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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^a 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.

(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* Your 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

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

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 {סֶלָה} - musical pause – the Psalms {songs} were written to be sung to music

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(3) But You, O LORD {Jehovah}, *are* a shield for me; my glory, and One Who lifts up my head.

(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,^a 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}.^b

(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}.

(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}^c 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 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.

4:0a - on Neginoth {בנגינות} - upon stringed instruments

4:2b - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

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

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

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(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.

(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 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.

(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.

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

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Chapter 7

A Rambling poem {song}^a 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:)

(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}.^b

(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.

(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.

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

7:5b - Selah {סֶלָה} - musical pause

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Chapter 8

To the chief Musician upon the Harp,^a 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.^b

(2) Out of the mouth of babes and nursing children You have ordained strength {praise}^c 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.

(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 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.

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 - 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

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

9:0a - upon Muthlabben {עלמית לבן} - *to the tune of 'Dying For The Son'* - probably a popular song in David's day - or possibly some unknown musical instrument

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(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.

(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.

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

9:16c - Selah {סֵלָה} - musical pause

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(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?

(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 A Psalm {song} of David.

(1) Help, LORD {Jehovah}; because the godly man ceases; because the faithful fail from among the children of men.

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

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(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?

(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.

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.^a

(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.

14:3a – Rom. 3:10-11

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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.

(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}^a 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^b also instructs me in the night seasons.

(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.^c

(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.

15:5a - usury - neshek {נשך} – interest – see Neh. 5:11

16:0a - Michtam {מכתם} - engraving, poem, song– Ps. 16:0; 56:0; 57:0; 58:0; 59:0; 60:0

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

16:10c – Acts 2:27; Acts 13:35

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(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*.

(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.

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.

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(8) There went up a smoke out of His nostrils, and fire out of His mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.
(9) He bowed the heavens^a 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 discomfited 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.
(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.

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

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(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.

(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.

(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^a declare the glory of God; and the firmament {crystal dome, universe} shows His handy work.^b

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

19:1b - Amos 9:6; Gen. 1:6 – see Witness of the Stars by E.W. Bullinger

and “The Heavens Declare the Glory of God -- God's Plan of Redemption in the Stars” at www.TheWordNotes.com

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(2) Day to day speaks words, and night to night shows knowledge.

(3) *There is* no speech nor language, *where* their voice^b 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.

(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* more 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.

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}.^a

(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.

19:3b – see “[Musical Planets](http://www.TheWordNotes.com)” by Dr, Larry Mitcham at www.TheWordNotes.com

20:3a - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

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(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!

(2) You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah {musical pause}.^a

(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.

(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 A Psalm {song} of David.

(1) My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?^b *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.

21:2a - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

22:0a - upon Aijelet Shohar {על אילת השחר} - 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

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(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.^c

(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:^e they 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.^g

(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.

22:8c – Mat. 27:43

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

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(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*.

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.

(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}.^a

(7) Lift up your heads, O you gates; and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory will come in.

24:6a - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

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(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.

(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.

(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.

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(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};
(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 fell.
(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.
(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.

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(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}.

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.

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.

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(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.^a

(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.

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.^a

(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?

29:6a – unicorn – Job 39:9,10; Ps. 22:21; Ps. 92:10– see Num. 23:22
30:3a – pit - abyss

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(10) Hear, O LORD {Jehovah}, and have mercy upon me: LORD {Jehovah}, You be my helper.

(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:^a 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.

(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.

31:5a – Luke 23:46

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(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.^a

(1) Blessed is *he* whose evil deed is forgiven, *whose* sin is covered.^b

(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.

(4) Because day and night Your hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah {musical pause}.^c

(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.

32:0a - 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

32:4c - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

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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.^a

(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^b were made; and all their hosts {armies; multitude} by the breath of His mouth.^c

(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.

(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.

33:2a – Ps. 150:3

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

33:6c – Gen. 1

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Chapter 34

A Psalm {song} of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech;^a 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*.

- (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.

34:0a – I Sam. 21:13

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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?

(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*.

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(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.

(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;^a *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

{19} Psalms

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;^a and will delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

(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.

37:11a- Mat. 5:5

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(23) The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD {Jehovah}: and He delights in his way.

(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.

(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.

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(7) Because my body is filled with a terrible *disease*: and *there is* no soundness in my flesh.

(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.

(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}.^a

(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

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(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}.

(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.

(13) Be pleased, O LORD {Jehovah}, to deliver me: O LORD {Jehovah}, come quickly to help me.

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(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.

(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,^a for the sons of Korah.^b

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

(2) My soul thirsts for God, for the living God: when will I come and appear before God?

42:0 - 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

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

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(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?

(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.

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Chapter 44

To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah,^a Instruction.^b

(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.

(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,^d 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.

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44:8c - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

44:19d – dragons – Job 26:13; 30:29; Ps. 44:19; 74:13; 91:13; 148:8; Is. 27:1

{19} Psalms

(22) Yes, for Your sake we are killed all the day long;^e 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.

(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.

(15) With gladness and rejoicing they will be brought: they will enter into the King's palace.

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)

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

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(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,^a A Song 'For the Virgins'.^b

(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}.^c

(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.

(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.^a

(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.

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 [Appendix H: Does Isaiah 7:14 Refer to a virgin? – Yes!!!](#)

46:3c - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

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)

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(4) He will choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom He loved. Selah {musical pause}.^b
(5) God has gone up with a shout, the LORD {Jehovah} with the sound of a trumpet.^c
(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 {song} for the sons of Korah.^a

(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.
(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.

47:4b - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

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

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)

48:8b - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

{19} Psalms

Chapter 49

To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} for the sons of Korah.^a

(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.

(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}^b 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}.^c

(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;

(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.

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

49:10b - brutish - beastly, animal-like, crude - ungodly

49:13c - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

{19} Psalms

(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^a 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}.^b

(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.

(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.

(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.^a

(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.

50:4a – heavens – see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

50:6b - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

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

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(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,^b 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.

(9) Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my unrighteous deeds.

(10) Create^c 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.

Chapter 52

**To the chief Musician, Instruction,^a
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.^b**

(1) Why do you boast yourself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God *endures* continually.

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

51:10c – Create -- bara {ברא} -- the word to create 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]

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

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(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}.^c
(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.

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.^c
(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.

52:3c - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

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

{19} Psalms

Chapter 54

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

- (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}.^d
- (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,^a Instruction,^b 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;
- (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}.^c

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

54:3d - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

55:0a - on Neginoth {בנגינות} - upon stringed instruments

55:0b - 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

55:7c - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

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(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.
 (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,^d 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.

Chapter 56

To the chief Musician to the tune of `On the Silent Dove far off.',^a Poem {song}^b 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.

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

56:0a - Jonathelemrechokim {על יינת אלם רחקים} - *to the tune of `On the Silent Dove far off.'* - possibly a popular song in David's day

56:0b - Michtam {מכתם} - engraving, poem, song– Ps. 16:0; 56:0; 57:0; 58:0; 59:0; 60:0

56:0c - I Sam. 21:10-15

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(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.
(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}^b 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 תשחית} - 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; 57:0; 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

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(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}^b 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}.
(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.

58:0a - Altaschith {אל תשחית} - to the tune of "Do Not Destroy" - possibly a popular tune in David's day

58:0b - Michtam {מכתם} - engraving, poem, song— Ps. 16:0; 56:0; 57:0; 58:0; 59:0; 60:0

{19} Psalms

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.

(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}.^c

(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.

(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.

59:0a - Altaschith {אל תשחית} - 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

59:5c - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

{19} Psalms

Chapter 60

To the chief Musician *to the tune "Lily of the Promise",^a Poem {song}^b of David, to teach; when he strove with Syria of the two Rivers {Tigris and Euphrates}^c 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.

(4) You have given a banner to those who fear {revere} You, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah {musical pause}.^f

(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.

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; 60:0

60:0c - Aram-naharaim {ארם נהרים} - Syria of the two Rivers {Tigris and Euphrates}

60:0d - 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

60:4f - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

{19} Psalms

Chapter 61

To the chief Musician upon Stringed Instruments,^a 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.
(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}.^b
(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}.^a

(5) My soul, wait only upon God; because my hope *is* from Him.

(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.

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

61:4b - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

62:4a - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

{19} Psalms

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.
- (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?
- (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.

{19} Psalms

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:
- (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 furthestmost 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.
- (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}.^a
- (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.^b
- (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.

66:4a - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

66:6b - Ex. 14:21

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(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.

(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}.^b

(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.

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^a by His Name JAH {Jehovah},^b and rejoice before Him.

(5) A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, *is* God in His holy house.

67:0a - upon Neginoth {על גינות} - stringed instruments

67:1b - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

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

68:4b - JAH - short for Jehovah

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(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}:^c

(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.

(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;^d 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.

(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.

68:7c - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

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

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(29) Because of Your temple at Jerusalem kings will bring presents to You.

(30) Rebuke the company of spear-men, 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.

(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 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.

(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.^b**

(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.

69:0a - upon Shoshannim {על שושנים} - set to the tune of 'Concerning the Lilies'

- probably a popular song in David's day

69:9b - John 2:17

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(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.

(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.*^c

(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.

(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.

69:21c – Mat. 27:34,48; John 19:29

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(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.

(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.

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(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.

(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.

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(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!
(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.
(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.

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(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.

(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.

(9) They set their mouth against the heavens,^a 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;

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

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(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.

(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^a 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.

(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?

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

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(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^b in the waters.

(14) You broke the heads of leviathan^c 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.

(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 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}.^b

(4) I said to the fools, Do not deal foolishly: and to the wicked, Do not lift up the horn {cup}:^c

(5) Do not exalt {boast of} 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.

74:13b – dragons – Job 26:13; 30:29; Ps. 44:19; 74:13; 91:13; 148:8; Is. 27:1

74:14c - leviathan {לִיָּאָן} - unknown animal [name is transliterated from Hebrew] - see: Possible Dinosaurs in the Bible at www.TheWordNotes.com – Job 26:13; 41:1; Is. 27:1

75:0a - Altaschith {אֶלְתַּשְׁחִית} - *to the tune of "Do Not Destroy"* - possibly a popular tune in David's day

75:3b - Selah {סֵלָה} - musical pause

75:4c – do not lift up the horn {cup; flask} – don't boast with arrogance

{19} Psalms

(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 Instruments,^a 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}.^b

(4) You *are* more glorious *and* excellent than the mountains of prey.

(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.

(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}.^a

(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.

(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?

76:0a - upon Neginoth {על נגינת} - stringed instruments

76:3b - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

77:3a - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

{19} Psalms

(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.

(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^a 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:^b

(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:

(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.

78:0a - Maschil {משכיל} – 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

{19} Psalms

(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.^c
(14) In the daytime also He led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.^d
(15) He split the rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink as *out of* the great depths.^e
(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?^f
(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.^g
(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:^h
(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.

78:13c – Ex. 14:21-22
78:14d – Ex. 13:21
78:15e – Ex. 17:3-6
78:19f – Ex. 16:3
78:24g – Ex. 16:14-15
78:27h – Ex. 16:13

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(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:

(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.ⁱ
(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.^j
(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:^k
(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.
(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.

78:45i – Ex. 8:6,21
78:47j – Ex. 9:18
78:51k – Ex. 11:5

{19} Psalms

(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,¹ 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.

(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:^m

(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?

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

78:70m – II Sam. 7:8

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(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.

Chapter 80

To the chief Musician *set to the tune of 'Concerning the Lilies'*,^a 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.

80:0a - upon Shoshannimeduth {אל שושנים עדות} - *set to the tune of 'Concerning the Lilies'* - 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

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(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.
(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 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}.
(3) Blow the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

80:0a - upon Shoshannimeduth {אל ששנים עדות} - *set to the tune of*'Concerning the Lilies' - 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
81:0a - upon Gittith {על הגתית} - Harp - as with other titles whether this is actually a harp or title of a song is unclear

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(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!

(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*;^b 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.

81:7b - - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

82:2a - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

{19} Psalms

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}.^a

(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.

(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,^a A Psalm {song} for the sons of Korah.^b

(1) How loved *are* Your tabernacles, O LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies}!

82:6b – Jn. 10:34

83:8a- Selah {סלה} - musical pause

84:0a - upon Gittith {על הגתית} - 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

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(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}.^c
(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.^a

(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}.^b
(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?

84:4c - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

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

{19} Psalms

(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.

(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.

(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.

{19} Psalms

(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.^a

(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}.^b

(4) I will make mention of Rahab^c 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.

(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,^a to the chief Musician set to the tune of 'On a Sickness',^b Instruction^c 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

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)

87:3b - Selah {סֵלָה} - musical pause

87:4c - Rahab {רַהַב} - the proud one - a reference to pharaoh of Egypt

88:0a – 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)

88:0b - upon Mahalath {עַל מַחֲלַת} - *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 {מַשְׁכִּיל} - 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 {סֵלָה} - musical pause

{19} Psalms

(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.

Chapter 89

Instruction^a 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.^b

(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?

89:0a - 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

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

89:4c - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

{19} Psalms

(9) You rule the raging of the sea: when its waves arise, You still them.

(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}^e 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.*

(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.*

89:10d - Rahab {רַחַב} - 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

{19} Psalms

(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.

(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}.

(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.**

{19} Psalms

(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.

(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.

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.

{19} Psalms

(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.^a

(13) You will tread upon the lion and snake: the young lion and the dragon^b 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:*

(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:^b 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.*

91:12a – Mat. 4:6; Lk. 4:10-11

91:13b – dragons – Job 26:13; 30:29; Ps. 44:19; 74:13; 91:13; 148:8; Is. 27:1

92:6a - brutish - beastly, animal-like, crude – ungodly

92:10b – unicorn – Job 39:9,10; Ps. 22:21 – See note on Num. 23:22

{19} Psalms

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.

(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?

(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.

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

{19} Psalms

(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.

(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.*

(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.^a

(6) Honor and majesty *are* before Him: strength and beauty *are* in His sanctuary.

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

{19} Psalms

(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.

(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^a declare His righteousness, and all the people see His glory.

(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.

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

{19} Psalms

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.

(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;^a 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.

(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.

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

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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.

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.
- (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.

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(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.

(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^a *are* the work of Your hands.

(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, *ble*ss His holy Name.

(2) Bless the LORD {Jehovah}, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits:

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

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(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.
(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;^a 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.
(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^a 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:

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

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

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(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.
(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.
(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.

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(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}.

(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:*

(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.

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(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.

(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.

(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;

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(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.^a

(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.^b

(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.

(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.^c

(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.^d

(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

106:9a – Ex. 14:21-22

106:11b – Ex. 14:27-28

106:17c – Num. 16:1-32

106:19d – Ex. 32:1-4

106:28e – Num. 25:3

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(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.^f

(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:^g

(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.

(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;

106:30f – Num. 25:7

106:32g – Ex. 17:1-7

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(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.

(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.
(27) They reel back and forth, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.

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(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.

(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:^a 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.

(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.

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

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(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.
(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.
(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.

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(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.

(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.*^a

(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.*^b

(5) The Lord at Your right hand will strike through kings in the day of His wrath {anger; judgment}.

(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.

110:1a – Mat. 22:44

110:4b – Heb. 5:6

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(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.

(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.

(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.

111:10a – Prov. 1:7

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(4) The LORD {Jehovah} *is* high above all nations, *and* His glory above the heavens.^a

(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}.

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:^a 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:

(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.

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

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

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(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.

(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?

(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}.

{19} Psalms

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.

(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.

(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.^a

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

{19} Psalms

(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}.

(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 {א}.^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.

(9) BETH {ב}.^b 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 {ג}.^c 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.

119:1a - ALEPH {א} – first letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Psalms 119 is divided into twenty-two sections – one for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet. – Each section contains 8 verses – see Use of Numbers in Scripture at www.thewordnotes.com

119:9b - BETH {ב}. Second letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:17c - GIMEL {ג}. Third letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

{19} Psalms

(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.
(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 {ד}.^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 {ה}.^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.
(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 {ו}.^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.

119:25d - DALETH {ד}. Fourth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:33e - HE {ה}. Fifth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:41f - VAU {ו}. Sixth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

{19} Psalms

(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.

(49) ZAIN {ז}.^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 {ח}.^h *You are* my portion, O LORD {Jehovah}: 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.

(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 {ט}.ⁱ 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.

119:49g - ZAIN {ז}. Seventh letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:57h - CHETH {ח}. Eighth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:65i - TETH {ט}. Ninth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

{19} Psalms

(73) JOD {י}.^j 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.

(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 {כ}.^k 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, which *are* not according to Your law.

(86) All Your commandments *are* faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help me.

(87) They had almost consumed me upon the earth; but I have not forsaken Your precepts.

(88) Make me alive after Your loving kindness; so I will keep the testimony of Your mouth.

(89) LAMED {ל}.^l 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.

119:73j - JOD {י}. Tenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:81k - CAPH {כ}. Eleventh letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:89l - LAMED {ל}. Twelfth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

{19} Psalms

(97) MEM {מ}.^m 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.
(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 {נ}.ⁿ 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.
(113) SAMECH {ס}.^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 {ע}.^p 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.

119:97m - MEM {מ}. Thirteenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:105n - NUN {נ}. Fourteenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:113o - SAMECH {ס}. Fifteenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet

119:121p - AIN {ע}. Sixteenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

{19} Psalms

(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.

(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 {פ}.^q 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 {צ}.^r Righteous *are* You, O LORD {Jehovah}, and upright *are* Your judgments.

(138) Your testimonies *that* You have commanded *are* righteous and very faithful.

(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 {כ}.^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.

119:129q - PE {פ}. Seventeenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:137r - TZADDI {צ}. Eighteenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:145s - KOPH {כ}. Nineteenth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

{19} Psalms

(151) You *are* near, O LORD {Jehovah}; and all Your commandments *are* truth.

(152) Concerning Your testimonies, I have known of old that You have founded them forever.

(153) RESH {ר}.^t Consider my affliction, and deliver me: because I do not forget Your law.

(154) Plead my cause, and deliver me: make me alive 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 {ש}.^u 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.

(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 {ת}.^v 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.

119:153t – RESH {ר}. Twentieth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

119:161u - SCHIN {ש}. Twenty-first letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

119:169v - TAU {ת}. Twenty-second letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

{19} Psalms

Chapter 120

**A Song of degrees
{Encouragement}.^a**

- (1) In my distress I cried to the LORD {Jehovah}, and He heard me.
- (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.^b
- (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.

(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.

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

{19} Psalms

Chapter 123

A Song of degrees {Encouragement}.

(1) To You I lift up my eyes, O You Who live in the heavens.^a

(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.

(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.

(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.

123:1a – heavens – see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

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- (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}^a 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.
- (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.

(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.

127:0a - Song of Degrees - hamaloth {המעלות} - literally "the elevation" - the going to a "higher" place; "the ascending"; "the uplifting"; encouragement

{19} Psalms

(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.

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.
- (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.

{19} Psalms

(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.**

Chapter 133

A Song of degrees {Encouragement}^a 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:^b 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,

(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.

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

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(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.^a

(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.

(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:^a because His mercy *endures* forever.

(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:

135:8a – Ex. 12:29

136:5a – heavens – see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

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(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:^b 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:^c 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:^d 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:

(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.

136:10b – Ex. 12:29

136:13c – Ex. 14:21-22

136:15d – Ex. 14:23-28

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(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.

(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.

(11) If I say, Surely the darkness will cover me; even the night will be light about me.

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(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?

(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}.^a

(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

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(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.

(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^a 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 {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

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(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}.^a

(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.

(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!

143:6a - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

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(4) Man is like vanity: his days *are* as a shadow that passes away.

(5) Bow Your heavens,^a O LORD {Jehovah}, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

(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}.

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.

144:5a – heavens – see notes on Gen. 1:1; 1:8; 1:14

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(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.

(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.

(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.

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(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.
(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?

(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,^b 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

148:7b – dragons – Job 26:13; 30:29; Ps. 44:19; 74:13; 91:13; 148:8; Is. 27:1

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(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;

(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}^a 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.^b

(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

