youth: and even until now I have declared Your wondrous works.
- (18) Now also when I am old and gray headed, O God, do not forsake me; until I have shown Your strength to *this* generation, *and* Your power to everyone *who* is to come.
- (19) Your righteousness also, O God, *is* very high, Who has done great things: O God, who *is* like You!

#### King James 1769 Version

- (20) *Thou*, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.
- (21) Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.
- (22) I will also praise thee with the psaltery, *even* thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.
- (23) My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing 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 confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

#### Chapter 72

#### A Psalm for Solomon.

- (1) Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.
- (2) He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.
- (3) The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.
- (4) He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.
- (5) They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (20) You, Who have shown me great and terrible troubles, will give life to me again, and will bring me up again from the depths of the earth.
- (21) You will increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.
- (22) I will also praise You with the songs, *even* Your truth, O my God: to You I will sing with the harp, O You Holy One of Israel.
- (23) My lips will greatly rejoice when I sing to You; and my soul, which You have redeemed.
- (24) My tongue also will talk of Your righteousness all the day long: because they are confounded, because they are brought to shame, who seek my harm.

#### Chapter 72

#### A Psalm {song} for Solomon.

- (1) Give the king Your judgments, O God, and Your righteousness to the king's son.
- (2) He will judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with judgment.
- (3) The mountains will bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by 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 will fear {revere} You as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (6) He shall 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 so long as the moon endureth.
- (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 bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
- (11) Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.
- (12) For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper.
- (13) He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.
- (14) He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.
- (15) And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.
- (16) There shall be an handful of corn in the 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.

- King James Paraphrase
- (6) He will come down like rain upon the mowed grass: as showers *that* water the earth.
- (7) In His days the righteous will flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endures.
- (8) He will also rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.
- (9) Those who live in the wilderness will bow before Him; and His enemies will lick the dust.
- (10) The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts.
- (11) Yes, all kings will fall down before Him: all nations will serve Him.
- (12) Because He will deliver the needy when he cries; the poor also, and *him* who has no helper.
- (13) He will spare the poor and needy, and will save the souls of the needy.
- (14) He will redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and their blood will be precious in His sight.
- (15) And He will live, and to Him will be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also will be made for Him continually; and daily He will be praised.
- (16) There will be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; its fruit will shake like Lebanon: and *those* of the city will flourish like grass of the earth.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (17) His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and *men* shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.
- (18) Blessed *be* the LORD 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.

#### Chapter 73 A Psalm of Asaph.

- (1) Truly God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as are of a clean heart.
- (2) But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.
- (3) For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- (4) For *there are* no bands 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 compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them *as* a garment.
- (7) Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.
- (8) They are corrupt, and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they speak loftily.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (17) His Name will endure forever: His Name will be continued as long as the sun: and *men* will be blessed in Him: all nations will call Him blessed.
- (18) Blessed is the LORD {Jehovah} God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things.
- (19) And blessed *is* His glorious Name forever: and let the whole earth be filled *with* His glory; Amen {let it be}, and Amen {let it be}.
- (20) The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

#### Chapter 73 A Psalm {song} of Asaph.

- (1) Truly God *is* good to Israel, *even* to those who are of a clean heart.
- (2) But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps have nearly slipped.
- (3) Because I was envious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- (4) Because *there are* no bands 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 encompasses them all around as a chain; violence covers them *as* clothing.
- (7) Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.
- (8) They are corrupt, and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they speak loftily.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (9) They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.
- (10) Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them.
- (11) And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?
- (12) Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase *in* riches.
- (13) Verily I have cleansed my heart *in* vain, and washed my hands in innocency.
- (14) For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.
- (15) If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend *against* the generation of thy children.
- (16) When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;
- (17) Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *then* understood I their end.
- (18) Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.
- (19) How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.
- (20) As a dream when *one* awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.
- (21) Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.
- (22) So foolish *was* I, and ignorant: I was *as* a beast before thee.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (9) They set their mouth against the heavens,<sup>a</sup> and their tongue walks through the earth.
- (10) Therefore his people return here: and waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them.
- (11) And they say, How does God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?
- (12) Indeed, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase *in* riches.
- (13) Truly I have cleansed my heart *in* vain, and washed my hands in innocence.
- (14) Because all the day long have I been plagued, and disciplined every morning.
- (15) If I say, I will speak this way; indeed, I should offend *against* the generation of Your children.
- (16) When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;
- (17) Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *then* I understood their end.
- (18) Surely You set them in slippery places: You cast them down into destruction.
- (19) How they are *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! they are completely consumed with terrors.
- (20) As a dream when *one* awakes; *so*, O Lord, when You awake, You will despise their image.
- (21) So my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my mind.
- (22) So foolish I was, and ignorant: I was as a beast before You.

73:9a - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

#### King James 1769 Version

- (23) Nevertheless I *am* continually with thee: thou hast holden *me* by my right hand.
- (24) Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me *to* glory.
- (25) Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.
- (26) My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God *is* the 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 go a whoring from thee.
- (28) But *it is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

#### Chapter 74 Maschil of Asaph.

- (1) 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 purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.
- (3) Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; *even* all *that* the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.
- (4) Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns *for* signs.
- (5) A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (23) Nevertheless I *am* continually with You: You have held *me* by my right hand.
- (24) You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me *to* glory.
- (25) Whom do I have in heaven but You? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.
- (26) My flesh and my heart fails: *but* God *is* the strength of my heart, and my portion forever.
- (27) Because, indeed, those who are far from You will perish: You have destroyed all those who go prostituting from You.
- (28) But *it is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, that I may declare all Your works.

#### Chapter 74 Instruction<sup>a</sup> of Asaph.

- (1) O God, why have You cast *us* off forever? *why* does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?
- (2) Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old; the rod of Your inheritance, which You have redeemed; this mount Zion, in which You have lived.
- (3) Lift up Your feet to the perpetual desolation; *even* all *that* the enemy has done wickedly in the sanctuary.
- (4) Your enemies roar in the midst of Your congregations; they set up their banners *for* signs.
- (5) *A man* was famous as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

74:0a - Maschil (משכיל) - instruction - a poem or song that teaches. There are twelve Psalms of instruction: Ps. 32; 42; 44; 45; 52; 53; 54; 55; 74; 88; 89; 142

#### King James 1769 Version

- (6) But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.
- (7) They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled *by casting down* the dwelling place of thy name to the ground.
- (8) They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.
- (9) We see not our signs: *there is* no more any prophet: neither *is there* among us any that knoweth how long.
- (10) O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?
- (11) Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck *it* out of thy bosom.
- (12) For God *is* my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.
- (13) Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.
- (14) Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, *and* gavest him *to be* meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.
- (15) Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up mighty rivers.
- (16) The day *is* thine, the night also *is* thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.
- (17) Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

- King James Paraphrase
- (6) But now they break down its carved work at once with axes and hammers.
- (7) They have cast fire into Your sanctuary, they have defiled *by casting down* the house of Your Name to the ground.
- (8) They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.
- (9) We do not see our miracles: *there is* no more any prophet: neither *is there* among us any who knows how long.
- (10) O God, how long will the adversary reproach? will the enemy blaspheme Your Name forever?
- (11) Why do You withdraw Your hand, even Your right hand? pluck *it* out of Your bosom.
- (12) Because God *is* my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.
- (13) You divided the sea by Your strength: You broke the heads of the dragons<sup>b</sup> in the waters.
- (14) You broke the heads of leviathan<sup>c</sup> in pieces, *and* gave him *to be* food to the people living in the wilderness.
- (15) You split the fountain and the flood: You dried up mighty rivers.
- (16) The day *is* Yours, the night also *is* Yours: You have prepared the light and the sun.
- (17) You have set all the borders of the earth: You have made summer and winter.

74:13b – dragons – Job 26:13; 30:29; Ps. 44:19; 74:13; 91:13; 148:7; Is. 27:1 74:14c – leviathan – Job 26:13; 41:1; Is. 27:1

#### King James 1769 Version

- (18) Remember this, *that* the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and *that* the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.
- (19) O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude *of the wicked:* forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.
- (20) Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.
- (21) O 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 daily.
- (23) Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually.

#### Chapter 75

# To the chief Musician, Altaschith, A Psalm or Song of Asaph.

- (1) Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, *unto thee* do we give thanks: for *that* thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.
- (2) When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.
- (3) The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.
- (4) I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

#### King James Paraphrase

- (18) Remember this, *that* the enemy has reproached, O LORD {Jehovah}, and *that* the foolish people have blasphemed Your Name.
- (19) O do not deliver the soul of Your turtledove to the multitude of the wicked: do not forget the congregation of Your poor forever.
- (20) Have respect to the covenant: because the dark places of the earth are full of the houses of cruelty.
- (21) O do not let the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise Your Name.
- (22) Arise, O God, plead Your own cause: remember how the foolish man reproaches You daily.
- (23) Do not forget the voice of Your enemies: the tumult of those who rise up against You increases continually.

#### Chapter 75

# To the chief Musician, to the tune of "Do Not Destroy", A Psalm or Song of Asaph.

- (1) To You, O God, we give thanks, to You we give thanks: because Your Name is near Your wondrous works declare.
- (2) When I will receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.
- (3) The earth and all who live there are dissolved: I bear up its pillars. Selah {musical pause}.<sup>b</sup>
- (4) I said to the fools, Do not deal foolishly: and to the wicked, Do not lift up the horn {cup}:c
- 75:0a Altaschith אל תשוחה} to the tune of "Do Not Destroy" possibly a popular tune in David's day
- 75:3b Selah {סלה} musical pause
- 75:4c do not lift up the horn {cup; flask} don't boast with arrogance

#### King James 1769 Version

- (5) Lift not up your horn on high: speak *not with* a stiff neck.
- (6) For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.
- (7) But God *is* the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.
- (8) For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, 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 exalted.

#### Chapter 76

#### To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm or Song of Asaph.

- (1) In Judah *is* God known: his name *is* great in Israel.
- (2) In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.
- (3) There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.
- (4) Thou *art* more glorious *and* excellent than the mountains of prev.
- (5) The stouthearted are spoiled, 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 the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (5) Do not exalt {boast on} yourself: do not speak *with* stubbornness.
- (6) Because exaltation *comes* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.
- (7) But God *is* the judge: He puts down one, and sets up another.
- (8) Because in the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} *there is* a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and He pours out of the same: but its dregs, all the wicked of the earth will wring *them* out, *and* drink *them*.
- (9) But I will declare forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
- (10) Also all the horns of the wicked I will cut off; *but* the horns of the righteous will be exalted.

#### Chapter 76

# To the chief Musician on Stringed Instuments, A Psalm or Song of Asaph.

- (1) God *is* known in Judah: His Name *is* great in Israel.
- (2) His tabernacle is also in Salem, and His house in Zion.
- (3) There He broke the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah {musical pause}.<sup>b</sup>
- (4) You *are* more glorious *and* excellent than the mountains of prev.
- (5) The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.
- (6) At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

76:0a - upon Neginoth (על נגינת) - stringed instruments

76:3b - Selah (סלה) - musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (7) Thou, *even* thou, *art* to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?
- (8) Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still.
- (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 remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.
- (11) Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.
- (12) He shall cut off the spirit of princes: *he is* terrible to the kings of the earth.

#### Chapter 77

## To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of Asaph.

- (1) I cried unto God with my voice, *even* unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.
- (2) In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.
- (3) I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.
- (4) Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
- (5) I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (7) You, *even* You, *are* to be feared {revered}: and who may stand in Your sight when You become angry?
- (8) You caused judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still.
- (9) When God arose to judgment, to save all the humble of the earth. Selah {musical pause}.
- (10) Surely the wrath {anger; judgment} of man will praise You: the remainder of wrath {anger; judgment} You will restrain.
- (11) Vow, and pay to the LORD {Jehovah} your God: let all who are all around Him bring presents to Him Who ought to be feared {revered}.
- (12) He will cut off the spirit of princes: *He is* terrible to the kings of the earth.

#### Chapter 77

# To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm {song} of Asaph.

- (1) I cried to God with my voice, *even* to God with my voice; and He listened to me.
- (2) In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and did not cease: my soul refused to be comforted.
- (3) I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah {musical pause}.<sup>a</sup>
- (4) You hold my eyes awake: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
- (5) I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

77:3a - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (6) I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.
- (7) Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?
- (8) Is his mercy 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, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High.
- (11) I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.
- (12) I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.
- (13) Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?
- (14) Thou *art* the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.
- (15) Thou hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.
- (16) The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.
- (17) The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (6) I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with my own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.
- (7) Will the Lord cast off forever? and will He be favorable no more?
- (8) Is His mercy completely gone forever? does *His* promise fail forevermore?
- (9) Has God forgotten to be gracious? has He in anger shut up His tender mercies? Selah {musical pause}.
- (10) And I said, This is my infirmity {weakness; sickness}: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High.
- (11) I will remember the works of the LORD {Jehovah}: surely I will remember Your wonders of old.
- (12) I will meditate also on all Your work, and talk of what You have done.
- (13) Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is as great a God as our God?
- (14) You *are* the God Who does wonders: You have declared Your strength among the people.
- (15) You have with *Your* arm redeemed Your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah {musical pause}.
- (16) The waters saw You, O God, the waters saw You; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.
- (17) The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: Your arrows also went abroad.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (18) The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.
- (19) Thy way *is* in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.
- (20) Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

#### Chapter 78 Maschil of Asaph.

- (1) Give ear, O my people, to my 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, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful 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 *which* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children:
- (7) That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

#### King James Paraphrase

- (18) The voice of Your thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.
- (19) Your way *is* in the sea, and Your path in the great waters, and Your footsteps are not known.
- (20) You led Your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

## Chapter 78 Instruction<sup>a</sup> of Asaph.

- (1) Listen, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth
- (2) I will open my mouth in a parable: I will speak mysteries of old:
- (3) Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.
- (4) We will not hide *them* from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD {Jehovah}, and His strength, and His wonderful works that He has done.
- (5) Because He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our forefathers, that they should make them known to their children:<sup>b</sup>
- (6) That the generation to come might know *them*, *even* the children *who* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children:
- (7) That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments:

78:0a - Maschil {משליל} – instruction; teaching - a poem or song that teaches There are twelve Psalms of instruction: Ps. 32; 42; 44; 45; 52; 53; 54; 55; 74; 88; 89; 142

78:5b - Deut. 6:7

#### King James 1769 Version

- (8) And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation *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 forgat his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.
- (12) Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan.
- (13) He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.
- (14) In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.
- (15) He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink as *out of* the great depths.
- (16) He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.
- (17) And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness.
- (18) And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.
- (19) Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

#### King James Paraphrase

- (8) And might not be as their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation *that* did not set their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.
- (9) The children of Ephraim, *being* armed, *and* carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.
- (10) They did not keep the covenant of God, and refused to walk in His law;
- (11) And forgot His works, and His wonders that He had shown them.
- (12) Marvelous things He did in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan.
- (13) He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and He caused the waters to stand as a heap.<sup>c</sup>
- (14) In the daytime also He led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.<sup>d</sup>
- (15) He split the rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink as *out of* the great depths.<sup>e</sup>
- (16) He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.
- (17) And they sinned yet more against Him by provoking the most High in the wilderness.
- (18) And they tempted God in their heart by asking for meat because of their lust.
- (19) Yes, they spoke against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?<sup>f</sup>

78:13c – Ex. 14:21-22

78:14d - Ex. 13:21

78:15e - Ex. 17:3-6

78:19f - Ex. 16:3

King James 1769 Version

- (20) Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?
- (21) Therefore the LORD heard *this*, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;
- (22) Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:
- (23) Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,
- (24) And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.
- (25) Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.
- (26) He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.
- (27) He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:
- (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: for he gave them their own desire:
- (30) They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat *was* yet in their mouths,
- (31) The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen *men* of Israel.

King James Paraphrase

- (20) Indeed, He struck the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can He give bread also? can He provide meat for His people?
- (21) Therefore the LORD {Jehovah} heard *this*, and was angry: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;
- (22) Because they did not believe in God, and did not trust in His salvation:
- (23) Though He had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,
- (24) And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.<sup>g</sup>
- (25) Man ate angels' food: He sent them meat to the full.
- (26) He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by His power He brought in the south wind.
- (27) He rained meat also upon them as dust, and feathered birds as the sand of the sea:<sup>h</sup>
- (28) And He let *it* fall in the midst of their camp, all around their tents.
- (29) So they ate, and were well filled: because He gave them their own desire:
- (30) They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat was yet in their mouths,
- (31) The anger of God came upon them, and killed the fattest of them, and struck down the chosen *men* of Israel.

78:24g – Ex. 16:14-15 78:27h – Ex. 16:13

#### King James 1769 Version

- (32) For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.
- (33) Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.
- (34) When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and enquired early after God.
- (35) And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their redeemer.
- (36) Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.
- (37) For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.
- (38) But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.
- (39) For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.
- (40) How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, *and* grieve him in the desert!
- (41) Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.
- (42) They remembered not his hand, *nor* the day when he delivered them from the enemy.
- (43) How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan:

- King James Paraphrase
- (32) In spite of this they still sinned, and did not believe His wondrous works.
- (33) Therefore their days He consumed in vanity, and their years in trouble.
- (34) When He killed them, then they sought Him: and they returned and inquired early after God.
- (35) And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their Redeemer.
- (36) Nevertheless they flattered Him with their mouth, and they lied to Him with their tongues.
- (37) Because their heart was not right with Him, neither were they steadfast in His covenant.
- (38) But He, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* sin, and did not destroy *them*: yes, many times He turned His anger away, and did not stir up all His anger.
- (39) Because He remembered that they *were but* flesh; a wind that passes away, and does not come again.
- (40) How often they provoked Him in the wilderness, *and* grieved Him in the desert!
- (41) Yes, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.
- (42) They did not remember His hand, *nor* the day when He delivered them from the enemy.
- (43) How He had performed His signs in Egypt, and His wonders in the field of Zoan:

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- (44) And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink.
- (45) He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.
- (46) He gave also their increase unto the caterpiller, and their labour unto the locust.
- (47) He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycomore trees with frost.
- (48) He gave up 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, by sending evil angels among them.
- (50) He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence:
- (51) And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of *their* strength in the tabernacles of Ham:
- (52) But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
- (53) And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
- (54) And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, *even to* this mountain, *which* his right hand had purchased.

King James Paraphrase

- (44) And had turned their rivers into blood; and their waters, that they could not drink.
- (45) He sent various sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.
- (46) He gave also their increase to the caterpillar, and their labor to the locust.
- (47) He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with frost.
- (48) He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.
- (49) He cast upon them the fierceness of His anger, wrath {anger; judgment}, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels *among them*.
- (50) He made a way to His anger; He did not spare their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;
- (51) And struck all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of *their* strength in the tabernacles of Ham:<sup>k</sup>
- (52) But He caused His own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
- (53) And He led them on safely, so that they were not afraid: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
- (54) And He brought them to the border of His sanctuary, *even to* this mountain, *which* His right hand had purchased.

78:45i – Ex. 8:6,21

78:47j - Ex. 9:18

78:51k – Ex. 11:5

#### King James 1769 Version

- (55) He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
- (56) Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:
- (57) But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully 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 enemy's hand.
- (62) He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.
- (63) The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.
- (64) Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.
- (65) Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, *and* like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.
- (66) And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (55) He also cast out the heathen {ungodly nations} before them, and divided to them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to live in their tents.
- (56) Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and did not keep His testimonies:
- (57) But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their forefathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.
- (58) Because 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 angry, and greatly despised 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 enemy's hand.
- (62) He gave His people over also to the sword; and was angry with His inheritance.
- (63) The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.
- (64) Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows did not cry loudly.
- (65) Then the Lord awoke as one out of sleep, *and* like a mighty man who shouts because of wine.
- (66) And He struck His enemies in the rear: He put them to a perpetual reproach.

78:60l – Shiloh – where Joshua first set up the Tabernacle – Josh. 18:1; Jg. 18:31; 21:19; I Ki. 14:2; Jn. 4:28

#### King James 1769 Version

- (67) Moreover he refused the tabernacle 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 sanctuary like high *palaces*, 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 great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.
- (72) So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

#### Chapter 79 A Psalm of Asaph.

- (1) O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.
- (2) The dead bodies of thy servants have they given *to be* meat unto the fowls of the heaven, 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 neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.
- (5) How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

King James Paraphrase

- (67) Furthermore He refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim:
- (68) But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which He loved.
- (69) And He built His sanctuary like high *palaces*, like the earth which He had established forever.
- (70) He chose David also His servant, and took him from the sheep folds:<sup>m</sup>
- (71) From following the ewes pregnant with young He brought him to feed Jacob His people, and Israel His inheritance.
- (72) So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

#### Chapter 79 A Psalm {song} of Asaph.

- (1) O God, the heathen {ungodly} have come into Your inheritance; Your holy temple they have defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.
- (2) The dead bodies of Your servants they have given *to be* food to the birds of the heaven, the flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth.
- (3) Their blood they have shed like water all around Jerusalem; and *there* was no one to bury *them*.
- (4) We have become a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn and derision to those who are all around us.
- (5) How long, LORD {Jehovah}? will You be angry forever? will Your jealousy burn like fire?

78:70m - II Sam. 7:8

#### King James 1769 Version

- (6) Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.
- (7) For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.
- (8) O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent 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 purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.
- (10) Wherefore should the heathen say, Where *is* their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight *by* the revenging of the blood of thy servants *which is* shed.
- (11) Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die;
- (12) And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.
- (13) So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (6) Pour out Your anger upon the heathen {ungodly} who have not known You, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon Your Name.
- (7) Because they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his house.
- (8) O do not remember against us former sins: let Your tender mercies speedily come before us: because we are brought very low.
- (9) Help us, O God of our salvation, because of the glory of Your Name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Your Name's sake.
- (10) Why should the heathen {ungodly} say, Where *is* their God? let Him be known among the heathen {ungodly} in our sight *by* the revenging of the blood of Your servants *which is* shed.
- (11) Let the sighing of the prisoner come before You; according to the greatness of Your power preserve those who are appointed to die;
- (12) And render to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, with which they have reproached You, O Lord.
- (13) So we Your people and sheep of Your pasture will give You thanks forever: we will show forth Your praise to all generations.

King James 1769 Version

#### **Chapter 80**

# To the chief Musician upon Shoshannimeduth, A Psalm of Asaph.

- (1) Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, shine forth.
- (2) Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come *and* save us.
- (3) Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.
- (4) O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?
- (5) Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure.
- (6) Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves.
- (7) Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.
- (8) Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.
- (9) Thou preparedst *room* before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.
- (10) The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* the goodly cedars.
- (11) She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 80

# To the chief Musician set to the tune of 'Concerning the Lilies', A Psalm {song} of Asaph.

- (1) Listen, O Shepherd of Israel, You Who lead Joseph like a flock; You Who live *between* the cherubims, b shine forth.
- (2) Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up Your strength, and come *and* save us.
- (3) Turn us again, O God, and cause Your face to shine; and we will be saved.
- (4) O LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies; multitudes}, how long will You be angry against the prayer of Your people?
- (5) You feed them with the bread of tears; and give them tears to drink in great measure.
- (6) You cause us to be a strife to our neighbors: and our enemies laugh among themselves.
- (7) Turn us again, O God of hosts {armies; multitudes}, and cause Your face to shine; and we will be saved.
- (8) You have brought a vine out of Egypt: You have cast out the heathen {ungodly nations}, and planted it.
- (9) You prepared *room* before it, and caused it to take deep root, and it filled the land.
- (10) The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and its branches *were like* the great cedars.
- (11) She sent out her branches to the sea, and her branches to the river.

80:0a - upon Shoshannimeduth אל ששנים ערות} - set to the tune of 'Concerning the Lilies' – possibly a popular song in David's day

80:1b - between the cherubims - i.e. the Mercy Seat on the Ark of the Covenant - Ex. 25:18-25

#### King James 1769 Version

- (12) Why hast thou *then* broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?
- (13) The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.
- (14) Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;
- (15) And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the 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 will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name
- (19) Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

#### Chapter 81

## To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of Asaph.

- (1) Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
- (2) Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (12) Why have You *then* broken down her hedges, so that all those who pass by the way pluck {gather} her {fruit}?
- (13) The boar out of the wood wastes it, and the wild beast of the field devours it.
- (14) Return, we beg of You, O God of hosts {armies; multitudes}: look down from heaven, and see, and visit this vine:
- (15) And the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, and the branch *that* You made strong for Yourself.
- (16) *It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut down: they perish at the rebuke of Your countenance {facial expression; appearance}.
- (17) Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, upon the son of man *whom* You made strong for Yourself.
- (18) So we will not go back from You: make us alive, and we will call upon Your Name.
- (19) Turn us again, O LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies; multitudes}, cause Your face to shine; and we will be saved.

#### Chapter 81

## To the chief Musician upon the Harp, A Psalm (song) of Asaph.

- (1) Sing aloud to God our strength: make a joyful noise to the God of Jacob.
- (2) Take a psalm {song}, and bring here the tambourine, the pleasant harp with the psaltery {lyre}.

81:0a - upon Gittith {על הגחית} - Harp - as with other titles whether this is actually a harp or title of a song is unclear

#### King James 1769 Version

- (3) Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
- (4) For this *was* a statute for Israel, *and* a law of the God of Jacob.
- (5) This he ordained in Joseph *for* a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: *where* I heard a language *that* I understood not.
- (6) I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.
- (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 wilt hearken unto me:
- (9) There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.
- (10) I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- (11) But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me
- (12) So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: *and* they walked in their own counsels.
- (13) Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, *and* Israel had walked in my ways!

King James Paraphrase

- (3) Blow the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
- (4) Because this *was* a statute for Israel, *and* a law of the God of Jacob.
- (5) This He ordained in Joseph *for* a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: *where* I heard a language *that* I did not understand.
- (6) I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.
- (7) You called in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder: I proved you at the waters of Meribah. Selah {musical pause}.b
- (8) Hear, O My people, and I will testify to you: O Israel, if you will listen to Me:
- (9) No strange god shall be in you; neither shall you worship any strange god.
- (10) I am the LORD {Jehovah} your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt: open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- (11) But My people would not listen to My voice; and Israel would have none of Me.
- (12) So I gave them up to their own hearts' lust: *and* they walked in their own counsels.
- (13) Oh that My people had listened to Me, and Israel had walked in My ways!

81:7b - Selah (סלה) - musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (14) I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.
- (15) The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever
- (16) He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

#### Chapter 82 A Psalm of Asaph.

- (1) God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.
- (2) How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.
- (3) Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.
- (4) Deliver the poor and needy: rid *them* out of the hand of the wicked.
- (5) They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
- (6) I have said, Ye *are* gods; and all of you *are* children of the most High.
- (7) But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.
- (8) Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (14) I would soon have subdued their enemies, and turned My hand against their adversaries.
- (15) Those who hate the LORD {Jehovah} should have submitted themselves to Him: but their time should have endured forever.
- (16) He would have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock I would have satisfied you.

#### Chapter 82

#### A Psalm {song} of Asaph.

- (1) God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods.
- (2) How long will you judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah {musical pause}.a
- (3) Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.
- (4) Deliver the poor and needy: deliver *them* out of the hand of the wicked.
- (5) They do not know, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
- (6) I have said, You *are* gods;<sup>b</sup> and all of you *are* children of the most High.
- (7) But you shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.
- (8) Arise, O God, judge the earth: because You shall inherit all nations.

82:2a - Selah (אסלה) - musical pause 82:6b – Jn. 10:34

King James 1769 Version

#### Chapter 83

#### A Song or Psalm of Asaph.

- (1) Keep not thou silence, O God: 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 have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted 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: they are confederate against thee:
- (6) The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;
- (7) Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre:
- (8) Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.
- (9) Do unto them as *unto* the Midianites; as *to* Sisera, as *to* Jabin, at the brook of Kison:
- (10) *Which* perished at Endor: they became *as* dung for the earth.
- (11) Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:
- (12) Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 83

#### A Song or Psalm of Asaph.

- (1) Do not keep silence, O God: do not hold Your peace, and do not be still, O God.
- (2) Because, look, Your enemies make a tumult: and those who hate You have lifted up the head.
- (3) They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, and consulted against Your 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) Because they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate {allied} against You:
- (6) The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;
- (7) Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with those who live in Tyre:
- (8) Assur also is joined with them: they have helped the children of Lot. Selah {musical pause}.<sup>a</sup>
- (9) Do to them as *to* the Midianites; as *to* Sisera, as *to* Jabin, at the brook of Kison:
- (10) *Who* perished at Endor: they became *as* dung for the earth.
- (11) Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yes, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:
- (12) Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

83:8a- Selah {סלה} - musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (13) O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.
- (14) As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire:
- (15) So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.
- (16) Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD.
- (17) Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:
- (18) That *men* may know that thou, whose name alone *is* JEHOVAH, *art* the most high over all the earth.

#### **Chapter 84**

# To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

- (1) How amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!
- (2) My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.
- (3) Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.
- (4) Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (13) O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.
- (14) As the fire burns a wood, and as the flame sets the mountains on fire;
- (15) So persecute them with Your tempest, and make them afraid with Your storm.
- (16) Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek Your Name, O LORD {Jehovah}.
- (17) Let them be confounded and troubled forever; yes, let them be put to shame, and perish:
- (18) That *men* may know that You, Whose Name alone *is* JEHOVAH, *are* the most high over all the earth.

#### Chapter 84

## To the chief Musician upon the Harp,<sup>a</sup> A Psalm {song} for the sons of Korah.<sup>b</sup>

- (1) How loved *are* Your tabernacles, O LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies}!
- (2) My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD {Jehovah}: my heart and my flesh cries out for the living God.
- (3) Yes, the sparrow has found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* Your altars, O LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies}, my King, and my God.
- (4) Blessed *are* those who live in Your house: they will be still praising You. Selah {musical pause}.
- 84:0a upon Gittith {על הגחית} Harp as with other titles whether this is actually a harp or title of a song is unclear
- 84:0b sons of Korah the sons of Korah were door/gate keepers of the tabernacle and later the temple (I Chr. 9:17-24; 26:1-19) eleven Psalms are for the sons of Korah: Ps. 42; 44; 45; 46; 47; 48; 49; 84; 85; 87; 88
- 84:4c Selah {סלה} musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (5) Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways *of them*.
- (6) Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.
- (7) They go from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God.
- (8) O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.
- (9) 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 be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- (11) For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.
- (12) O LORD of hosts, blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.

### Chapter 85

## To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

- (1) LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.
- (2) Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (5) Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in You; in whose heart *are their* ways.
- (6) Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filled the pools.
- (7) They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appears before God.
- (8) O LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies; multitudes}, hear my prayer: listen, O God of Jacob. Selah {musical pause}.
- (9) Look, O God our shield, and look upon the face of Your anointed.
- (10) Because a day in Your courts *is* better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to live in the tents of wickedness.
- (11) Because the LORD {Jehovah} God is a sun and shield: the LORD {Jehovah} will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- (12) O LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, blessed *is* the man who trusts in You.

#### Chapter 85

## To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} for the sons of Korah.<sup>a</sup>

- (1) LORD {Jehovah}, You have been favorable to Your land: You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.
- (2) You have forgiven the sin of Your people, You have covered all their sin. Selah {musical pause}.<sup>b</sup>
- 85:0a sons of Korah the sons of Korah were door/gate keepers of the tabernacle and later the temple (I Chr. 9:17-24; 26:1-19) eleven Psalms are for the sons of Korah: Ps. 42; 44; 45; 46; 47; 48; 49; 84; 85; 87; 88
- 85:2b Selah {סלה} musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (3) Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of thine anger.
- (4) Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to
- (5) Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?
- (6) Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?
- (7) Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.
- (8) I will hear what God the LORD 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 night hem 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 shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- (12) Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.
- (13) Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set *us* in the way of his steps.

#### **Chapter 86**

#### A Prayer of David.

(1) Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I *am* poor and needy.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (3) You have taken away all Your anger: You have turned *Yourself* from the fierceness of Your anger.
- (4) Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause Your anger towards us to cease.
- (5) Will You be angry with us forever? will You draw out Your anger to all generations?
- (6) Will You not revive us again: that Your people may rejoice in You?
- (7) Show us Your mercy, O LORD {Jehovah}, and grant us Your salvation.
- (8) I will hear what God the LORD {Jehovah} will speak: because He will speak peace to His people, and to His saints: but do not let them turn again to folly.
- (9) Surely His salvation *is* near those who fear {revere} Him; that glory may live in our land.
- (10) Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed *each other*.
- (11) Truth will spring out of the earth; and righteousness will look down from heaven.
- (12) Yes, the LORD {Jehovah} will give *that which is* good; and our land will yield her increase.
- (13) Righteousness will go before Him; and will set *us* in the way of His steps.

#### **Chapter 86**

#### A Prayer of David.

(1) Bow down Your ear, O LORD {Jehovah}, hear me: because I *am* poor and needy.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (2) Preserve my soul; for I *am* holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.
- (3) Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.
- (4) Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- (5) For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
- (6) Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- (7) In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.
- (8) Among the gods *there is* none like unto thee, O Lord; neither *are there* any works like unto thy works.
- (9) All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.
- (10) For thou *art* great, and doest wondrous things: thou *art* God alone.
- (11) Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.
- (12) I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.
- (13) For great *is* thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (2) Preserve my soul; because I *am* holy: O my God, save Your servant who trusts in You.
- (3) Be merciful to me, O Lord: because I cry to You daily.
- (4) Cause the soul of Your servant to rejoice: because to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- (5) Because You, Lord, *are* good, and ready to forgive; and plentiful in mercy to all those who call upon You.
- (6) Listen, O LORD {Jehovah}, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my requests.
- (7) In the day of my trouble I will call upon You: because You will answer me.
- (8) Among the gods *there is* none like You, O Lord; neither *are there any* works like Your works.
- (9) All nations whom You have made will come and worship before You, O Lord; and will glorify Your Name.
- (10) Because You *are* great, and do wondrous things: You alone *are* God.
- (11) Teach me Your way, O LORD {Jehovah}; I will walk in Your truth: unite my heart to fear {revere} Your Name.
- (12) I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify Your Name forevermore.
- (13) Because great *is* Your mercy towards me: and You have delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (14) O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent *men* have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.
- (15) But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.
- (16) O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.
- (17) Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see *it*, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

#### Chapter 87

### A Psalm or Song for the sons of Korah

- (1) His foundation *is* in the holy mountains.
- (2) The LORD 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 Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this *man* was born there.
- (5) And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (14) O God, the proud have risen against me, and the assemblies of violent *men* have sought after my soul; and have not set You before them.
- (15) But You, O Lord, *are* a God full of compassion, and gracious, patient, and plenteous in mercy and truth.
- (16) O turn to me, and have mercy upon me; give Your strength to Your servant, and save the son of Your handmaid.
- (17) Show me a token for good; that those who hate me may see *it*, and be ashamed: because You, LORD {Jehovah}, have helped me, and comforted me.

#### Chapter 87

## A Psalm or Song for the sons of Korah.<sup>a</sup>

- (1) His foundation *is* in the holy mountains.
- (2) The LORD {Jehovah} loves the gates of Zion more than all the homes of Jacob.
- (3) Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God. Selah {musical pause}.<sup>b</sup>
- (4) I will make mention of Rahab<sup>c</sup> and Babylon to those who know me: See Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this *man* was born there.
- (5) And of Zion it will be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest Himself will establish her.
- 87:0a sons of Korah the sons of Korah were door/gate keepers of the tabernacle and later the temple (I Chr. 9:17-24; 26:1-19) eleven Psalms are for the sons of Korah: Ps. 42; 44; 45; 46; 47; 48; 49; 84; 85; 87; 88
- 87:3b Selah (סלה) musical pause
- 87:4c Rahab {הב) the proud one a reference to pharaoh of Egypt

#### King James 1769 Version

- (6) The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, *that* this *man* was born there. Selah.
- (7) As well the singers as the players on instruments *shall be there*: all my springs *are* in thee.

#### **Chapter 88**

# A Song *or* Psalm for the sons of Korah, to the chief Musician upon Mahalath Leannoth, Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.

- (1) O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day *and* night before thee:
- (2) Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;
- (3) For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.
- (4) I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man *that hath* no strength:
- (5) Free 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 darkness, in the deeps.
- (7) Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted *me* with all thy waves. Selah.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (6) The LORD {Jehovah} will acknowledge, when He writes up the people, *that* this *man* was born there. Selah {musical pause}.
- (7) The singers as well as the players on instruments *will be there*: all my springs *are* in you.

#### **Chapter 88**

# A Song or Psalm for the sons of Korah,<sup>a</sup> to the chief Musician set to the tune of 'On a Sickness',<sup>b</sup> Instruction<sup>c</sup> of Heman the Ezrahite.

- (1) O LORD {Jehovah} God of my salvation, I have cried day *and* night before You:
- (2) Let my prayer come before You: incline Your ear to my cry;
- (3) Because my soul is full of troubles: and my life draws near to the grave.
- (4) I am counted with those who go down into the pit: I am as a man *who has* no strength:
- (5) Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom You remember no more: and they are cut off from Your hand.
- (6) You have laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.
- (7) Your wrath {anger; judgment} lies hard upon me, and You have afflicted *me* with all Your waves. Selah {musical pause}.d
- 88:0b upon Mahalath { על מחלת } to tune of 'On a Sickness' possibly a popular song in David's day or an unknown musical instrument Ps. 53:0
- 88:0c Maschil (משליל) instruction a poem or song that teaches. There are twelve Psalms of instruction: Ps. 32; 42; 44; 45; 52; 53; 54; 55; 74; 88; 89; 142
- 88:7d Selah {סלה} musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (8) Thou hast put away 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 mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.
- (10) Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise *and* praise thee? Selah.
- (11) Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? *or* thy faithfulness in destruction?
- (12) Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
- (13) But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.
- (14) LORD, 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 goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.
- (17) They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.
- (18) Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, *and* mine acquaintance into darkness.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (8) You have put away my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an abomination to them: *I* am shut up, and I cannot come forth.
- (9) My eye mourns because of affliction: LORD {Jehovah}, I have called daily upon You, I have stretched out my hands to You. (10) Will You show wonders to the dead? will the dead arise *and* praise You? Selah {musical pause}.
- (11) Will Your loving kindness be declared in the grave? *or* Your faithfulness in destruction?
- (12) Will Your wonders be known in the dark? and Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
- (13) But to You I have cried, O LORD {Jehovah}; and in the morning my prayer will come before You.
- (14) LORD {Jehovah}, why do You cast off my soul? *why* do You hide Your face from me?
- (15) I *am* afflicted and ready to die from *my* youth up: *while* I suffer Your terrors I am distracted.
- (16) Your fierce anger goes over me; Your terrors have cut me off.
- (17) They came all around me daily like water; they encircled me together.
- (18) Lover and friend You have put far from me, *and* my acquaintance into darkness.

King James 1769 Version

#### **Chapter 89**

#### Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

- (1) I will sing of the mercies of the LORD 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 shalt 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, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.
- (5) And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.
- (6) For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? *who* among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?
- (7) God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all *them that are* about him
- (8) O LORD God of hosts, who *is* a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?
- (9) Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

#### King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 89 Instruction<sup>a</sup> of E

## Instruction<sup>a</sup> of Ethan the Ezrahite.

- (1) I will sing of the mercies of the LORD {Jehovah} forever: with my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.
- (2) Because I have said, Mercy will be built up forever: Your faithfulness You will establish in the very heavens.<sup>b</sup>
- (3) I have made a covenant with My Chosen, I have sworn to David My servant,
- (4) Your Descendant I will establish forever, and build up your throne to all generations. Selah {musical pause}.c
- (5) And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD {Jehovah}: Your faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.
- (6) Because who in the heaven can be compared to the LORD {Jehovah}? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the LORD {Jehovah}?
- (7) God is greatly to be feared {revered} in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence of all *those who are* around Him.
- (8) O LORD {Jehovah} God of hosts {armies; multitudes}, who *is* a strong LORD {Jehovah} like You? or to Your faithfulness all around You?
- (9) You rule the raging of the sea: when its waves arise, You still them.

89:0a - Maschil (משליל) - instruction - a poem or song that teaches. There are twelve Psalms of instruction: Ps. 32; 42; 44; 45; 52; 53; 54; 55; 74; 88; 89; 142

89:2b - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

89:4c - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

#### King James 1769 Version

- (10) Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.
- (11) The heavens *are* thine, the earth also *is* thine: *as for* the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.
- (12) The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.
- (13) Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.
- (14) Justice and judgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.
- (15) Blessed *is* the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.
- (16) In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.
- (17) For thou *art* the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.
- (18) For the LORD *is* our defence; and the Holy One of Israel *is* our king.
- (19) Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, 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: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (10) You have broken Rahab {the proud one}d in pieces, as one that is killed; You have scattered Your enemies with Your strong arm.
- (11) The heavens *are* Yours, the earth also *is* Yours: *as for* the world and its fullness, You have founded them.
- (12) The north and the south You have created them: Tabor and Hermon will rejoice in Your Name.
- (13) You have a mighty arm: Your hand is strong, *and* Your right hand is high.
- (14) Justice and judgment *are* the homes of Your throne: mercy and truth will go before Your face.
- (15) Blessed *is* the people who know the joyful sound: they will walk, O LORD {Jehovah}, in the light of Your countenance {smile; appearance}.
- (16) In Your Name they will rejoice all the day: and in Your righteousness they will be exalted.
- (17) Because You *are* the glory of their strength: and in Your favor our horn {king; kingdom}<sup>e</sup> will be exalted.
- (18) Because the LORD {Jehovah} is our defense; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.
- (19) Then You spoke in a vision to Your holy one, and said, I have given help to *one who is* mighty; I have exalted *one* chosen out of the people.
- (20) I have found David My servant; with My holy oil I have anointed him:
- (21) With whom My hand will be established: My arm also will strengthen him.

89:10d - Rahab (רהב) - the proud one - a reference to pharaoh of Egypt.

See Ps. 8:4

89:17e - horn - the horn is used to represent a king or a kingdom – see Dan. 7:24

#### King James 1769 Version

- (22) The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
- (23) And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.
- (24) But my faithfulness and my mercy *shall be* with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
- (25) I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.
- (26) He shall cry unto me, Thou *art* my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. (27) Also I will make him *my* firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.
- (28) My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall 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 my judgments;
- (31) If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;
- (32) Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.
- (33) Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.
- (34) My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.
- (35) Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.

- King James Paraphrase
- (22) The enemy will not tax him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
- (23) And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague those who hate him.
- (24) But My faithfulness and My mercy will be with him: and in My Name his horn {king; kingdom} will be exalted.
- (25) I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.
- (26) He will cry to Me, You *are* my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.
- (27) Also I will make him *My* firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.
- (28) My mercy I will keep for him forever, and My covenant will stand firm with him.
- (29) His offspring I also will cause *to endure* forever, and his throne as the days of heaven.
- (30) If his children forsake My law, and do not walk in My judgments;
- (31) If they break My laws, and do not keep My commandments;
- (32) Then I will visit their unrighteousness with the rod, and their sin with stripes.
- (33) Nevertheless My loving kindness I will not completely take from him, nor allow My faithfulness to fail.
- (34) My covenant I will not break, nor alter the thing that has gone out of My lips.
- (35) Once have I sworn by My holiness that I will not lie to David.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (36) His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.
- (37) It shall be established for ever as the moon, and *as* a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.
- (38) But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.
- (39) Thou hast made void 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 strong holds to ruin. (41) All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.
- (42) Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.
- (43) Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle.
- (44) Thou hast made his glory 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, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire?
- (47) Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?
- (48) What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

- King James Paraphrase
- (36) His Descendant will endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me.
- (37) It shall be established forever as the moon, and *as* a faithful witness in heaven. Selah {musical pause}.
- (38) But You have cast off and despised, You have been angry with Your anointed.
- (39) You have made void the covenant of Your servant: You have profaned his crown *by casting it* to the ground.
- (40) You have broken down all his hedges; You have brought his strongholds to ruin.
- (41) All who pass by the way rob him: he is a reproach to his neighbors.
- (42) You have set up the right hand of his adversaries; You have caused all his enemies to rejoice.
- (43) You have also turned the edge of his sword, and have not caused him to stand in the battle.
- (44) You have caused his glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground.
- (45) The days of his youth You have shortened: You have covered him with shame. Selah {musical pause}.
- (46) How long, LORD {Jehovah}? will You hide Yourself forever? will Your anger burn like fire?
- (47) Remember how short my time is: why have you made all men in vain?
- (48) What man is he who lives, and will not see death? will he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah {musical pause}.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (49) Lord, where *are* thy former lovingkindnesses, *which* thou swarest unto David in thy truth?
- (50) Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants; *how* I do bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the mighty people;
- (51) Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.
- (52) Blessed *be* the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

#### Chapter 90

## A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

- (1) Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.
- (2) Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.
- (3) Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.
- (4) For a thousand years in thy sight *are but* as yesterday when it is past, 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 by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (49) Lord, where *are* Your former loving kindnesses, *which* You swore to David in Your truth?
- (50) Remember, Lord, the reproach of Your servants; *how* I bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the mighty people;
- (51) With which Your enemies have reproached, O LORD {Jehovah}; with which they have reproached the footsteps of Your anointed.
- (52) Blessed *is* the LORD {Jehovah} forever. Amen {let it be}, and Amen {let it be}.

#### Chapter 90

## A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

- (1) Lord, You have been our home in all generations.
- (2) Before the mountains were brought forth, or before You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God.
- (3) You turn man to destruction; and say, Return, you children of men.
- (4) Because a thousand years in Your sight *are but* as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.
- (5) You carried them away as with a flood; they are *as* a sleep: in the morning *they are* like grass *which* grows up.
- (6) In the morning it flourishes, and grows up; in the evening it is cut down, and withers.
- (7) Because we are consumed by Your anger, and by Your wrath {anger; judgment} we are troubled.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (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 spend our years as a tale *that is told*.
- (10) The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
- (11) Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, *so is* thy wrath.
- (12) So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
- (13) Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
- (14) O satisfy us early with thy mercy; 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 unto their children.
- (17) And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (8) You have set our sins before You, our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance {smile; facial expression}.
- (9) Because all our days are passed away in Your wrath {anger; judgment}: we spend our years as a tale *that is told*.
- (10) The days of our years *are* seventy; and if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years, yet their strength is labor and sorrow; because it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
- (11) Who knows the power of Your anger? even according to Your fear, *so is* Your wrath {anger; judgment}.
- (12) So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts to wisdom.
- (13) Return, O LORD {Jehovah}, how long? and let Yourself repent concerning Your servants.
- (14) O satisfy us early with Your mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- (15) Make us glad according to the days *in which* You have afflicted us, *and* the years *in which* we have seen evil.
- (16) Let Your work appear to Your servants, and Your glory to their children.
- (17) And let the beauty of the LORD {Jehovah} our God be upon us: and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, the work of our hands {Lord} establish it.

King James 1769 Version

#### Chapter 91

- (1) He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- (2) I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
- (3) Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.
- (4) He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.
- (5) Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;
- (6) *Nor* 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) Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, thy habitation;
- (10) There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- (11) For he shall 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.

King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 91

- (1) He who lives in the secret place of the most High will remain under the shadow of the Almighty.
- (2) I will say of the LORD {Jehovah}, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him I will trust.
- (3) Surely He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler {bird trapper}, and from the deadly pestilence.
- (4) He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will trust: His truth *will be your* shield and armor.
- (5) You will not be afraid because of the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flies by day;
- (6) *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walks in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wastes at noonday.
- (7) A thousand will fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; *but* it will not come near you.
- (8) Only with your eyes you will see and see the reward of the wicked.
- (9) Because you have made the LORD {Jehovah}, *Who is* my refuge, *even* the most High, your home;
- (10) No evil will come upon you, neither will any plague come near your house.
- (11) Because He will give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.
- (12) They will bear you up in *their* hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.<sup>a</sup>

91:12a - Mat. 4:6; Lk. 4:10-11

#### King James 1769 Version

- (13) Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
- (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 honour him.
- (16) With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

#### Chapter 92

## A Psalm *or* Song for the sabbath day.

- (1) *It is a* good *thing* to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:
- (2) To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,
- (3) Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.
- (4) For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.
- (5) O LORD, how great are thy works! *and* 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:

#### King James Paraphrase

- (13) You will tread upon the lion and snake: the young lion and the dragon<sup>b</sup> you will trample under feet.
- (14) Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him: I will set him on high, because he has known My Name.
- (15) He will 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 I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.

#### Chapter 92

## A Psalm *or* Song for the sabbath day.

- (1) *It is a* good *thing* to give thanks to the LORD {Jehovah}, and to sing praises to Your Name, O most High:
- (2) To show forth Your loving kindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night,
- (3) Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery {lyre}; upon the harp with a solemn sound.
- (4) Because You, LORD {Jehovah}, have made me glad through Your work: I will triumph in the works of Your hands.
- (5) O LORD {Jehovah}, how great are Your works! *and* Your thoughts are very deep.
- (6) A brutish {ungodly}a man does not know; neither does a fool understand this.
- (7) When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of sin flourish; *it is* so that they will be destroyed forever:

91:13b – dragons – Job 26:13; 30:29; Ps. 44:19; 74:13; 91:13; 148:7; Is. 27:1 92:6a - brutish - beastly, animal-like, crude - ungodly

#### King James 1769 Version

- (8) But thou, LORD, *art most* high for evermore.
- (9) For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
- (10) But my horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of* an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.
- (11) Mine eye also shall see *my desire* on mine enemies, *and* mine ears shall hear *my desire* of the wicked that rise up against me.
- (12) The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- (13) Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.
- (14) They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;
- (15) To shew that the LORD *is* upright: *he is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in him.

#### Chapter 93

- (1) The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, *wherewith* he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.
- (2) Thy throne *is* established of old: thou *art* from everlasting.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (8) But You, LORD {Jehovah}, *are most* high forever.
- (9) Because, look, Your enemies, O LORD {Jehovah}, because, indeed, Your enemies will perish; all the workers of sin will be scattered.
- (10) But my horn You will exalt like *the horn of* an unicorn: I will be anointed with fresh oil.
- (11) My eye also will see *my desire* on my enemies, *and* my ears will hear *my desire* of the wicked who rise up against me.
- (12) The righteous will flourish like the palm tree: he will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- (13) Those who are planted in the house of the LORD {Jehovah} will flourish in the courts of our God.
- (14) They will still bring forth fruit in old age; they will be fat and flourishing;
- (15) To show that the LORD {Jehovah} is upright: *He is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in Him.

#### Chapter 93

- (1) The LORD {Jehovah} reigns, He is clothed with majesty; the LORD {Jehovah} is clothed with strength, with which He has clothed Himself: the world also is established, that it cannot be moved.
- (2) Your throne *is* established of old: You *are* from everlasting.

92:10b - unicorn - Num. 23:22; Job 39:9,10; Ps. 22:21

#### King James 1769 Version

- (3) The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.
- (4) The LORD on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *yea*, *than* the mighty waves of the sea.
- (5) Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

#### Chapter 94

- (1) O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.
- (2) Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.
- (3) LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?
- (4) How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?
- (5) They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.
- (6) They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.
- (7) Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard *it*.
- (8) Understand, 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?

#### King James Paraphrase

- (3) The floods have lifted up, O LORD {Jehovah}, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.
- (4) The LORD {Jehovah} on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *yes*, *than* the mighty waves of the sea.
- (5) Your testimonies are very sure: holiness becomes Your house, O LORD {Jehovah}, forever.

#### Chapter 94

- (1) O LORD {Jehovah} God, to Whom vengeance belongs; O God, to Whom vengeance belongs, show Yourself.
- (2) Lift up Yourself, You judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.
- (3) LORD {Jehovah}, how long will the wicked, how long will the wicked triumph?
- (4) *How long* will they say *and* speak hard things? *and* all the workers of sin boast themselves?
- (5) They break in pieces Your people, O LORD {Jehovah}, and afflict Your heritage.
- (6) They kill the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.
- (7) Yet they say, The LORD {Jehovah} will not see, neither will the God of Jacob regard *it*.
- (8) Understand, you brutish {ungodly}a among the people: and *you* fools, when will you be wise?
- (9) He Who makes the ear, will He not hear? He Who formed the eye, will He not see?

94:8a - brutish - beastly, animal-like, crude - ungodly

#### King James 1769 Version

- (10) He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, *shall not he know?*
- (11) The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they *are* vanity.
- (12) Blessed *is* the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;
- (13) That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.
- (14) For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.
- (15) But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.
- (16) Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? *or* who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
- (17) Unless the LORD had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.
- (18) When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.
- (19) In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul
- (20) Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?
- (21) They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

- King James Paraphrase
- (10) Will He Who disciplines the heathen {ungodly} not correct? He Who teaches man knowledge, will He not know?
- (11) The LORD {Jehovah} knows the thoughts of man, that they *are* vanity.
- (12) Blessed *is* the man whom You discipline, O LORD {Jehovah}, and teaches him out of Your law;
- (13) That You may give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit has been dug for the wicked.
- (14) Because the LORD {Jehovah} will not cast off His people, neither will He forsake His inheritance.
- (15) But judgment will return to righteousness: and all the upright in heart will follow it.
- (16) Who will rise up for me against those who do evil? *or* who will stand up for me against those who do evil deeds?
- (17) Unless the LORD {Jehovah} had been my help, my soul had almost lived in silence.
- (18) When I said, My foot slips; Your mercy, O LORD {Jehovah}, held me up.
- (19) In the multitude of my thoughts within me Your comforts delight my soul.
- (20) Will the throne of sin which frames mischief by a law have fellowship with You?
- (21) They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

# King James 1769 Version

- (22) But the LORD is my defence; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge.
- (23) And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; *yea*, the LORD our God shall cut them off.

#### Chapter 95

- (1) O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
- (2) Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
- (3) For the LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- (4) In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills *is* his also.
- (5) The sea *is* his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry *land*.
- (6) O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
- (7) For he *is* our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,
- (8) Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, *and* as *in* the day of temptation in the wilderness:
- (9) When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

# King James Paraphrase

- (22) But the LORD {Jehovah} is my defense; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge.
- (23) And He will bring upon them their own sin, and will cut them off in their own wickedness; *yes*, the LORD {Jehovah} our God will cut them off.

# Chapter 95

- (1) O come, let us sing to the LORD {Jehovah}: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
- (2) Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise to Him with songs.
- (3) Because the LORD {Jehovah} *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- (4) In His hand the deep places of the earth *are*: the strength of the hills *is* His also.
- (5) The sea *is* His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry *land*.
- (6) O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD {Jehovah} our Maker.
- (7) Because He *is* our God; and we *are* the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today if you will hear His voice,
- (8) Do not harden your heart, as in the {days of} provocation, *and* as *in* the day of temptation in the wilderness:
- (9) When your forefathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My work.

# King James 1769 Version

- (10) Forty years long was I grieved with *this* generation, and said, It *is* a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:
- (11) Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

# **Chapter 96**

- (1) O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.
- (2) Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.
- (3) Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.
- (4) For the LORD *is* great, and greatly to be praised: he *is* to be feared above all gods.
- (5) For all the gods of the nations *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens.
- (6) Honour and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.
- (7) Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.
- (8) Give unto the LORD the glory *due unto* his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.
- (9) O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (10) Forty years long I was grieved with *this* generation, and said, This *is* a people who err in their hearts, and they have not known My ways:
- (11) To whom I swore in My anger that they should not enter into My rest.

#### Chapter 96

- (1) O sing to the LORD {Jehovah} a new song: sing to the LORD {Jehovah}, all the earth.
- (2) Sing to the LORD {Jehovah}, bless His Name; show forth His salvation from day to day.
- (3) Declare His glory among the heathen {ungodly nations}, His wonders among all people.
- (4) Because the LORD {Jehovah} *is* great, and greatly to be praised: He *is* to be feared {revered} above all gods.
- (5) Because all the gods of the nations *are* idols: but the LORD {Jehovah} made the heavens.<sup>a</sup>
- (6) Honor and majesty *are* before Him: strength and beauty *are* in His sanctuary.
- (7) Give to the LORD {Jehovah}, O you families of the people, give to the LORD {Jehovah} glory and strength.
- (8) Give to the LORD {Jehovah} the glory *due to* His Name: bring an offering, and come into His courts.
- (9) O worship the LORD {Jehovah} in the beauty of holiness: Let all the earth fear {revere} Him.

96:5a – heavens – see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

#### King James 1769 Version

- (10) Say among the heathen *that* the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.
- (11) Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.
- (12) Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice
- (13) Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

#### Chapter 97

- (1) The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad *thereof*.
- (2) Clouds and darkness *are* round about him: righteousness and judgment *are* the habitation of his throne.
- (3) A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.
- (4) His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.
- (5) The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- (6) The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

# King James Paraphrase

- (10) Say among the heathen {ungodly nations} *that* the LORD {Jehovah} reigns: the world also will be established that it will not be moved: He will judge the people righteously.
- (11) Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and all its fullness.
- (12) Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* in it: then all the trees of the forests will rejoice
- (13) Before the LORD {Jehovah}: because He comes; because He comes to judge the earth: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth.

#### Chapter 97

- (1) The LORD {Jehovah} reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of its islands be glad.
- (2) Clouds and darkness *are* all around Him: righteousness and judgment *are* the home of His throne.
- (3) A fire goes before Him, and burns up His enemies all around.
- (4) His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.
- (5) The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD {Jehovah}, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- (6) The heavens<sup>a</sup> declare His righteousness, and all the people see His glory.

97:6a - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

# King James 1769 Version

- (7) Confounded be all they 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 LORD.
- (9) For thou, LORD, *art* high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.
- (10) Ye that love the LORD, 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) Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

# **Chapter 98**

#### A Psalm.

- (1) O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.
- (2) The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
- (3) He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- (4) Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

# King James Paraphrase

- (7) All those who serve graven images will be confounded, who boast of their idols: worship Him, all *you* gods.
- (8) Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of Your judgments, O LORD {Jehovah}.
- (9) Because You, LORD {Jehovah}, *are* high above all the earth: You are exalted far above all gods.
- (10) You who love the LORD {Jehovah}, hate evil: He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.
- (11) Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.
- (12) Rejoice in the LORD {Jehovah}, you righteous; and give thanks at the memory of His holiness.

# Chapter 98 A Psalm {song}.

- (1) O sing to the LORD {Jehovah} a new song; because He has done marvelous things: His right hand, and His holy arm, has given Him the victory.
- (2) The LORD {Jehovah} has made known His salvation: His righteousness He has openly shown in the sight of the ungodly.
- (3) He has remembered His mercy and His truth towards the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- (4) Make a joyful noise to the LORD {Jehovah}, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

# King James 1769 Version

- (5) Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.
- (6) With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.
- (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 be joyful together
- (9) Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

#### Chapter 99

- (1) The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth be moved.
- (2) The LORD *is* great in Zion; and he *is* high above all the people.
- (3) Let them praise thy great and terrible name; *for* it *is* holy.
- (4) The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.
- (5) Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; *for* he *is* holy.
- (6) Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (5) Sing to the LORD {Jehovah} with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a song.
- (6) With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD {Jehovah}, the King.
- (7) Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; the world, and those who live in it.
- (8) Let the waters clap *their* hands: let the hills be joyful together
- (9) Before the LORD {Jehovah}; because He comes to judge the earth: with righteousness He shall judge the world, and the people with equity.

# Chapter 99

- (1) The LORD {Jehovah} reigns; let the people tremble: He sits *between* the cherubims;<sup>a</sup> let the earth be moved.
- (2) The LORD {Jehovah} is great in Zion; and He is high above all the people.
- (3) Let them praise Your great and terrible Name; *because* it *is* holy.
- (4) The king's strength also loves judgment; You establish equity, You execute judgment and righteousness in Jacob.
- (5) Exalt the LORD {Jehovah} our God, and worship at His footstool; *because* He *is* holy.
- (6) Moses and Aaron among His priests, and Samuel among those who call upon His Name; they called upon the LORD {Jehovah}, and He answered them.

99:1a - between the cherubims - i.e. the Mercy Seat on the Ark of the Covenant – Ex. 25:18-25

# King James 1769 Version

- (7) He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them.
- (8) Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.
- (9) Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God *is* holy.

# Chapter 100 A Psalm of praise.

- (1) Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
- (2) Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
- (3) Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- (4) Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.
- (5) For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

# King James Paraphrase

- (7) He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar: they kept His testimonies, and the ordinance *that* He gave them.
- (8) You answered them, O LORD {Jehovah} our God: You were a God Who forgave them, though You took vengeance upon their {evil} inventions.
- (9) Exalt the LORD {Jehovah} our God, and worship at His holy hill; because the LORD {Jehovah} our God *is* holy.

#### Chapter 100

#### A Psalm (song) of praise.

- (1) Make a joyful noise to the LORD {Jehovah}, all you lands.
- (2) Serve the LORD {Jehovah} with gladness: come before His presence with singing.
- (3) Know that the LORD {Jehovah} He *is* God: *it is* He *Who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
- (4) Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *and* into His courts with praise: be thankful to Him, *and* bless His Name.
- (5) Because the LORD {Jehovah} is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth *endures* to all generations.

King James 1769 Version

# Chapter 101

#### A Psalm of David.

- (1) I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.
- (2) I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
- (3) I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; *it* shall not cleave to me.
- (4) A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked *person*.
- (5) Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I 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 serve me.
- (7) He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.
- (8) I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

# Chapter 102

# A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

(1) Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.

King James Paraphrase

# Chapter 101

#### A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) I will sing of mercy and judgment: to You, O LORD {Jehovah}, I will sing.
- (2) I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when will You come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
- (3) I will set no wicked thing before My eyes: I hate the work of those who turn aside; *it* shall not cling to Me.
- (4) A perverse heart will depart from Me: I will not know a wicked *person*.
- (5) Whoever privately slanders his neighbor, him I will cut off: he who has an arrogant look and a proud heart I will not allow.
- (6) My eyes will be upon the faithful of the land, that they may live with Me: he who walks in a perfect way, he will serve Me.
- (7) He who works deceit will not live within My house: he who tells lies will not stay in My sight.
- (8) I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD {Jehovah}.

# Chapter 102

# A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and pours out his complaint before the LORD {Jehovah}.

(1) Hear my prayer, O LORD {Jehovah}, and let my cry come to You.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (2) Hide not thy face from me in the day *when* I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day *when* I call answer me speedily.
- (3) For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.
- (4) My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.
- (5) By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.
- (6) I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.
- (7) I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.
- (8) Mine enemies reproach me all the day; *and* they that are mad against me are sworn against 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 lifted me up, and cast me down.
- (11) My days *are* like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like
- (12) But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.
- (13) Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.
- (14) For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

- (2) Do not hide Your face from me in the day *when* I am in trouble; incline Your ear to me: in the day *when* I call answer me speedily.
- (3) Because my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as a hearth.
- (4) My heart is stricken, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.
- (5) Because of the voice of my groaning my bones cling to my skin.
- (6) I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.
- (7) I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.
- (8) My enemies reproach me all the day; *and* those who are mad against me are sworn against me.
- (9) Because I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,
- (10) Because of Your indignation and Your wrath {anger; judgment}: because You have lifted me up, and cast me down.
- (11) My days *are* like a shadow that declines; and I am withered like grass. (12) But You, O LORD {Jehovah}, will endure forever; and Your memory to all generations.
- (13) You will arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion: because the time to favor her, yes, the set time, has come.
- (14) Because Your servants take pleasure in her stones, and favor its dust.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (15) So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.
- (16) When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.
- (17) He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.
- (18) This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.
- (19) For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;
- (20) To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;
- (21) To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;
- (22) When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
- (23) He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.
- (24) I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years *are* throughout all generations.
- (25) Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens *are* the work of thy hands.

#### King James Paraphrase

- (15) So the heathen {ungodly} will fear the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, and all the kings of the earth Your glory.
- (16) When the LORD {Jehovah} will build up Zion, He will appear in His glory.
- (17) He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.
- (18) This will be written for the generation to come: and the people who will be created will praise the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (19) Because He has looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven the LORD {Jehovah} looked upon the earth;
- (20) To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to set free those who are appointed to death:
- (21) To declare the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem;
- (22) When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (23) He weakened my strength in the way; He shortened my days.
- (24) I said, O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days: Your years *are* throughout all generations.
- (25) Of old You have laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens<sup>a</sup> *are* the work of Your hands.

102:25a - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

# King James 1769 Version

- (26) They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, 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.

# Chapter 103 *A Psalm* of David.

- (1) Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.
- (2) Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
- (3) Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
- (4) Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies:
- (5) Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; *so that* thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- (6) The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.
- (7) He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.
- (8) The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
- (9) He will not always chide: neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.
- (10) He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

# King James Paraphrase

- (26) They will perish, but You will endure: yes, all of them will grow old like clothes; as clothes You will change them, and they will be changed:
- (27) But You *are* the same, and Your years will have no end.
- (28) The children of Your servants will continue, and their offspring will be established before You.

# Chapter 103

# A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) Bless the LORD {Jehovah}, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* His holy Name.
- (2) Bless the LORD {Jehovah}, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits:
- (3) Who forgives all your sins; Who heals all your diseases;
- (4) Who redeems your life from destruction; Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies;
- (5) Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*; *so that* your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- (6) The LORD {Jehovah} executes righteousness and judgment for all those who are oppressed.
- (7) He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.
- (8) The LORD {Jehovah} is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy.
- (9) He will not always rebuke: neither will He keep *His anger* forever.
- (10) He has not dealt with us according to our sins; nor rewarded us according to our unrighteousness.

# King James 1769 Version

- (11) For as the heaven is high above the earth, *so* great is his mercy 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* the LORD 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 mercy of the LORD *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 commandments to do them.
- (19) The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.
- (20) Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.
- (21) Bless ye the LORD, all *ye* his hosts; *ye* ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

- King James Paraphrase
- (11) Because as the heaven is high above the earth, *so* great is His mercy towards those who fear {revere} Him.
- (12) As far as the east is from the west, so far He has removed our sins from us.
- (13) Like a father pities *his* children, *so* the LORD {Jehovah} pities those who fear {revere} Him.
- (14) Because He knows our frame; He remembers that we *are* dust.
- (15) As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourishes.
- (16) Because the wind passes over it, and it is gone; and the place where it was will know it no more.
- (17) But the mercy of the LORD {Jehovah} *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear {revere} Him, and His righteousness to children's children;
- (18) To those who keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them.
- (19) The LORD {Jehovah} has prepared His throne in the heavens;<sup>a</sup> and His kingdom rules over all.
- (20) Bless the LORD {Jehovah}, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His commandments, listening to the voice of His word.
- (21) Bless the LORD {Jehovah}, all *you* His hosts {armies; multitude}; *you* His ministers, who do His pleasure.

103:19a - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

# King James 1769 Version

(22) Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

#### Chapter 104

- (1) Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour 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: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:
- (4) Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:
- (5) Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.
- (6) Thou coveredst it with the deep as *with* a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.
- (7) At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.
- (8) They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast 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 the springs into the valleys, *which* run among the hills.

King James Paraphrase

(22) Bless the LORD {Jehovah}, all His works in all places of His kingdom: bless the LORD {Jehovah}, O my soul.

#### Chapter 104

- (1) Bless the LORD {Jehovah}, O my soul. O LORD {Jehovah} my God, You are very great; You are clothed with honor and majesty.
- (2) Who covers *Yourself* with light as *with* clothes: Who stretches out the heavens<sup>a</sup> like a curtain:
- (3) Who lays the beams of His chambers in the waters: Who makes the clouds His chariot: who walks upon the wings of the wind:
- (4) Who makes His angels spirits; His ministers a flaming fire:
- (5) Who laid the foundations of the earth, *that* it should not be removed forever.
- (6) You covered it with the deep as *with* clothes: the waters stood above the mountains.
- (7) At Your rebuke they fled; at the voice of Your thunder they hurried away.
- (8) They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys to the place which You have founded for them.
- (9) You have set a boundary that they may not pass over; that they not return again to cover the earth.
- (10) He sends the springs into the valleys, *which* run among the hills.

104:2a - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

#### King James 1769 Version

- (11) They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.
- (12) By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, *which* sing among the branches.
- (13) He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
- (14) He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;
- (15) And wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man, *and* oil to make *his* face to shine, and bread *which* strengtheneth man's heart.
- (16) The trees of the LORD are full *of sap;* 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 hills *are* a refuge for the wild goats; *and* the rocks 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 do creep *forth*.
- (21) The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.
- (22) The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

- (11) They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
- (12) By them the birds of the heaven will have their home, *which* sing among the branches.
- (13) He waters the hills from His chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works.
- (14) He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and herbs for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;
- (15) And wine *that* makes the heart of man glad, *and* oil to cause *his* face to shine, and bread *which* strengthens man's heart.
- (16) The trees of the LORD {Jehovah} are full *of sap*; the cedars of Lebanon, which He has planted;
- (17) Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.
- (18) The high hills *are* a refuge for the wild goats; *and* the rocks for the rabbits.
- (19) He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knows his going down.
- (20) You make darkness, and it is night: in which all the beasts of the forest do crawl *forth*.
- (21) The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.
- (22) The sun arises, they gather themselves together, and lay themselves down in their dens.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (23) Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.
- (24) O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.
- (25) So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.
- (26) There go the ships: *there is* that leviathan, *whom* thou hast made to play therein.
- (27) These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give *them* their meat in due season.
- (28) *That* thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.
- (29) Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou 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 earth.
- (31) The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.
- (32) He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.
- (33) I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
- (34) My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

- King James Paraphrase
- (23) Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until the evening.
- (24) O LORD {Jehovah}, how many are Your works! in wisdom You have made them all: the earth is full of Your riches.
- (25) So is this great and wide sea, in which are innumerable crawling things, both small and great beasts.
- (26) There go the ships: *there is* that leviathan, *whom* You have made to play in it.
- (27) These all wait upon You; that You may give *them* their meat in due season
- (28) *What* You give them they gather: You open Your hand, they are filled with good.
- (29) You hide Your face, they are troubled: You take away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.
- (30) You send forth Your Spirit, they are created: and You renew the face of the earth.
- (31) The glory of the LORD {Jehovah} shall endure forever: the LORD {Jehovah} shall rejoice in His works.
- (32) He looks on the earth, and it trembles: He touches the hills, and they smoke.
- (33) I will sing to the LORD {Jehovah} as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
- (34) My thoughts of Him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD {Jehovah}.

#### King James 1769 Version

(35) Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

# Chapter 105

- (1) O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.
- (2) Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.
- (3) Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.
- (4) Seek the LORD, 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.
- (7) He *is* the LORD 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) Which *covenant* he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac;
- (10) And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant:
- (11) Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance:

# King James Paraphrase

(35) Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD {Jehovah}, O my soul. Praise the LORD {Jehovah}.

#### Chapter 105

- (1) O give thanks to the LORD {Jehovah}; call upon His Name: make known His deeds among the people.
- (2) Sing to Him, sing songs to Him: talk of all His wondrous works.
- (3) Rejoice in His holy Name: let the heart of those who seek the LORD {Jehovah} rejoice.
- (4) Seek the LORD {Jehovah}, and His strength: seek His face forever.
- (5) Remember His marvelous works that He has done; His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth;
- (6) O you descendants of His servant Abraham, you children of Jacob His chosen.
- (7) He is the LORD {Jehovah} our God: His judgments are in all the earth.
- (8) He has remembered His covenant forever, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.
- (9) The *covenant* which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac;
- (10) And confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant:
- (11) Saying, To you I will give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance:

#### King James 1769 Version

- (12) When they were *but* a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it.
- (13) When they went from one nation to another, from *one* kingdom to another people;
- (14) He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their sakes:
- (15) Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.
- (16) Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread.
- (17) He sent a man before them, *even* Joseph, *who* was sold for a servant:
- (18) Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:
- (19) Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him
- (20) The king sent and loosed him; *even* the ruler of the people, and let him go free.
- (21) He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:
- (22) To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators 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 enemies.

- (12) When they were but a few men in number; yes, very few, and strangers in it
- (13) When they went from one nation to another, from *one* kingdom to another people;
- (14) He allowed no man to do them wrong: yes, He reproved kings for their sakes;
- (15) Saying, Do not touch My anointed, and do no harm to My prophets.
- (16) Furthermore He called for a famine upon the land: He broke the whole supply of bread.
- (17) He sent a man before them, *even* Joseph, *who* was sold for a servant:
- (18) Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:
- (19) Until the time that His word came: the word of the LORD {Jehovah} tried him.
- (20) The king sent and loosed him; *even* the ruler of the people, and let him go free.
- (21) He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:
- (22) To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.
- (23) Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob lived in the land of Ham {Egypt}.
- (24) And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (25) He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants.
- (26) He sent Moses his servant; *and* Aaron whom he had chosen.
- (27) They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.
- (28) He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.
- (29) He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.
- (30) Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.
- (31) He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts.
- (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 coasts.
- (34) He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillers, and that without number,
- (35) And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.
- (36) He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength.
- (37) He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and *there was* not one feeble *person* among their tribes.

- (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 showed His signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham {Egypt}.
- (28) He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they did not rebel against His word.
- (29) He turned their waters into blood, and killed their fish.
- (30) Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.
- (31) He spoke, and there came all sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts.
- (32) He gave them hail for rain, *and* flaming fire in their land.
- (33) He struck their vines also and their fig trees; and broke the trees of their coasts.
- (34) He spoke, and the locusts came, and caterpillars, and that without number,
- (35) And ate up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.
- (36) He also struck all the firstborn in their land, the rulers of all their strength.
- (37) He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and *there was* not one feeble *person* among their tribes.

# King James 1769 Version

- (38) Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.
- (39) He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.
- (40) *The people* asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
- (41) He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places *like* a river.
- (42) For he remembered his holy promise, *and* Abraham his servant.
- (43) And he brought forth his people with joy, *and* his chosen with gladness:
- (44) And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people;
- (45) That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD.

#### Chapter 106

- (1) Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- (2) Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? *who* can shew forth all his praise?
- (3) Blessed *are* they that keep judgment, *and* he that doeth righteousness at all times.
- (4) Remember me, O LORD, with the favour *that thou bearest unto* thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;

# King James Paraphrase

- (38) Egypt was glad when they departed: because the fear of them fell upon them.
- (39) He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.
- (40) *The people* asked, and He brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
- (41) He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places *like* a river.
- (42) Because He remembered His holy promise, *and* Abraham His servant.
- (43) And He brought forth His people with joy, *and* His chosen with gladness:
- (44) And gave them the lands of the heathen {ungodly nations}: and they inherited the labor of the people;
- (45) That they might observe His laws, and keep His commandments. Praise the LORD {Jehovah}.

# Chapter 106

- (1) Praise the LORD {Jehovah}. O give thanks to the LORD {Jehovah}; because *He is* good: because *His* mercy *endures* forever.
- (2) Who can speak the mighty acts of the LORD {Jehovah}? who can show forth all His praise?
- (3) Blessed *are* those who keep judgment, *and* he who does righteousness at all times.
- (4) Remember me, O LORD {Jehovah}, with the favor *that You bear to* Your people: O visit me with Your salvation;

# King James 1769 Version

- (5) That I may see the good 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 mercies; but provoked *him* 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 the wilderness.
- (10) And he saved them from the hand of him that hated *them*, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
- (11) And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left
- (12) Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.
- (13) They soon forgat 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.

- King James Paraphrase
- (5) That I may see the good of Your chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may rejoice with Your inheritance.
- (6) We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed sin, we have done wickedly.
- (7) Our forefathers did not understand Your wonders in Egypt; they did not remember the multitude of Your mercies; but provoked *Him* 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 known.
- (9) He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up: so He led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.<sup>a</sup>
- (10) And He saved them from the hand of the one who hated *them*, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
- (11) And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.<sup>b</sup>
- (12) Then they believed His words; they sang His praise.
- (13) They soon forgot His works; they did not wait 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.

106:9a – Ex. 14:21-22 106:11b – Ex. 14:27-28

#### King James 1769 Version

- (16) They envied Moses also in the camp, *and* Aaron the saint of the LORD.
- (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 the molten image.
- (20) Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.
- (21) They forgat God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;
- (22) Wondrous works in the land of Ham, *and* terrible 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) Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word:
- (25) But murmured in their tents, *and* hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.
- (26) Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:
- (27) To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.
- (28) They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

King James Paraphrase

- (16) They envied Moses also in the camp, *and* Aaron the saint of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (17) The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.<sup>c</sup>
- (18) And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.
- (19) They made a calf in Horeb, and worshiped the molten image.<sup>d</sup>
- (20) So they changed their glory into the image of an ox that eats grass.
- (21) They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt;
- (22) Wondrous works in the land of Ham {Egypt}, and terrible things by the Red Sea.
- (23) Therefore He said that He would destroy them, had not Moses His chosen stood before Him in the gap, to turn away His anger, lest He should destroy *them*.
- (24) Yes, they despised the pleasant land, they did not believe His word:
- (25) But murmured in their tents, *and* did not listen to the voice of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (26) Therefore He lifted up His hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:
- (27) To overthrow their descendants also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.
- (28) They joined themselves also to Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.e

106:17c - Num. 16:1-32

106:19d – Ex. 32:1-4

106:28e – Num. 25:3

King James 1769 Version

- (29) Thus they provoked *him* to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.
- (30) Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and *so* the plague was staved.
- (31) And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.
- (32) They angered *him* also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:
- (33) Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
- (34) They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them:
- (35) But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.
- (36) And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.
- (37) Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,
- (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 own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.
- (40) Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

King James Paraphrase

- (29) So they provoked *Him* to anger with their inventions: and the plague broke in upon them.
- (30) Then Phinehas stood up, and executed judgment: and *so* the plague was stayed.<sup>f</sup>
- (31) And that was counted to him for righteousness to all generations forever.
- (32) They angered *Him* also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:<sup>g</sup>
- (33) Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spoke unadvisedly with his lips.
- (34) They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD {Jehovah} commanded them:
- (35) But were mingled among the heathen {ungodly}, and learned their works.
- (36) And they served their idols: which were a snare to them.
- (37) Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons,
- (38) And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.
- (39) So they were defiled with their own works, and went prostituting with their own inventions.
- (40) Therefore the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} was kindled against His people, insomuch that He despised His own inheritance.

106:30f – Num. 25:7 106:32g – Ex. 17:1-7

#### King James 1769 Version

- (41) And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; 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 provoked *him* with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.
- (44) Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry:
- (45) And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.
- (46) He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.
- (47) Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, *and* to triumph in thy praise.
- (48) Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.

#### Chapter 107

- (1) O give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- (2) Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

# King James Paraphrase

- (41) And He gave them into the hand of the heathen {ungodly nations}; and those who hated them ruled over them.
- (42) Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.
- (43) Many times He delivered them; but they provoked *Him* with their counsel, and were brought low because of their sin.
- (44) Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, when He heard their cry:
- (45) And He remembered His covenant with them, and repented according to the multitude of His mercies.
- (46) He caused them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.
- (47) Save us, O LORD {Jehovah} our God, and gather us from among the heathen {ungodly nations}, to give thanks to Your holy Name, *and* to triumph in Your praise.
- (48) Blessed *is* the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen {let it be}. Praise the LORD {Jehovah}.

# Chapter 107

- (1) O give thanks to the LORD {Jehovah}, because *He is* good: because His mercy *endures* forever.
- (2) Let the redeemed of the LORD {Jehovah} say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

# King James 1769 Version

- (3) And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.
- (4) They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.
- (5) Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.
- (6) Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their distresses.
- (7) And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.
- (8) Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!
- (9) For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
- (10) Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, *being* bound in affliction and iron;
- (11) Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:
- (12) Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and *there was* none to help.
- (13) Then they cried unto the LORD 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 bands in sunder.

- (3) And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.
- (4) They wandered in the wilderness in a lonely way; they found no city to live in.
- (5) Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.
- (6) Then they cried to the LORD {Jehovah} in their trouble, *and* He delivered them out of their distresses.
- (7) And He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of houses.
- (8) Oh that *men* would praise the LORD {Jehovah} *for* His goodness, and *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!
- (9) Because He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.
- (10) Those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, *being* bound in affliction and iron;
- (11) Because they rebelled against the words of God, and condemned the counsel of the most High:
- (12) Therefore He brought down their heart with labor; they fell down, and *there was* no one to help.
- (13) Then they cried to the LORD {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 broke their bands in pieces.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (15) Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!
- (16) For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.
- (17) Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.
- (18) Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.
- (19) Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saveth them out of their distresses.
- (20) He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions.
- (21) Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
- (22) And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.
- (23) They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters:
- (24) These see the works of the LORD, 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 heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

- (15) Oh that *men* would praise the LORD {Jehovah} *for* His goodness, and *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!
- (16) Because He has broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in pieces.
- (17) Fools because of their evil deeds, and because of their unrighteousness, are afflicted.
- (18) Their soul hates all manner of food; and they draw near to the gates of death.
- (19) Then they cry to the LORD {Jehovah} in their trouble, *and* He saves them out of their distresses.
- (20) He sent His word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destruction.
- (21) Oh that *men* would praise the LORD {Jehovah} *for* His goodness, and *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!
- (22) And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.
- (23) Those who go down to the sea in ships, who do business in great waters;
- (24) These see the works of the LORD {Jehovah}, and His wonders in the deep.
- (25) Because He commands, and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up its waves.
- (26) They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (27) They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.
- (28) Then they cry unto the LORD 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 be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.
- (31) Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!
- (32) Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.
- (33) He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground;
- (34) A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
- (35) He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.
- (36) And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;
- (37) And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.
- (38) He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

- (27) They reel back and forth, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.
- (28) Then they cry to the LORD {Jehovah} in their trouble, and He brings them out of their distresses.
- (29) He causes the storm to calm, so that its waves are still.
- (30) Then they are glad because they are quiet; so He brings them to their desired haven.
- (31) Oh that *men* would praise the LORD {Jehovah} *for* His goodness, and *for* His wonderful works to the children of men!
- (32) Let them exalt Him also in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.
- (33) He turns rivers into a wilderness, and the water springs into dry ground;
- (34) A fruitful land into barrenness, because of the wickedness of those who live there.
- (35) He turns the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into water springs.
- (36) And there He causes the hungry to live, that they may prepare a city for a home:
- (37) And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.
- (38) He blesses them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and does not allow their cattle to decrease.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (39) Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction,
- and sorrow.
- (40) He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, *where there is* no way.
- (41) Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh *him* families like a flock.
- (42) The righteous shall see *it*, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.
- (43) Whoso *is* wise, and will observe these *things*, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

#### Chapter 108

# A Song or Psalm of David.

- (1) O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.
- (2) Awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.
- (3) I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
- (4) For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth *reacheth* unto the clouds.
- (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

#### King James Paraphrase

- (39) Again, they are diminished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.
- (40) He pours contempt upon princes, and causes them to wander in the wilderness, *where there is* no road.
- (41) Yet He sets the poor on high from affliction, and makes *him* families like a flock.
- (42) The righteous will see *it*, and rejoice: and all sin will stop her mouth.
- (43) Whoever *is* wise, and will observe these *things*, even they will understand the loving kindness of the LORD {Jehovah}.

#### Chapter 108

#### A Song or Psalm of David.

- (1) O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my rejoicing.
- (2) Awake, psaltery {lyre} and harp: I *myself* will awake early.
- (3) I will praise You, O LORD {Jehovah}, among the people: and I will sing praises to You among the nations.
- (4) Because Your mercy *is* great above the heavens:<sup>a</sup> and Your truth *reaches* to the clouds.
- (5) Be exalted, O God, above the heavens: and Your glory above all the earth:
- (6) That those You love may be delivered: save *with* Your right hand, and answer me.

108:4a - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

#### King James 1769 Version

- (7) God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
- (8) Gilead *is* mine; Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; Judah *is* my lawgiver;
- (9) Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.
- (10) Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?
- (11) Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?
- (12) Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man.
- (13) Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

#### Chapter 109

# To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- (1) Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise;
- (2) For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.
- (3) They 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.

# King James Paraphrase

- (7) God has spoken in His holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out {divide} the valley of Succoth.
- (8) Gilead *is* mine; Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of my head; Judah *is* my lawgiver;
- (9) Moab *is* my wash-pot; over Edom I will cast out my shoe; over Philistia I will triumph.
- (10) Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?
- (11) Will You not, O God, Who has cast us off? and will You not, O God, go forth with our armies?
- (12) Give us help from trouble: because vain *is* the help of man.
- (13) Through God we will do valiantly: because *it is He Who* will tread down our enemies.

#### Chapter 109

# To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) Do not hold Your peace, O God of my praise;
- (2) Because the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.
- (3) They encircled me all around also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause.
- (4) Because of my love they are my adversaries: but I *give myself to* prayer.

# King James 1769 Version

- (5) And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.
- (6) Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.
- (7) When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin.
- (8) Let his days be few; and let another take his office.
- (9) Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.
- (10) Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek *their bread* also out of their desolate places.
- (11) Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour.
- (12) Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.
- (13) Let his posterity be cut off; *and* in the generation following let their name be blotted out.
- (14) Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted
- (15) Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- (16) Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.

- (5) And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.
- (6) Set a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.
- (7) When he will be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin.
- (8) Let his days be few; and let another take his office.
- (9) Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.
- (10) Let his children be continually vagabonds {homeless; without jobs}, and beg: let them seek *their bread* also out of their desolate places.
- (11) Let the extortionist catch all that he has; and let the strangers spoil his labor.
- (12) Let there be no one to extend mercy to him: neither let there be any to favor his fatherless children.
- (13) Let his posterity {children; descendants} be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.
- (14) Let the sin of his fathers be remembered with the LORD {Jehovah}; and do not let the sin of his mother be blotted out.
- (15) Let them be before the LORD {Jehovah} continually, that He may cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- (16) Because he did not remember to show mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even kill the broken in heart.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (17) As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.
- (18) As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.
- (19) Let it be unto him as the garment *which* covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.
- (20) Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul.
- (21) But do thou for me, O GOD the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy *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 declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.
- (24) My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness.
- (25) I became also a reproach unto them: *when* they looked upon me they shaked their heads.
- (26) Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy:
- (27) That they may know that this *is* thy hand; *that* thou, LORD, hast done it.

- King James Paraphrase
- (17) As he loved cursing, so let it come to him: as he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him.
- (18) As he clothed himself with cursing as with his clothes, so let it come into his stomach like water, and like oil into his bones.
- (19) Let it be to him as the clothes *which* covers him, and for a belt with which he is bound continually.
- (20) *Let* this *be* the reward of my adversaries from the LORD {Jehovah}, and of those who speak evil against my soul.
- (21) But for my sake, O GOD {Jehovah} the Lord, for Your Name's sake: because Your mercy *is* good, deliver me.
- (22) Because I *am* poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.
- (23) I am gone like the shadow when it declines {goes down}: I am tossed up and down as the locust.
- (24) My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh is lacking of fatness.
- (25) I became also a reproach to them: *when* they looked upon me they shook their heads.
- (26) Help me, O LORD {Jehovah} my God: O save me according to Your mercy:
- (27) That they may know that this *is* Your hand; *that* You, LORD {Jehovah}, have done it.

# King James 1769 Version

- (28) Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice.
- (29) Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.
- (30) I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude.
- (31) For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save *him* from those that condemn his soul.

# Chapter 110 A Psalm of David.

- (1) The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
- (2) The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
- (3) Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.
- (4) The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.
- (5) The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

# King James Paraphrase

- (28) Let them curse, but You bless: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let Your servant rejoice.
- (29) Let my adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle {jacket}.
- (30) I will greatly praise the LORD {Jehovah} with my mouth; yes, I will praise Him among the multitudes.
- (31) Because He will stand at the right hand of the poor, to save *him* from those who condemn his soul.

#### Chapter 110 A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) The LORD {Jehovah} said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool.<sup>a</sup>
- (2) The LORD {Jehovah} will send the rod of Your strength out of Zion: You rule in the midst of Your enemies.
- (3) Your people *will be* willing in the day of Your power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: You have the dew of Your youth.
- (4) The LORD {Jehovah} has sworn, and will not repent, You *are* a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.<sup>b</sup>
- (5) The Lord at Your right hand will strike through kings in the day of His wrath {anger; judgment}.

110:1a – Mat. 22:44 110:4b – Heb. 5:6

# King James 1769 Version

- (6) He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill *the places* with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.
- (7) He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

# Chapter 111

- (1) Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.
- (2) The works of the LORD *are* great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
- (3) His work *is* honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever. (4) He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.
- (5) He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.
- (6) He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.
- (7) The works of his hands *are* verity and judgment; all his commandments *are* sure.
- (8) They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

# King James Paraphrase

- (6) He will judge among the heathen {ungodly}, He will fill *the places* with the dead bodies; He will wound the heads over many countries.
- (7) He will drink of the brook in the way: therefore He will lift up the head.

#### Chapter 111

- (1) Praise the LORD {Jehovah}. I will praise the LORD {Jehovah} with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.
- (2) The works of the LORD {Jehovah} are great, sought out by all those who have pleasure in them.
- (3) His work *is* honorable and glorious: and His righteousness endures forever.
- (4) He has made His wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD {Jehovah} *is* gracious and full of compassion.
- (5) He has given food to those who fear {revere} Him: He will ever remember His covenant.
- (6) He has shown His people the power of His works, that He may give them the heritage of the heathen {ungodly}.
- (7) The works of His hands *are* true and just; all His commandments *are* sure.
- (8) They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

# King James 1769 Version

- (9) He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend *is* his name.
- (10) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

#### Chapter 112

- (1) Praise ye the LORD. Blessed *is* the man *that* feareth the LORD, *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 *shall be* in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.
- (4) Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: *he is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
- (5) A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.
- (6) Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.
- (7) He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.
- (8) His heart *is* established, he shall not be afraid, until he see *his desire* upon his enemies.

# King James Paraphrase

- (9) He sent redemption to His people: He has commanded His covenant forever: holy and reverend *is* His Name.
- (10) The fear {reverence} of the LORD {Jehovah} is the beginning of wisdom: a all those who do *His commandments* have a good understanding: His praise endures forever.

#### Chapter 112

- (1) Praise the LORD {Jehovah}. Blessed *is* the man *who* fears {reveres} the LORD {Jehovah}, *who* delights greatly in His commandments.
- (2) His descendants will be mighty upon the earth: the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- (3) Wealth and riches *will be* in his house: and His righteousness endures forever.
- (4) To the upright there arises light in the darkness: *He is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
- (5) A good man shows favor, and lends: he will guide his affairs with discretion.
- (6) Surely he will not be moved forever: the righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.
- (7) He will not be afraid of evil news: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (8) His heart *is* established, he will not be afraid, until he sees *his desire* upon his enemies.

111:10a – Prov. 1:7

# King James 1769 Version

- (9) He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.
- (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.

# Chapter 113

- (1) Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.
- (2) Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.
- (3) From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name *is* to be praised.
- (4) The LORD *is* high above all nations, *and* his glory above the heavens.
- (5) Who *is* like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high,
- (6) Who humbleth *himself* to behold *the things that are* in heaven, and in the earth!
- (7) He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth the needy out of 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 the LORD.

# King James Paraphrase

- (9) He has dispersed, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His kingdom will be exalted with honor.
- (10) The wicked will see *it*, and be grieved; he will gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked will perish.

# Chapter 113

- (1) Praise the LORD {Jehovah}. Praise, O you servants of the LORD {Jehovah}, praise the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (2) Blessed is the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} from this time forth and forever.
- (3) From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same the LORD's {Jehovah's} Name *is* to be praised.
- (4) The LORD {Jehovah} *is* high above all nations, *and* His glory above the heavens.<sup>a</sup>
- (5) Who *is* like the LORD {Jehovah} our God, Who lives on high,
- (6) Who humbles *Himself* to see *the things that are* in heaven, and in the earth!
- (7) He raises up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifts the needy out of the dunghill;
- (8) That He may set *him* with princes, *even* with the princes of His people.
- (9) He makes the barren woman to keep house, *and to be* a joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD {Jehovah}.

113:4a – heavens – see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

King James 1769 Version

# Chapter 114

- (1) When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;
- (2) Judah was his sanctuary, *and* Israel his dominion.
- (3) The sea saw *it*, and fled: Jordan was driven back.
- (4) The mountains skipped like rams, *and* the little hills like lambs.
- (5) What *ailed* thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, *that* thou wast driven back?
- (6) Ye mountains, *that* ye skipped like rams; *and* ye little hills, like lambs?
- (7) Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;
- (8) Which turned the rock *into* a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

#### Chapter 115

- (1) Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, *and* for thy truth's sake.
- (2) Wherefore should the heathen say, Where *is* now their God?
- (3) But our God *is* in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath 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:

King James Paraphrase

#### Chapter 114

- (1) When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;
- (2) Judah was His sanctuary, and Israel His kingdom.
- (3) The sea saw *it*, and fled: Jordan was driven back.
- (4) The mountains skipped like rams, *and* the little hills like lambs.
- (5) What *ailed* you, O sea, that you fled? You Jordan, *that* you were driven back?
- (6) You mountains, *that* you skipped like rams; *and* you little hills, like lambs?
- (7) Tremble, earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob:
- (8) Who turned the rock *into* a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

#### Chapter 115

- (1) Not to us, O LORD {Jehovah}, not to us, but to Your Name give glory, for Your mercy, *and* for Your truth's sake.
- (2) Why should the heathen {ungodly} say, Where *is* their God now?
- (3) But our God *is* in the heavens:<sup>a</sup> He has done whatever He has pleased.
- (4) Their idols *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
- (5) They have mouths, but they do not speak: they have eyes, but they do not see:
- (6) They have ears, but they do not hear: they have noses, but they cannot smell:

115:3a - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

# King James 1769 Version

- (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 are like unto them; *so is* every one that trusteth in them.
- (9) O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield.
- (10) O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield.
- (11) Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield
- (12) The LORD 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 the LORD, *both* small and great.
- (14) The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.
- (15) Ye *are* blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.
- (16) The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.
- (17) The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.

- (7) They have hands, but they do not handle: they have feet, but they do not walk: neither do they speak through their throat.
- (8) Those who make them are like them; *so is* everyone who trusts in them.
- (9) O Israel, trust in the LORD {Jehovah}: He *is* their help and their shield
- (10) O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD {Jehovah}: He *is* their help and their shield.
- (11) You who fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah}, trust in the LORD {Jehovah}: He *is* their help and their shield.
- (12) The LORD {Jehovah} has 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 those who fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah}, both small and great.
- (14) The LORD {Jehovah} will increase you more and more, you and your children.
- (15) You are blessed of the LORD {Jehovah} Who made heaven and earth.
- (16) The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's {Jehovah's}: but the earth He has given to the children of men.
- (17) The dead do not praise the LORD {Jehovah}, neither any of those who go down into silence.

# King James 1769 Version

(18) But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

#### Chapter 116

- (1) I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice *and* my supplications.
- (2) Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon *him* as long as I live.
- (3) The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.
- (4) Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
- (5) Gracious *is* the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God *is* merciful.
- (6) The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me (7) Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD 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 the LORD in the land of the living.
- (10) I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:
- (11) I said in my haste, All men are liars.
- (12) What shall I render unto the LORD *for* all his benefits toward me?

#### King James Paraphrase

(18) But we will bless the LORD {Jehovah} from this time forth and forever. Praise the LORD {Jehovah}.

#### Chapter 116

- (1) I love the LORD {Jehovah}, because He has heard my voice and my requests.
- (2) Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call upon *Him* as long as I live.
- (3) The sorrows of death encircled me, and the pains of hell got hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.
- (4) Then I called upon the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}; O LORD {Jehovah}, I beg You, deliver my soul.
- (5) Gracious and righteous *is* the LORD {Jehovah}; yes, our God *is* merciful.
- (6) The LORD {Jehovah} preserves the simple: I was brought low, and He helped me.
- (7) Return to your rest, O my soul; because the LORD {Jehovah} has dealt bountifully with you.
- (8) Because You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, *and* my feet from falling.
- (9) I will walk before the LORD {Jehovah} in the land of the living.
- (10) I believed, therefore I have spoken: I was greatly afflicted:
- (11) I said in my haste, All men are liars.
- (12) What shall I give to the LORD {Jehovah} *for* all His benefits towards me?

### King James 1769 Version

- (13) I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.
- (14) I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.
- (15) Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.
- (16) O LORD, truly I *am* thy servant; I *am* thy servant, *and* the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.
- (17) I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.
- (18) I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people,
- (19) In the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

### Chapter 117

- (1) O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.
- (2) For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD *endureth* for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

### Chapter 118

- (1) O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: because his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- (2) Let Israel now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

# King James Paraphrase

- (13) I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (14) I will pay my vows to the LORD {Jehovah} now in the presence of all His people.
- (15) Precious in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah} *is* the death of His saints.
- (16) O LORD {Jehovah}, truly I *am* Your servant; I *am* Your servant, *and* the son of Your handmaid: You have loosed my bonds.
- (17) I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (18) I will pay my vows to the LORD {Jehovah} now in the presence of all His people.
- (19) In the courts of the LORD's {Jehovah's} house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD {Jehovah}.

### Chapter 117

- (1) O praise the LORD {Jehovah}, all you nations: praise Him, all you people.
- (2) Because His merciful kindness is great towards us: and the truth of the LORD {Jehovah} endures forever. Praise the LORD {Jehovah}.

### Chapter 118

- (1) O give thanks to the LORD {Jehovah}; because *He is* good: because His mercy *endures* forever.
- (2) Let Israel now say, that His mercy *endures* forever.

### King James 1769 Version

- (3) Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- (4) Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- (5) I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, *and set me* in a large place.
- (6) The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?
- (7) The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that hate me.
- (8) *It is* better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.
- (9) *It* is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.
- (10) All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.
- (11) They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.
- (12) They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.
- (13) Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.
- (14) The LORD *is* my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

# King James Paraphrase

- (3) Let the house of Aaron now say, that His mercy *endures* forever.
- (4) Let those who now fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah} say, that His mercy *endures* forever.
- (5) I called upon the LORD {Jehovah} in distress: the LORD {Jehovah} answered me, and set me in a large place.
- (6) The LORD {Jehovah} is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do to me?
- (7) The LORD {Jehovah} takes my part with those who help me: therefore I will see *my desire* upon those who hate me.
- (8) *It is* better to trust in the LORD {Jehovah} than to put confidence in man.
- (9) *It is* better to trust in the LORD {Jehovah} than to put confidence in princes.
- (10) All nations encircled me all around: but in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} I will destroy them.
- (11) They encircled me all around; yes, they encircled me all around: but in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} I will destroy them.
- (12) They encircled me all around like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: because in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} I will destroy them.
- (13) You have greatly pushed at me that I might fall: but the LORD {Jehovah} helped me.
- (14) The LORD {Jehovah} is my strength and song, and has become my salvation.

### King James 1769 Version

- (15) The voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
- (16) The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
- (17) I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
- (18) The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.
- (19) Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, *and* I will praise the LORD:
- (20) This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter.
- (21) I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.
- (22) The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner.
- (23) This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.
- (24) This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it
- (25) Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.
- (26) Blessed *be* he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

# King James Paraphrase

- (15) The voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD {Jehovah} does valiantly.
- (16) The right hand of the LORD {Jehovah} is exalted: the right hand of the LORD {Jehovah} does valiantly.
- (17) I will not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (18) The LORD {Jehovah} has greatly disciplined me: but He has not given me over to death.
- (19) Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, *and* I will praise the LORD {Jehovah}:
- (20) This gate of the LORD {Jehovah}, into which the righteous shall enter.
- (21) I will praise You: because You have heard me, and have become my salvation.
- (22) The stone *which* the builders refused has become the head *stone* of the corner.<sup>a</sup>
- (23) This is the LORD's {Jehovah's} doing; it *is* marvelous in our eyes.
- (24) This *is* the day *which* the LORD {Jehovah} has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- (25) Save now, I beg You, O LORD {Jehovah}: O LORD {Jehovah}, I beg You, send now prosperity.
- (26) Blessed *is* He Who comes in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}: we have blessed You out of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

118:22a - Is. 28:16; Mat. 21:42; Mark 12:10

### King James 1769 Version

- (27) God *is* the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar.
- (28) Thou *art* my God, and I will praise thee: *thou art* my God, I will exalt thee.
- (29) O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

## Chapter 119

- (1) ALEPH. Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD
- (2) Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.
- (3) They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.
- (4) Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts diligently.
- (5) O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!
- (6) Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.
- (7) I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.
- (8) I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

# King James Paraphrase

- (27) God *is* the LORD {Jehovah}, Who has shown us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* to the horns of the altar.
- (28) You are my God, and I will praise You: You are my God, I will exalt You.
- (29) O give thanks to the LORD {Jehovah}; because *He is* good: because His mercy *endures* forever.

### Chapter 119

- (1) ALEPH {x}.a Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (2) Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies, *and who* seek Him with the whole heart.
- (3) They also do no sin: they walk in His ways.
- (4) You have commanded *us* to keep Your precepts diligently.
- (5) O that my ways were directed to keep Your laws!
- (6) Then I will not be ashamed, when I have respect for all Your commandments.
- (7) I will praise You with uprightness of heart, when I have learned Your righteous judgments.
- (8) I will keep Your laws: O do not forsake me completely.
- 119:1a ALEPH {\mathbf{k}} first letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Psalms 119 is divided into twenty-two sections one for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
  - Each section has 8 verses see <u>Use of Numbers in Scripture</u> at www.thewordnotes.com

## King James 1769 Version

- (9) BETH. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.
- (10) With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.
- (11) Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.
- (12) Blessed *art* thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.
- (13) With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.
- (14) I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as *much as* in all riches.
- (15) I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.
- (16) I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.
- (17) GIMEL. Deal bountifully with thy servant, *that* I may live, and keep thy word.
- (18) Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy
- (19) I *am* a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.
- (20) My soul breaketh for the longing *that it hath* unto thy judgments at all times.
- (21) Thou hast rebuked the proud *that are* cursed, which do err from thy commandments.
- (22) Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.

### King James Paraphrase

- (9) BETH {2}. With what will a young man cleanse his ways? by taking heed according to Your word.
- (10) With my whole heart I have sought You: O do not let me wander from Your commandments.
- (11) Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.
- (12) Blessed *are* You, O LORD {Jehovah}: teach me Your laws.
- (13) With my lips I have declared all the judgments of Your mouth.
- (14) I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as *much as* in all riches.
- (15) I will meditate on Your precepts, and have respect to Your ways.
- (16) I will delight myself in Your laws: I will not forget Your word.
- (17) GIMEL {\alpha}.\circ Deal bountifully with Your servant, *that* I may live, and keep Your word.
- (18) Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things out of Your law.
- (19) I *am* a stranger in the earth: do not hide Your commandments from me.
- (20) My soul breaks for the longing *that it has* for Your judgments at all times.
- (21) You have rebuked the proud who *are* cursed, who err from Your commandments.
- (22) Remove from me reproach and contempt; because I have kept Your testimonies.

119:9b - BETH ⟨□⟩. Second letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:17c - GIMEL {\mathbf{1}}. Third letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

### King James 1769 Version

- (23) Princes also did sit *and* speak against me: *but* thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.
- (24) Thy testimonies also *are* my delight *and* my counsellors.
- (25) DALETH. My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.
- (26) I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.
- (27) Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.
- (28) My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.
- (29) Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.
- (30) I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid *before me*.
- (31) I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame.
- (32) I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.
- (33) HE. Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it *unto* the end.
- (34) Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.
- (35) Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

### King James Paraphrase

- (23) Princes also sat *and* spoke against me: *but* Your servant meditated on Your laws.
- (24) Your testimonies also *are* my delight *and* my counselors.
- (25) DALETH  $\{7\}$ . d My soul clings to the dust: make me alive according to Your word.
- (26) I have declared my ways, and You heard me: teach me Your laws.
- (27) Cause me to understand the way of Your precepts: so I will talk of Your wondrous works.
- (28) My soul melts for heaviness: strengthen me according to Your word.
- (29) Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me Your law graciously.
- (30) I have chosen the way of truth: Your judgments I have laid *before me*.
- (31) I have stuck to Your testimonies: O LORD {Jehovah}, do not put me to shame.
- (32) I will run the way of Your commandments, when You will enlarge my heart.
- (33) HE {\pi}.e Teach me, O LORD {Jehovah}, the way of Your laws; and I will keep it *to* the end.
- (34) Give me understanding, and I will keep Your law; yes, I will observe it with *my* whole heart.
- (35) Cause me to go in the path of Your commandments; because in them I delight.

119:25d - DALETH {7}. Fourth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:33e - HE ⟨¬⟩. Fifth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

### King James 1769 Version

- (36) Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.
- (37) Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; *and* quicken thou me in thy way.
- (38) Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who *is devoted* to thy fear.
- (39) Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments *are* good.
- (40) Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.
- (41) VAU. Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, *even* thy salvation, according to thy word.
- (42) So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.
- (43) And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.
- (44) So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.
- (45) And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.
- (46) I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.
- (47) And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.
- (48) My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

# King James Paraphrase

- (36) Incline my heart to Your testimonies, and not to covetousness.
- (37) Turn away my eyes from seeking vanity; *and* cause me to live in Your way.
- (38) Establish Your word to Your servant, who *is devoted* to Your fear {reverence}.
- (39) Turn away my reproach which I fear: because Your judgments *are* good.
- (40) Indeed, I have longed after Your precepts: cause me to live in Your righteousness.
- (41) VAU {\bar{\gamma}.f Let Your mercies come also to me, O LORD {Jehovah}, even Your salvation, according to Your word.
- (42) So I will have reason to answer him who reproaches me: because I trust in Your word.
- (43) And do not take the word of truth completely out of my mouth; because I have hoped in Your judgments.
- (44) So I will keep Your law continually forever.
- (45) And I will walk at liberty: because I seek Your precepts.
- (46) I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.
- (47) And I will delight myself in Your commandments, which I have loved.
- (48) My hands also I will lift up to Your commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in Your laws.

119:41f - VAU {1}. Sixth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

# King James 1769 Version

- (49) ZAIN. Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.
- (50) This *is* my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.
- (51) The proud have had me greatly in derision: *yet* have I not declined from thy law.
- (52) I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself.
- (53) Horror 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 LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law.
- (56) This I had, because I kept thy precepts.
- (57) CHETH. *Thou art* my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.
- (58) I intreated thy favour 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 keep thy commandments.
- (61) The bands of the wicked have robbed me: *but* I have not forgotten thy law.

### King James Paraphrase

- (49) ZAIN {\infty}.g Remember the word to Your servant, upon which You have caused me to hope.
- (50) This *is* my comfort in my affliction: because Your word has given me life.
- (51) The proud have had me greatly in derision: *yet* I have not departed from Your law.
- (52) I remembered Your judgments of old, O LORD {Jehovah}; and have comforted myself.
- (53) Horror has taken hold upon me because of the wicked who forsake Your law.
- (54) Your laws have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.
- (55) I have remembered Your Name, O LORD {Jehovah}, in the night, and have kept Your law.
- (56) This I had, because I kept Your precepts.
- (57) CHETH {□}.h You are my portion,
- O LORD {ehovah}: I have said that I would keep Your words.
- (58) I sought Your favor with *my* whole heart: be merciful to me according to Your word.
- (59) I thought on my ways, and turned my feet to Your testimonies.
- (60) I went quickly, and did not delay to keep Your commandments.
- (61) The bands of the wicked have robbed me: *but* I have not forgotten Your law.

119:49g - ZAIN  $\{$ † $\}$ . Seventh letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:57h - CHETH ⟨□⟩. Eighth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

King James 1769 Version

- (62) At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.
- (63) I *am* a companion of all *them* that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.
- (64) The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.
- (65) TETH. Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.
- (66) Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.
- (67) Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.
- (68) Thou *art* good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.
- (69) The proud have forged a lie against me: *but* I will keep thy precepts with *my* whole heart.
- (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 might learn thy statutes.
- (72) The law of thy mouth *is* better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.
- (73) JOD. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.
- (74) They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.

King James Paraphrase

- (62) At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You because of Your righteous judgments.
- (63) I *am* a companion of all *those* who fear {revere} You, and of those who keep Your precepts.
- (64) The earth, O LORD {Jehovah}, is full of Your mercy: teach me Your laws.
- (65) TETH {\mathbb{z}}. You have dealt well with Your servant, O LORD {Jehovah}, according to Your word.
- (66) Teach me good judgment and knowledge: because I have believed Your commandments.
- (67) Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now I have kept Your word.
- (68) You are good, and do good; teach me Your laws.
- (69) The proud have forged a lie against me: *but* I will keep Your precepts with *my* whole heart.
- (70) Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in Your law.
- (71) *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn Your laws.
- (72) The law of Your mouth *is* better to me than thousands of gold and silver.
- (73) JOD {'} Your hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.
- (74) Those who fear {revere} You will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in Your word.

119:65i - TETH {법}. Ninth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:73j - JOD (\*). Tenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

King James 1769 Version

- (75) I know, O LORD, that thy judgments *are* right, and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.
- (76) Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness 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 ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: *but* I will meditate in thy precepts.
- (79) Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.
- (80) Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.
- (81) CAPH. My soul fainteth for thy salvation: *but* I hope in thy word.
- (82) Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?
- (83) For I am become like a bottle 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, which *are* not after 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.

King James Paraphrase

- (75) I know, O LORD {Jehovah}, that Your judgments *are* right, and *that* You in faithfulness have afflicted me.
- (76) I ask You, Let, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to Your word to Your servant.
- (77) Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live: because Your law *is* my delight.
- (78) Let the proud be ashamed; because they dealt perversely with me without a cause: *but* I will meditate on Your precepts.
- (79) Let those who fear {revere} You turn to me, and those who have known Your testimonies.
- (80) Let my heart be sound in Your laws; that I not be ashamed.
- (81) CAPH  $\{\supset\}$ .<sup>k</sup> My soul faints for Your salvation: *but* I hope in Your word.
- (82) My eyes fail for Your word, saying, When will You comfort me?
- (83) Because I have become like a bottle in the smoke; *yet* I do not forget Your laws.
- (84) How many *are* the days of Your servant? when will You execute judgment on those who persecute me? (85) The proud have dug pits for me,
- (86) All Your commandments *are* faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help me.

which are not according to Your law.

(87) They had almost consumed me upon the earth; but I have not forsaken Your precepts.

119:81k - CAPH ⟨□⟩. Eleventh letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

King James 1769 Version

- (88) Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.
- (89) LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.
- (90) Thy faithfulness *is* unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
- (91) They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all *are* thy servants.
- (92) Unless thy law had been my delights, 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.
- (97) MEM. O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.
- (98) Thou through thy commandments hast made 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 ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

King James Paraphrase

- (88) Make me alive after Your loving kindness; so I will keep the testimony of Your mouth.
- (89) LAMED {\dagger}.\text{! Forever, O LORD }{Jehovah}, Your word is settled in heaven.
- (90) Your faithfulness *is* to all generations: You have established the earth, and it stays.
- (91) They continue this day according to Your ordinances: because all *are* Your servants.
- (92) Unless Your law *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in my affliction.
- (93) I will never forget Your precepts: because with them You have made me alive.
- (94) I *am* Yours, save me; because I have sought Your precepts.
- (95) The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: *but* I will consider Your testimonies.
- (96) I have seen an end of all perfection: *but* Your commandment *is* exceedingly broad.
- (97) MEM  $\{z\}$ .<sup>m</sup> O how I love Your law! it *is* my meditation all the day.
- (98) You through Your commandments have made me wiser than my enemies: because they *are* ever with me.
- (99) I have more understanding than all my teachers: because Your testimonies *are* my meditation.
- (100) I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts.

119:97m - MEM {\mathbb{n}}. Thirteenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

### King James 1769 Version

- (101) I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.
- (102) I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.
- (103) How sweet are thy words unto my taste! *yea*, *sweeter* than honey to my mouth! (104) Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.
- (105) NUN. Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
- (106) I have sworn, and I will perform *it*, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.
- (107) I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.
- (108) Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.
- (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 I erred not from thy precepts.
- (111) Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.
- (112) I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end.

- King James Paraphrase
- (101) I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep Your word.
- (102) I have not departed from Your judgments: because You have taught me.
- (103) How sweet are Your words to my taste! *yes, sweeter* than honey to my mouth!
- (104) Through Your precepts I obtain understanding: therefore I hate every false way.
- (105) NUN {2}. Your word *is* a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.
- (106) I have sworn, and I will perform *it*, that I will keep Your righteous judgments.
- (107) I am afflicted very much: cause me to live, O LORD {Jehovah}, according to Your word.
- (108) I beg you, Accept, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD {Jehovah}, and teach me Your judgments.
- (109) My soul *is* continually in my hand: yet I do not forget Your law.
- (110) The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I have not erred from Your precepts.
- (111) Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever: because they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.
- (112) I have inclined my heart to perform Your laws always, *even to* the end.

119:105n - NUN (1). Fourteenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

### King James 1769 Version

- (113) SAMECH. I hate *vain* thoughts: 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 evildoers: for I will 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 I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.
- (118) Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit *is* falsehood.
- (119) Thou 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.
- (121) AIN. I have done judgment and justice: 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 the word of thy righteousness.
- (124) Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.
- (125) I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

# King James Paraphrase

- (113) SAMECH {D}.º I hate *vain* thoughts: but Your law I love.
- (114) You *are* my hiding place and my shield: I hope in Your word.
- (115) Depart from me, you who do evil: because I will keep the commandments of my God.
- (116) Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.
- (117) Hold me up, and I will be safe: and I will have respect for Your laws continually.
- (118) You have trodden down all those who err from Your laws: because their deceit *is* falsehood.
- (119) You put away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross {waste}: therefore I love Your testimonies.
- (120) My flesh trembles for fear {reverence} of You; and I am afraid of Your judgments.
- (121) AIN  $\{y\}$ . I have done judgment and justice: do not leave me to my oppressors.
- (122) Be surety {sponsor; defender} for Your servant for good: do not let the proud oppress me.
- (123) My eyes fail for Your salvation, and for the word of Your righteousness.
- (124) Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy, and teach me Your laws.
- (125) I am Your servant; give me understanding, that I may know Your testimonies.

119:1130 - SAMECH {\mathbb{O}}. Fifteenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet 119:121p - AIN {\mathbb{V}}. Sixteenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (126) *It is* time for *thee*, LORD, to work: *for* they have made void thy law. (127) Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.
- (128) Therefore I esteem all *thy* precepts *concerning* all *things to be* right; *and* I hate every false way.
- (129) PE. Thy testimonies *are* wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.
- (130) The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.
- (131) I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.
- (132) Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.
- (133) Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
- (134) Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.
- (135) Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.
- (136) Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.
- (137) TZADDI. Righteous *art* thou, O LORD, and upright *are* thy judgments.
- (138) Thy testimonies *that* thou hast commanded *are* righteous and very faithful.

# King James Paraphrase

- (126) *It is* time for *You*, LORD {Jehovah}, to work: *because* they have made Your law void.
- (127) Therefore I love Your commandments above gold; yes, above fine gold.
- (128) Therefore I esteem all *Your* precepts *concerning* all *things to be* right; *and* I hate every false way.
- (129) PE {5}. Your testimonies *are* wonderful: therefore my soul keeps them.
- (130) The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.
- (131) I opened my mouth, and panted: because I longed for Your commandments.
- (132) Look upon me, and be merciful to me, as You used to do to those who love Your Name.
- (133) Order my steps in Your word: and do not let any sin rule over me.
- (134) Deliver me from the oppression of man: so I will keep Your precepts.
- (135) Cause Your face to shine upon Your servant; and teach me Your laws.
- (136) Rivers of waters run down my eyes, because they do not keep Your law.
- (137) TZADDI (3). Righteous *are* You, O LORD (Jehovah), and upright *are* Your judgments.
- (138) Your testimonies *that* You have commanded *are* righteous and very faithful.

119:129q - PE {D}. Seventeenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:137r - TZADDI (3). Eighteenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

### King James 1769 Version

- (139) My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.
- (140) Thy word *is* very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.
- (141) I *am* small and despised: *yet* do not I forget thy precepts.
- (142) Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and thy law *is* the truth.
- (143) Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: *yet* thy commandments *are* my delights.
- (144) The righteousness of thy testimonies *is* everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.
- (145) KOPH. I cried with *my* whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes.
- (146) I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.
- (147) I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.
- (148) Mine eyes prevent the *night* watches, that I might meditate in thy word.
- (149) Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.
- (150) They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.
- (151) Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth.

# King James Paraphrase

- (139) My zeal has consumed me, because my enemies have forgotten Your words.
- (140) Your word *is* very pure: therefore Your servant loves it.
- (141) I *am* small and despised: *yet* I do not forget Your precepts.
- (142) Your righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and Your law *is* the truth.
- (143) Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: *yet* Your commandments *are* my delights.
- (144) The righteousness of Your testimonies *is* everlasting: give me understanding, and I will live.
- (145) KOPH  $\{\vec{p}\}$ .s I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O LORD  $\{Jehovah\}$ : I will keep Your laws.
- (146) I cried to You; save me, and I will keep Your testimonies.
- (147) I came before the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in Your word.
- (148) My eyes came before the *night* watches, that I might meditate in Your word.
- (149) Hear my voice according to Your loving kindness: O LORD {Jehovah}, cause me to live according to Your judgment.
- (150) Those who follow after mischief draw near: they are far from Your law. (151) You *are* near, O LORD {Jehovah}; and all Your commandments *are* truth.

119:145s - KOPH ⟨₹⟩. Nineteenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

### King James 1769 Version

- (152) Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.
- (153) RESH. Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy
- (154) Plead my cause, and deliver 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 LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.
- (157) Many *are* my persecutors and mine enemies; *yet* do I not decline from thy testimonies.
- (158) I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.
- (159) Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.
- (160) Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. (161) SCHIN. Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.
- (162) I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.
- (163) I hate and abhor lying: *but* thy law do I love.
- (164) Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.

### King James Paraphrase

- (152) Concerning Your testimonies, I have known of old that You have founded them forever.
- (153) RESH  $\{7\}$ .<sup>t</sup> Consider my affliction, and deliver me: because I do not forget Your law.
- (154) Plead my cause, and deliver me: make me alive me according to Your word.
- (155) Salvation *is* far from the wicked: because they do not seek Your laws.
- (156) Great *are* Your tender mercies, O LORD {Jehovah}: make me alive according to Your judgments.
- (157) Many *are* my persecutors and my enemies; *yet* I do not depart from Your testimonies.
- (158) I saw the sinners, and was grieved; because they did not keep Your word.
- (159) Consider how I love Your precepts: make me alive, O LORD {Jehovah}, according to Your loving kindness.
- (160) Your word *is* true *from* the beginning: and every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever.
- (161) SCHIN {v}. Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart stands in awe of Your word.
- (162) I rejoice at Your word, as one who finds great spoil.
- (163) I hate and despise lying: but Your law I love.
- (164) Seven times a day I praise You because of Your righteous judgments.

119:153t − RESH {¬}. Twentieth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:161u - SCHIN {\$\varphi\$}. Twenty-first letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

### King James 1769 Version

- (165) Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.
- (166) LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.
- (167) My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.
- (168) I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways *are* before thee.
- (169) TAU. Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.
- (170) Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.
- (171) My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.
- (172) My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments *are* righteousness.
- (173) Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.
- (174) I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law *is* my delight.
- (175) Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.
- (176) I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

# King James Paraphrase

- (165) Those who love Your law have great peace: and nothing will offend them.
- (166) LORD {Jehovah}, I have hoped for Your salvation, and done Your commandments.
- (167) My soul has kept Your testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.
- (168) I have kept Your precepts and Your testimonies: because all my ways *are* before You.
- (169) TAU {\bar{n}}." Let my cry come near before You, O LORD {Jehovah}: give me understanding according to Your word.
- (170) Let my request come before You: deliver me according to Your word.
- (171) My lips will speak praise, when You have taught me Your laws.
- (172) My tongue will speak of Your word: because all Your commandments *are* righteousness.
- (173) Let Your hand help me; because I have chosen Your precepts.
- (174) I have longed for Your salvation, O LORD {Jehovah}; and Your law *is* my delight.
- (175) Let my soul live, and it will praise You; and let Your judgments help me.
- (176) I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant; because I do not forget Your commandments.

119:169v - TAU  $\{\bar{n}\}$ . Twenty-second letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

King James 1769 Version

# Chapter 120

# A Song of degrees.

- (1) In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.
- (2) Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, *and* from a deceitful tongue.
- (3) What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?
- (4) Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.
- (5) Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, *that* I dwell in the tents of Kedar!
- (6) My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.
- (7) I *am for* peace: but when I speak, they *are* for war.

### Chapter 121 A Song of degrees.

- (1) I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
- (2) My help *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.
- (3) He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
- (4) Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- (5) The LORD *is* thy keeper: the LORD *is* thy shade upon thy right hand.
- (6) The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

# King James Paraphrase

# Chapter 120

# A Song of {Encouragement}.a

(1) In my distress I cried to the LORD {Jehovah}, and He heard me.

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- (2) Deliver my soul, O LORD {Jehovah}, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.
- (3) What will be given to you? or what will be done to you, you false tongue?
- (4) Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.<sup>b</sup>
- (5) Woe is me, that I live in Mesech, *that* I live in the tents of Kedar!
- (6) My soul has long lived with him who hates peace.
- (7) I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.

## Chapter 121

# A Song of degrees {Encouragement}.

- (1) I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where my help comes.
- (2) My help *comes* from the LORD {Jehovah}, Who made heaven and earth.
- (3) He will not allow your foot to be moved: He Who keeps you will not slumber {nap}.
- (4) Look, He Who keeps Israel will neither slumber {nap} nor sleep.
- (5) The LORD {Jehovah} is your keeper: the LORD {Jehovah} is your shade upon your right hand.
- (6) The sun will not overcome you by day, nor the moon by night.

120:0a - Song of Degrees - hamaloth (המעלות - literally "the elevation" - the going to a "higher" place; "the ascending"; "the uplifting"; encouragement

120:4b - juniper - a tree similar to mesquite

# King James 1769 Version

- (7) The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
- (8) The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

#### Chapter 122

# A Song of degrees of David.

- (1) I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.
- (2) Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
- (3) Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:
- (4) Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.
- (5) For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
- (6) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 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 say, Peace *be* within thee.
- (9) Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

# King James Paraphrase

- (7) The LORD {Jehovah} will preserve you from all evil: He will preserve your soul.
- (8) The LORD {Jehovah} will preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forever.

### Chapter 122

# A Song of degrees {Encouragement} by David.

- (1) I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (2) Our feet will stand within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- (3) Jerusalem is built as a city that is compact together:
- (4) Where the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD {Jehovah}, to the testimony of Israel, to give thanks to the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (5) Because there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
- (6) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: those who love you will prosper.
- (7) May peace be within your walls, *and* prosperity within your palaces.
- (8) For my brothers and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace *be* within you.
- (9) Because of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} our God I will seek your good.

King James 1769 Version

## Chapter 123

## A Song of degrees.

- (1) Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
- (2) Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand of their masters, *and* as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes *wait* upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.
- (3) Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
- (4) Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, *and* with the contempt of the proud.

### Chapter 124

## A Song of degrees of David.

- (1) If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say;
- (2) If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us:
- (3) Then they had swallowed us up quick, 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* the LORD, who hath not given us *as* a prey to their teeth.

King James Paraphrase

## Chapter 123

# A Song of degrees {Encouragement}.

- (1) To You I lift up my eyes, O You Who live in the heavens.<sup>a</sup>
- (2) Look, as the eyes of servants *look* to the hand of their masters, *and* as the eyes of a maiden to the hand of her mistress; so our eyes *wait* upon the LORD {Jehovah} our God, until He has mercy upon us.
- (3) Have mercy upon us, O LORD {Jehovah}, have mercy upon us: because we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
- (4) Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those who are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.

### Chapter 124

# A Song of degrees {Encouragement} by David.

- (1) If it had not been the LORD {Jehovah} Who was on our side, now may Israel say;
- (2) If it had not been the LORD {Jehovah} Who was on our side, when men rose up against us:
- (3) Then they would have swallowed us up quick, when their wrath {anger; judgment} was kindled against us:
- (4) Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, the stream would have gone over our soul:
- (5) Then the proud waters would have gone over our soul.
- (6) Blessed *is* the LORD {Jehovah}, Who has not given us *as* a prey to their teeth.

123:1a - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

### King James 1769 Version

- (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 the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

# Chapter 125

# A Song of degrees.

- (1) They that trust in the LORD *shall* be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.
- (2) As the mountains *are* round about Jerusalem, so the LORD *is* round about his people from henceforth even for ever. (3) For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.
- (4) Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.
- (5) As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: *but* peace *shall be* upon Israel.

# Chapter 126

# A Song of degrees.

(1) When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

# King James Paraphrase

- (7) Our soul has escaped as a bird out of the snare of the trappers: the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- (8) Our help *is* in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, Who made heaven and earth.

#### Chapter 125

# A Song of degrees {Encouragement}.

- (1) Those who trust in the LORD {Jehovah} *shall be* as mount Zion, *which* cannot be removed, *but* stands forever.
- (2) As the mountains *are* all around Jerusalem, so the LORD {Jehovah} *is* all around His people from now even forever.
- (3) Because the rod of the wicked will not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands to sin.
- (4) Do good, O LORD {Jehovah}, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.
- (5) As for those who turn aside to their crooked ways, the LORD {Jehovah} will lead them forth with the workers of sin: *but* peace *will be* upon Israel.

## Chapter 126

# A Song of degrees {Encouragement}.

(1) When the LORD {Jehovah} turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream.

## King James 1769 Version

- (2) Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.
- (3) The LORD hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad.
- (4) Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.
- (5) They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
- (6) He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

### Chapter 127

## A Song of degrees for Solomon.

- (1) Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain.
- (2) It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.
- (3) Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is his* reward.
- (4) As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth.

### King James Paraphrase

- (2) Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then they said among the heathen {ungodly nations}, The LORD {Jehovah} has done great things for them.
- (3) The LORD {Jehovah} has done great things for us; of which we are glad.
- (4) Turn again our captivity, O LORD {Jehovah}, as the streams in the south.
- (5) Those who sow in tears will reap in joy.
- (6) He who goes forth and weeps, bearing precious seed, will doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

### Chapter 127

# A Song of degrees {Encouragement} for Solomon.

- (1) Unless the LORD {Jehovah} builds the house, they labor in vain who build it: unless the LORD {Jehovah} guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.
- (2) *It is* vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: *because* He gives His loved ones sleep.
- (3) Indeed, children *are* a heritage of the LORD {Jehovah}: *and* the fruit of the womb *is His* reward.
- (4) As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth.

127:0a - Song of Degrees - hamaloth {המעלות} - literally "the elevation" - the going to a "higher" place; "the ascending"; "the uplifting"; encouragement

### King James 1769 Version

(5) Happy *is* the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

# Chapter 128 A Song of degrees.

- (1) Blessed *is* every one that feareth the LORD: that walketh in his ways.
- (2) For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy *shalt* thou *be*, and *it shall be* well with thee.
- (3) Thy wife *shall be* as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.
- (4) Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.
- (5) The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.
- (6) Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, *and* peace upon Israel.

### Chapter 129 A Song of degrees.

- (1) Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say:
- (2) Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.
- (3) The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows.
- (4) The LORD *is* righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

# King James Paraphrase

(5) Happy *is* the man who has his quiver {arrow container} full of them: they will not be ashamed, but they will speak with the enemies in the gate.

## Chapter 128

# A Song of degrees {Encouragement}.

- (1) Blessed *is* everyone who fears {reveres} the LORD {Jehovah}; who walks in His ways.
- (2) Because you will eat the labor of your hands: you will *be* happy, and *it will be* well with you.
- (3) Your wife *will be* as a fruitful vine by the sides of your house: your children like olive plants all around your table.
- (4) Indeed, so will the man be blessed who fears {reveres} the LORD {Jehovah}
- (5) The LORD {Jehovah} will bless you out of Zion: and you will see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
- (6) Yes, you will see your children's children, *and* peace upon Israel.

### Chapter 129

# A Song of degrees {Encouragement}.

- (1) Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say:
- (2) Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.
- (3) Those who plow plowed upon my back: they made their furrows long.
- (4) The LORD {Jehovah} *is* righteous: He has cut the cords of the wicked into pieces.

### King James 1769 Version

- (5) Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.
- (6) Let them be as the grass *upon* the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up:
- (7) Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.
- (8) Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the LORD *be* upon you: we bless you in the name of the LORD.

# Chapter 130

# A Song of degrees.

- (1) Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.
- (2) Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
- (3) If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?
- (4) But *there is* forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.
- (5) I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.
- (6) My soul *waiteth* for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: *I say, more than* they that watch for the morning.
- (7) Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD *there is* mercy, and with him *is* plenteous redemption.
- (8) And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

### King James Paraphrase

- (5) Let them all be confounded and turned back who hate Zion.
- (6) Let them be as the grass *upon* the housetops, which withers before it grows up:
- (7) With which the mower does not fill his hand; nor he who binds sheaves his belly.
- (8) Neither do those who go by say, May the blessing of the LORD {Jehovah} *be* upon you: we bless you in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}.

### Chapter 130

# A Song of degrees {Encouragement}.

- (1) Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD {Jehovah}.
- (2) Lord, hear my voice: let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my requests.
- (3) If You, LORD {Jehovah}, should count sins, O Lord, who shall stand?
- (4) But *there* is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared {revered}.
- (5) I wait for the LORD {Jehovah}, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.
- (6) My soul *waits* for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning: *I say, more than* those who watch for the morning.
- (7) Let Israel hope in the LORD {Jehovah}: because with the LORD {Jehovah} there is mercy, and with Him is plentiful redemption.
- (8) And He will redeem Israel from all his sins.

King James 1769 Version

### Chapter 131

## A Song of degrees of David.

- (1) LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.
- (2) Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul *is* even as a weaned child.
- (3) Let Israel hope in the LORD from henceforth and for ever.

## Chapter 132

# A Song of degrees.

- (1) LORD, remember David, *and* all his afflictions:
- (2) How he sware unto the LORD, and vowed unto the mighty *God* of Jacob:
- (3) Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed:
- (4) I will not give sleep to mine eyes, *or* slumber to mine eyelids,
- (5) Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty *God* of Jacob.
- (6) Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.
- (7) We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.
- (8) Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.

# King James Paraphrase

### Chapter 131

# A Song of degrees {Encouragement} by David.

- (1) LORD {Jehovah}, my heart is not arrogant, nor my eyes proud: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.
- (2) Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child who is weaned of his mother: my soul *is* even as a weaned child.
- (3) Let Israel hope in the LORD {Jehovah} from now and forever.

### Chapter 132

# A Song of degrees {Encouragement}.

- (1) LORD {Jehovah}, remember David, and all his afflictions:
- (2) How he swore to the LORD {Jehovah}, and vowed to the mighty *God* of Jacob;
- (3) Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;
- (4) I will not give sleep to my eyes, *or* rest to my eyelids,
- (5) Until I find out a place for the LORD {Jehovah}, a house {temple} for the mighty *God* of Jacob.
- (6) Look, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.
- (7) We will go into His tabernacles: we will worship at His footstool.
- (8) Arise, O LORD {Jehovah}, into Your rest; You, and the ark of Your strength.

# King James 1769 Version

- (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) The LORD hath sworn *in* truth unto David; 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 shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.
- (13) For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired *it* for his habitation.
- (14) This *is* my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.
- (15) I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.
- (16) I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
- (17) There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.
- (18) His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

- King James Paraphrase
- (9) Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness; and let Your saints shout for joy.
- (10) For Your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of Your anointed.
- (11) The LORD {Jehovah} has sworn *in* truth to David; He will not turn from it; Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne.
- (12) If your children will keep My covenant and My testimony that I will teach them, their children will also sit upon your throne forever.
- (13) Because the LORD {Jehovah} has chosen Zion; He has desired *it* for His home.
- (14) This *is* My rest forever: here I will live; because I have desired it.
- (15) I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.
- (16) I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints will shout aloud for joy.
- (17) There I will cause the kingdom of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for My anointed.
- (18) His enemies I will clothe with shame: but upon Himself His crown will flourish.

King James 1769 Version

### Chapter 133

## A Song of degrees of David.

- (1) Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!
- (2) It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;
- (3) As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

## Chapter 134 A Song of degrees.

- (1) Behold, bless ye the LORD, all *ye* servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD.
- (2) Lift up your hands *in* the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.
- (3) The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

### Chapter 135

- (1) Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise *him*, O ye servants of the LORD.
- (2) Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God,

King James Paraphrase

## Chapter 133

# A Song of degrees {Encouragement} by David.

- (1) Look, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brothers to live together in unity!
- (2) It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: a that went down to the skirts of his clothes:
- (3) As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: because there the LORD {Jehovah} commanded the blessing, even life forever.

### Chapter 134

# A Song of degrees {Encouragement}.

- (1) Indeed, bless the LORD {Jehovah}, all *you* servants of the LORD {Jehovah}, who by night stand in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (2) Lift up your hands *in* the sanctuary, and bless the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (3) May the LORD {Jehovah} Who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

#### Chapter 135

- (1) Praise the LORD {Jehovah}. Praise the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}; praise *Him*, O you servants of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (2) You who stand in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, in the courts of the house {temple} of our God,

133:0a - Song of Degrees - hamaloth (המעלות - literally "the elevation" - the going to a "higher" place; "the ascending"; "the uplifting"; encouragement

133:2b - Ex. 29:4-7

King James 1769 Version

- (3) Praise the LORD; for the LORD *is* good: sing praises unto his name; for *it is* pleasant.
- (4) For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, *and* Israel for his peculiar treasure.
- (5) For I know that the LORD *is* great, and *that* our Lord *is* above all gods.
- (6) Whatsoever the LORD pleased, *that* did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.
- (7) He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries.
- (8) Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast.
- (9) Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.
- (10) Who smote great 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 an heritage, an heritage unto Israel his people.
- (13) Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever; and thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations.
- (14) For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.

King James Paraphrase

- (3) Praise the LORD {Jehovah}; because the LORD {Jehovah} is good: sing praises to His Name; because it is pleasant.
- (4) Because the LORD {Jehovah} has chosen Jacob for Himself, *and* Israel for His peculiar treasure.
- (5) Because I know that the LORD {Jehovah} is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.
- (6) Whatever the LORD {Jehovah} pleased, *that* He did in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.
- (7) He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightnings for the rain; He brings the wind out of His treasuries.
- (8) Who struck the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast.<sup>a</sup>
- (9) Who sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.
- (10) Who struck great nations, and killed 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 to Israel His people.
- (13) Your Name, O LORD {Jehovah}, endures forever; and Your memorial, O LORD {Jehovah}, throughout all generations.
- (14) Because the LORD {Jehovah} will judge His people, and He will repent Himself concerning His servants.

135:8a - Ex. 12:29

### King James 1769 Version

- (15) The idols of the heathen *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 are like unto them: *so is* every one that trusteth in them.
- (19) Bless the LORD, O house of Israel: bless the LORD, O house of Aaron:
- (20) Bless the LORD, O house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD.
- (21) Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

#### Chapter 136

- (1) O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever
- (2) O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- (3) O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- (4) To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- (5) To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

# King James Paraphrase

- (15) The idols of the heathen {ungodly} *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
- (16) They have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see;
- (17) They have ears, but they do not hear; neither is there *any* breath in their mouths.
- (18) Those who make them are like them: *so is* everyone who trusts in them.
- (19) Bless the LORD {Jehovah}, O house of Israel: bless the LORD {Jehovah}, O house of Aaron:
- (20) Bless the LORD {Jehovah}, O house of Levi: you who fear {revere} the LORD {Jehovah}, bless the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (21) Blessed is the LORD {Jehovah} out of Zion, Who lives at Jerusalem. Praise the LORD {Jehovah}.

### Chapter 136

- (1) O give thanks to the LORD {Jehovah}; because *He is* good: because His mercy *endures* forever.
- (2) O give thanks to the God of gods: because His mercy *endures* forever.
- (3) O give thanks to the Lord of lords: because His mercy *endures* forever.
- (4) To Him Who alone does great wonders: because His mercy *endures* forever.
- (5) To Him Who by wisdom made the heavens:<sup>a</sup> because His mercy *endures* forever

136:5a – heavens – see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

### King James 1769 Version

- (6) To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- (7) To him that made great lights: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
- (8) The sun to rule by day: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
- (9) The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- (10) To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
- (11) And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
- (12) With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. (13) To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
- (14) And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
- (15) But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- (16) To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- (17) To him which smote great kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
- (18) And slew famous kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
- (19) Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
- (20) And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

- King James Paraphrase
- (6) To Him Who stretched out the earth above the waters: because His mercy *endures* forever.
- (7) To Him Who made great lights: because His mercy *endures* forever:
- (8) The sun to rule by day: because His mercy *endures* forever:
- (9) The moon and stars to rule by night: because His mercy *endures* forever.
- (10) To Him Who struck Egypt in their firstborn:<sup>b</sup> because His mercy *endures* forever:
- (11) And brought out Israel from among them: because His mercy *endures* forever:
- (12) With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: because His mercy *endures* forever.
- (13) To Him Who divided the Red Sea into parts: because His mercy endures forever:
- (14) And caused Israel to pass through its midst: because His mercy *endures* forever:
- (15) But overthrew Pharaoh and his host {army} in the Red Sea:<sup>d</sup> because His mercy *endures* forever.
- (16) To Him Who led His people through the wilderness: because His mercy *endures* forever.
- (17) To Him Who struck great kings: because His mercy *endures* forever:
- (18) And killed famous kings: because His mercy *endures* forever:
- (19) Sihon king of the Amorites: because His mercy *endures* forever:
- (20) And Og the king of Bashan: because His mercy *endures* forever:

136:10b - Ex. 12:29

136:13c - Ex. 14:21-22

136:15d - Ex. 14:23-28

### King James 1769 Version

- (21) And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
- (22) Even an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever.
- (23) Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
- (24) And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- (25) Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- (26) O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

### Chapter 137

- (1) By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.
- (2) We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.
- (3) For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us *required of us* mirth, *saying*, Sing us *one* of the songs of Zion.
- (4) How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a strange land?
- (5) If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget *her cunning*.
- (6) If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

### King James Paraphrase

- (21) And gave their land for a heritage: because His mercy *endures* forever:
- (22) Even a heritage to Israel His servant: because His mercy endures forever.
- (23) Who remembered us in our low estate: because His mercy *endures* forever:
- (24) And has redeemed us from our enemies: because His mercy *endures* forever.
- (25) Who gives food to all flesh: because His mercy *endures* forever.
- (26) O give thanks to the God of heaven: because His mercy *endures* forever.

#### Chapter 137

- (1) By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yes, we wept, when we remembered Zion.
- (2) We hanged our harps upon the willows in its midst.
- (3) Because there those who carried us away captive required of us a song; and those who wasted us *required of us* joy, *saying*, Sing to us *one* of the songs of Zion.
- (4) How will we sing the LORD's {Jehovah's} song in a strange land?
- (5) If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget *her cunning*.
- (6) If I do not remember you, let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth; if I do not prefer Jerusalem above my greatest joy.

### King James 1769 Version

- (7) Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase *it*, rase *it*, *even* to the foundation thereof.
- (8) O daughter of Babylon, who 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 stones.

## Chapter 138 A Psalm of David.

- (1) I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
- (2) I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
- (3) In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, *and* strengthenedst me *with* strength in my soul.
- (4) All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.
- (5) Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great *is* the glory of the LORD.
- (6) Though the LORD *be* high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.
- (7) Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

### King James Paraphrase

- (7) Remember, O LORD {Jehovah}, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Destroy *it*, destroy *it*, *even* to its foundation.
- (8) O daughter of Babylon, who are to be destroyed; happy *he will be*, who rewards you as you have served us.
- (9) Happy he will be, who takes and dashes your little ones against the stones.

# Chapter 138 A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) I will praise You with my whole heart: before the gods I will sing praise to You.
- (2) I will worship towards Your holy temple, and praise Your Name for Your loving kindness and for Your truth: because You have magnified Your word above all Your Name.
- (3) In the day when I cried You answered me, *and* strengthened me *with* strength in my soul.
- (4) All the kings of the earth will praise You, O LORD {Jehovah}, when they hear the words of Your mouth.
- (5) Yes, they will sing in the ways of the LORD {Jehovah}: because great *is* the glory of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (6) Though the LORD {Jehovah} is high, yet He has respect for the lowly: but the proud He knows afar off.
- (7) Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me: You will stretch forth Your hand against the anger of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me.

### King James 1769 Version

(8) The LORD will perfect *that which* concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

### Chapter 139 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- (1) O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known *me*.
- (2) Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.
- (3) Thou compassest 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 LORD, thou knowest it altogether.
- (5) Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine 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 hell, 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.

# King James Paraphrase

(8) The LORD {Jehovah} will perfect that which concerns me: Your mercy, O LORD {Jehovah}, endures forever: Do not forsake the works of Your own hands.

# Chapter 139

# To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) O LORD {Jehovah}, You have searched me, and known *me*.
- (2) You know my sitting down and my rising up, You understand my thoughts from afar.
- (3) You encircle my path and my lying down, and are acquainted *with* all my ways.
- (4) Because *there* is not a word in my tongue, but, indeed, O LORD {Jehovah}, You know it altogether.
- (5) You have protected me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me.
- (6) *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot understand it.
- (7) Where will I go from Your Spirit? or where will I flee from Your presence?
- (8) If I ascend up into heaven, You are there: if I make my bed in hell, indeed, You are there.
- (9) *If* I take the wings of the morning, *and* live in the deepest parts of the sea:
- (10) Even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will hold me.

## King James 1769 Version

- (11) If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.
- (12) Yea, 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 hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
- (14) I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.
- (15) My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
- (16) Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.
- (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) Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.
- (20) For they speak against thee wickedly, *and* thine enemies take *thy name* in vain.
- (21) Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

- King James Paraphrase
- (11) If I say, Surely the darkness will cover me; even the night will be light about me.
- (12) Yes, the darkness does not hide from You; but the night shines as the day: the darkness and the light *are* both alike *to You*.
- (13) Because You have possessed my inward parts: You have covered me in my mother's womb.
- (14) I will praise You; because I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are Your works; and that my soul knows right well.
- (15) My substance was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
- (16) Your eyes saw my life, while I was still undeveloped in the womb; and in Your book all *parts of my body* were written, before any of them came to be, *which* in time were formed.
- (17) How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! how great is their sum!
- (18) *If* I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with You.
- (19) Surely You will kill the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, you bloody men.
- (20) Because they speak against You wickedly, *and* Your enemies take *Your Name* in vain.
- (21) Do I not hate them, O LORD {Jehovah}, who hate You? and am I not grieved with those who rise up against You?

### King James 1769 Version

- (22) I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.
- (23) Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
- (24) And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

### Chapter 140

# To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

- (1) Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;
- (2) Which imagine mischiefs in *their* heart; continually are they gathered together *for* war.
- (3) They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison *is* under their lips. Selah. (4) Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.
- (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.
- (6) I said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.
- (7) O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

# King James Paraphrase

- (22) I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them as my enemies.
- (23) Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
- (24) And see if *there is any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

# Chapter 140

# To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) Deliver me, O LORD {Jehovah}, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;
- (2) Who imagine mischief in *their* heart; continually they are gathered together *for* war.
- (3) They have sharpened their tongues like a snake; snakes' poison *is* under their lips. Selah {musical pause}.<sup>a</sup>
- (4) Keep me, O LORD {Jehovah}, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have determined to overthrow me
- (5) The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set snares for me. Selah {musical pause}.
- (6) I said to the LORD {Jehovah}, You *are* my God: hear the voice of my requests, O LORD {Jehovah}.
- (7) O GOD {Jehovah} the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle.

140:3a - Selah (סלה) - musical pause

### King James 1769 Version

- (8) Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked 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 deep pits, that they rise not up again.
- (11) Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow *him*.
- (12) I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, *and* the right of the poor.
- (13) Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

### Chapter 141 A Psalm of David.

- (1) LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.
- (2) Let my prayer be set forth before thee *as* incense; *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.
- (3) Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.
- (4) Incline not my heart to *any* evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

# King James Paraphrase

- (8) Do not grant the desires of the wicked, O LORD {Jehovah}: do not further his wicked devices {plans}; *lest* they exalt themselves. Selah {musical pause}.
- (9) As for the head of those who encircle me all around, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.
- (10) Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they do not rise up again.
- (11) Do not let one who speaks evil be established in the earth: evil will hunt the violent man to overthrow *him*.
- (12) I know that the LORD {Jehovah} will maintain the cause of the afflicted, *and* the right of the poor.
- (13) Surely the righteous will give thanks to Your Name: the upright will live in Your presence.

# Chapter 141 A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) LORD {Jehovah}, I cry to You: come quickly to me; listen to my voice, when I cry to You.
- (2) Let my prayer be set forth before You as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
- (3) Set a watch, O LORD {Jehovah}, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.
- (4) Do not let my heart lean towards *any* evil thing, to practice wicked works with men who work sin: and do not let me eat of their dainties.

#### King James 1769 Version

- (5) Let the righteous smite me; *it* shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; *it* shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.
- (6) When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.
- (7) Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth *wood* upon the earth.
- (8) But mine eyes *are* unto thee, O GOD the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.
- (9) Keep me from the snares *which* they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.
- (10) Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

# Chapter 142 Maschil of David; A Prayer when he was in the cave.

- (1) I cried unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.
- (2) I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.
- (3) When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.
- (4) I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but *there was* no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

## King James Paraphrase

- (5) Let the righteous strike me; it will be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it will be an excellent oil, which will not break my head: because yet my prayer also will be in their calamities.
- (6) When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they will hear my words; because they are sweet.
- (7) Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cuts and splits *wood* upon the earth.
- (8) But my eyes *are* towards You, O GOD {Jehovah} the Lord: my trust is in You; do not leave my soul destitute.
- (9) Keep me from the snares *which* they have laid for me, and the snares of those who do works of sin.
- (10) Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I escape.

# Chapter 142

# Instruction<sup>a</sup> of David; A Prayer when he was in the cave.

- (1) I cried to the LORD {Jehovah} with my voice; with my voice to the LORD {Jehovah} I made my request.
- (2) I poured out my complaint before Him; I showed Him my trouble.
- (3) When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then You knew my path. In the way in which I walked they have secretly laid a snare for me.
- (4) I looked on *my* right hand, and indeed, *there was* no man who would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

142:0a - Maschil {משביל} - instruction - a poem or song that teaches. There are twelve Psalms of instruction: Ps. 32; 42; 44; 45; 52; 53; 54; 55; 74; 88; 89; 142

# King James 1769 Version

- (5) I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my refuge *and* 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
- (7) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

## Chapter 143 A Psalm of David.

- (1) Hear my prayer, O LORD, 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 shall no man living be justified.
- (3) For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.
- (4) Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.
- (5) I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.
- (6) I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.
- (7) Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

King James Paraphrase

- (5) I cried to You, O LORD {Jehovah}: I said, You *are* my refuge *and* my portion in the land of the living.
- (6) Attend to my cry; because I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; because they are stronger than I.
- (7) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Your Name: the righteous will encircle me all around; because You will deal bountifully with me.

# Chapter 143 A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) Hear my prayer, O LORD {Jehovah}, listen to my requests: in Your faithfulness answer me, *and* in Your righteousness.
- (2) And do not enter into judgment with Your servant: because in Your sight no man living shall be justified.
- (3) Because the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has stricken my life down to the ground; he has caused me to live in darkness, as those who have long been dead.
- (4) Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.
- (5) I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I consider the works of Your hands.
- (6) I stretch forth my hands to You: my soul *thirsts* after You, as a thirsty land. Selah {musical pause}.<sup>a</sup>
- (7) Hear me speedily, O LORD {Jehovah}: my spirit fails: do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit.

143:6a - Selah (סלה) - musical pause

## King James 1769 Version

- (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 LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.
- (10) Teach me to do thy will; for thou *art* my God: thy spirit *is* good; lead me into the land of uprightness.
- (11) Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
- (12) And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I *am* thy servant.

# Chapter 144 A Psalm of David.

- (1) Blessed *be* the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, *and* my fingers to fight:
- (2) My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and *he* in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.
- (3) LORD, 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 vanity: his days *are* as a shadow that passeth away.
- (5) Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

### King James Paraphrase

- (8) Cause me to hear Your loving kindness in the morning; because in You I trust: cause me to know the way in which I should walk; because I lift up my soul to You.
- (9) Deliver me, O LORD {Jehovah}, from my enemies: I flee to You to hide me.
- (10) Teach me to do Your will; because You *are* my God: Your Spirit *is* good; lead me into the land of uprightness.
- (11) Cause me to live, O LORD {Jehovah}, for Your Name's sake: for Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
- (12) And of Your mercy cut off my enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul: because I am Your servant.

# Chapter 144 A Psalm {song} of David.

- (1) Blessed *is* the LORD {Jehovah} my strength, Who teaches my hands to war, *and* my fingers to fight:
- (2) My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and *He* in Whom I trust; Who subdues my people under me.
- (3) LORD {Jehovah}, what *is* man, that You take knowledge of him! *or* the son of man, that You take account of him!
- (4) Man is like vanity: his days *are* as a shadow that passes away.
- (5) Bow Your heavens,<sup>a</sup> O LORD {Jehovah}, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

144:5a - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

# King James 1769 Version

- (6) Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.
- (7) Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;
- (8) Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.
- (9) I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.
- (10) *It is he* that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.
- (11) Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood:
- (12) That our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth; *that* our daughters *may be* as corner stones, polished *after* the similitude of a palace:
- (13) *That* our garners *may be* full, affording all manner of store: *that* our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:
- (14) That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.
- (15) Happy *is that* people, that is in such a case: *yea*, happy *is that* people, whose God *is* the LORD.

- King James Paraphrase
- (6) Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out Your arrows, and destroy them.
- (7) Send Your hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children:
- (8) Whose mouth speak vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- (9) I will sing a new song to You, O God: upon a psaltery {lyre} and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises to You.
- (10) *It is He* Who gives salvation to kings: who delivers David His servant from the hurtful sword.
- (11) Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaks vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood:
- (12) That our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth; *that* our daughters *may be* as corner stones, polished *after* the appearance of a palace:
- (13) That our barns may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:
- (14) That our oxen may be strong to labor; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.
- (15) Happy *is that* people, in which is such a case: *yes*, happy *are the* people, whose God *is* the LORD {Jehovah}.

King James 1769 Version

## Chapter 145 David's *Psalm* of praise.

# (1) 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* the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness *is* unsearchable.
- (4) One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.
- (5) I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.
- (6) And *men* shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.
- (7) They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.
- (8) The LORD *is* gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.
- (9) The LORD *is* good to all: and his tender mercies *are* over all his works.
- (10) All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; 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 glorious majesty of his kingdom.

King James Paraphrase

# Chapter 145

## David's *Psalm* {song} of praise.

- (1) I will praise You, my God, O king; and I will bless Your Name forever and ever.
- (2) Every day I will bless You; and I will praise Your Name forever and ever.
- (3) Great *is* the LORD {Jehovah}, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness *is* unsearchable.
- (4) One generation will praise Your works to another, and will declare Your mighty acts.
- (5) I will speak of the glorious honor of Your majesty, and of Your wondrous works.
- (6) And *men* will speak of the might of Your terrible acts: and I will declare Your greatness.
- (7) They will abundantly speak the memory of Your great goodness, and will sing of Your righteousness.
- (8) The LORD {Jehovah} is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.
- (9) The LORD {Jehovah} is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works.
- (10) All Your works will praise You, O LORD {Jehovah}; and Your saints will bless You.
- (11) They will speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power:
- (12) To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

## King James 1769 Version

- (13) Thy kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.
- (14) The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all *those that be* bowed down.
- (15) The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
- (16) Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
- (17) The LORD *is* righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.
- (18) The LORD *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.
- (19) He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.
- (20) The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.
- (21) My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

# Chapter 146

- (1) Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.
- (2) While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
- (3) Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there* is no help.

# King James Paraphrase

- (13) Your kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and Your kingdom *endures* throughout all generations.
- (14) The LORD {Jehovah} upholds all who fall, and raises up all *those who* are bowed down.
- (15) The eyes of all wait upon You; and You give them their food in due season.
- (16) You open Your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- (17) The LORD {Jehovah} is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works.
- (18) The LORD {Jehovah} is near to all those who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.
- (19) He will fulfill the desire of those who fear {revere} Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them.
- (20) The LORD {Jehovah} preserves all those who love Him: but all the wicked He will destroy.
- (21) My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD {Jehovah}: and let all flesh bless His holy Name forever and ever.

#### Chapter 146

- (1) Praise the LORD {Jehovah}. Praise the LORD {Jehovah}, O my soul.
- (2) While I live I will praise the LORD {Jehovah}: I will sing praises to my God while I have any being.
- (3) Do not put your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there* is no help.

## King James 1769 Version

- (4) His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.
- (5) Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God:
- (6) Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is:* which keepeth truth for ever:
- (7) Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:
- (8) The LORD openeth *the eyes of* the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:
- (9) The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.
- (10) The LORD shall reign for ever, *even* thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

## Chapter 147

- (1) Praise ye the LORD: for *it is* good to sing praises unto our God; for *it is* pleasant; *and* praise is comely.
- (2) The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.
- (3) He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.
- (4) He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by *their* names.

# King James Paraphrase

- (4) His breath goes forth, he returns to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.
- (5) Happy *is he who has* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD {Jehovah} his God:
- (6) Who made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that is in it: Who keeps truth forever:
- (7) Who executes judgment for the oppressed: Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD {Jehovah} sets the prisoners free:
- (8) The LORD {Jehovah} opens the eyes of the blind: the LORD {Jehovah} raises those who are bowed down: the LORD {Jehovah} loves the righteous:
- (9) The LORD {Jehovah} preserves the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked He turns upside down.
- (10) The LORD {Jehovah} will reign forever, *even* Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD {Jehovah}.

### Chapter 147

- (1) Praise the LORD {Jehovah}: because *it is* good to sing praises to our God; because *it is* pleasant; *and* praise is beautiful.
- (2) The LORD {Jehovah} builds up Jerusalem: He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.
- (3) He heals the broken in heart, and binds up their wounds.
- (4) He tells the number of the stars; He calls them all by *their* names.

## King James 1769 Version

- (5) Great *is* our Lord, and of great power: his understanding *is* infinite.
- (6) The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.
- (7) Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:
- (8) Who covereth the heaven 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 not pleasure in the legs of a man.
- (11) The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.
- (12) Praise the LORD, 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 peace *in* thy borders, *and* filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
- (15) He sendeth forth 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?

# King James Paraphrase

- (5) Great *is* our Lord, and of great power: His understanding *is* infinite.
- (6) The LORD {Jehovah} lifts up the humble: He casts the wicked down to the ground.
- (7) Sing to the LORD {Jehovah} with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp to our God:
- (8) Who covers the heaven with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who causes grass to grow upon the mountains.
- (9) He gives to the wild animal his food, *and* to the young ravens which cry.
- (10) He does not delight in the strength of the horse: He does not take pleasure in the legs of a man.
- (11) The LORD {Jehovah} takes pleasure in those who fear {revere} Him, in those who hope in His mercy.
- (12) Praise the LORD {Jehovah}, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion.
- (13) Because He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your children within you.
- (14) He makes peace *in* your borders, *and* fills you with the finest of the wheat.
- (15) He sends forth His commandment *upon* earth: His word runs very swiftly.
- (16) He gives snow like wool: He scatters the frost like ashes.
- (17) He casts forth His ice like morsels: who can stand before His cold?

#### King James 1769 Version

- (18) He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.
- (19) He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.
- (20) He hath not dealt so with any nation: and *as for his* judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

# Chapter 148

- (1) Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.
- (2) Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.
- (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 *be* above the heavens.
- (5) Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.
- (6) He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.
- (7) Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:
- (8) Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:
- (9) Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:
- (10) Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:
- (11) Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

## King James Paraphrase

- (18) He sends out His word, and melts them: He causes His wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.
- (19) He shows His word to Jacob, His laws and His judgments to Israel.
- (20) He has not dealt so with any nation: and *as for His* judgments, they have not known them. Praise the LORD {Jehovah}.

## Chapter 148

- (1) Praise the LORD {Jehovah}. Praise the LORD {Jehovah} from the heavens: a praise Him in the heights.
- (2) Praise Him, all His angels: praise Him, all His hosts {armies; multitudes}.
- (3) Praise Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all you stars of light.
- (4) Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters that *are* above the heavens.
- (5) Let them praise the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}: because He commanded, and they were created.
- (6) He has also established them forever and ever: He has made a decree which will not pass.
- (7) Praise the LORD {Jehovah} from the earth, you dragons, 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; crawling things, and flying birds:
- (11) Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

148:1a - heavens - see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

148:7a – dragons – Job 26:13; 30:29; Ps. 44:19; 74:13; 91:13; 148:7; Is. 27:1

## King James 1769 Version

- (12) Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:
- (13) Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory *is* above the earth and heaven.
- (14) He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; *even* of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

# Chapter 149

- (1) Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise in the congregation of 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 the timbrel and harp.
- (4) For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.
- (5) Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.
- (6) Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand:
- (7) To execute vengeance upon the heathen, *and* punishments upon the people;
- (8) To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

# King James Paraphrase

- (12) Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:
- (13) Let them praise the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}: because His Name alone is excellent; His glory *is* above the earth and heaven.
- (14) He also exalts the kingdom of His people, the praise of all His saints; *even* of the children of Israel, a people near to Him. Praise the LORD {Jehovah}.

## Chapter 149

- (1) Praise the LORD {Jehovah}. Sing to the LORD {Jehovah} a new song, and His praise in the congregation of saints.
- (2) Let Israel rejoice in Him Who 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 to Him with the tambourine and harp. (4) Because the LORD {Jehovah} takes pleasure in His people: He will beautify the humble with salvation.
- (5) Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.
- (6) Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- (7) To execute vengeance upon the heathen {ungodly}, *and* punishments upon the people;
- (8) To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

## King James 1769 Version

(9) To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

### Chapter 150

- (1) Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.
- (2) Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
- (3) Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.
- (4) Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
- (5) Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.
- (6) Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

King James Paraphrase

(9) To execute upon them the judgment written: all His saints have this honor. Praise the LORD {Jehovah}.

#### Chapter 150

- (1) Praise the LORD {Jehovah}. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament {crystal dome; sky}<sup>a</sup> of His power.
- (2) Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.
- (3) Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with the psaltery {lyre} and harp.<sup>b</sup>
- (4) Praise Him with the tambourine and dance: praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.
- (5) Praise Him with the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals.
- (6) Let everything that has breath praise the LORD {Jehovah}. Praise the LORD {Jehovah}.

150:1a – firmament – crystal dome – protective dome over the earth; sky - see note on Genesis 1:6 150:3b – Ps. 33:2