

LESSON 34

Psalms 49-101

OVERVIEW:

Prophecies of the life and mission of Jesus Christ. “The Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee” (Psalm 116:7). “What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?” (Psalm 116:12) “Trust in the Lord.” (Psalm 4:5)

The book of Psalms is quoted more often by New Testament writers than any other Old Testament book – over 115 times.

Luke 24:44. And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be ^afulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in the psalms*, concerning me.

SCRIPTURES:

PSALM 49

Men cannot be ransomed or redeemed by wealth—God alone can redeem a soul from the grave—The glory of a rich man ceases with his death.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM FOR THE SONS OF KORAH.

- 1 HEAR this, all ye people; give ^aear, all ye inhabitants of the world:
- 2 Both low and high, rich and poor, together.
- 3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart *shall be* of understanding.
- 4 I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will ^aopen my dark saying upon the harp.
- 5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, *when* the iniquity of my ^aheels (*ie persecutors*) shall compass me about?
- 6 They that trust in their ^awealth, 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:
- 9 That he should still ^alive for ever, *and* (*that it ceaseth*) not (*for ever to*) see corruption.
- 8 (For the redemption of their ^asoul *is* (*through God, and*) precious, *and it ceaseth for ever*.)
- 10 For he seeth ~~that~~ wise men ^adie, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.
- 11 Their inward thought ~~is, that~~ (*of*) their houses *shall continue* for ever, *and* their dwelling places to all generations; ~~they call their~~ Lands (*they called*) after their own ^anames, *and they are honorable*.
- 12 Nevertheless man *being* in honour abideth not: he is (*also*) like the beasts *that* perish.
- 13 This (*I speak of them who walk in*) their way (*, and forsaketh the Almighty*) ~~is~~ (*in*) their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.
- 14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have ^adominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.
- 15 But God will ^aredeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall ^breceive me. Selah.
- 16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;
- 17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.
- 18 Though while he lived he ^ablessed his soul: and *men* will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.
- 19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

20 Man *that is* in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts *that* perish.

PSALM 50

Asaph speaks of the Second Coming—The Lord accepts the sacrifices of the righteous and will deliver them—Those whose conduct is right shall see the salvation of God.

A PSALM OF ASAPH.

1 THE mighty God, *even* the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Zion, the ^aperfection of ^bbeauty, God hath ^cshined.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: ^afire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

4 He shall call to the ^aheavens from above, and to the earth, that he may ^bjudge his people.

5 Gather my ^asaints together unto me; those that have made a ^bcovenant with me by ^csacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall ^adeclare his ^brighteousness: for God *is* ^cjudge himself. Selah.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I *am* ^aGod, *even* thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, *to have been* continually before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, *nor* he goats out of thy folds.

10 For every beast of the forest *is* mine, *and* the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field *are* mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the ^aworld *is* mine, and the fulness thereof.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God ^athanksgiving; and pay thy ^bvows unto the most High:

15 And ^acall upon me in the day of ^btrouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

16 But unto the wicked God saith, ^aWhat hast thou **(or what authority have you)** to do to declare my statutes, or *that* thou shouldst take my covenant in thy mouth?

17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth ^adeceit.

20 Thou sittest *and* speakest against thy brother; thou ^aslandereest thine own mother's son.

21 These *things* hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether *such an* one as thyself: *but* I will reprove thee, ^aand set **them (covenants)** in order before thine eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that ^aforget God, lest I tear *you* in pieces, and *there be* none **to (can)** deliver.

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

PSALM 51

David pleads for forgiveness after he went in to Bath-sheba—He pleads: Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN NATHAN THE PROPHET CAME UNTO HIM, AFTER HE HAD GONE IN TO BATH-SHEBA.

1 HAVE ^amercy upon me, O God, according to thy ^blovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy **tender mercies** ^cblot out my ^dtransgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and ^acleanse me from my sin.

3 For I ^aacknowledge my transgressions: and my ^bsin *is* ever before me.

4 Against thee, thee only, have I ^asinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be ^bjustified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother ^aconceive me.

6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7 Purge me with ^ahyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

10 Create in me a ^aclean heart, O God; and ^brenew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy ^apresence; and take not thy ^bholy spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be ^aconverted unto thee.

14 ^aDeliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: *and* my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

16 For thou desirest not ^asacrifice; else would I give *it*: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

17 The ^asacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a ^bcontrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 Do good in thy good ^apleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

PSALM 52

David says that wicked tongues devise mischief and trust in riches—Saints trust in mercy of God forever.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, MASCHIL, A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN DOEG THE EDMITE CAME AND TOLD SAUL, AND SAID UNTO HIM, DAVID IS COME TO THE HOUSE OF AHIMELECH.

1 WHY boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God *endureth* continually.

2 Thy ^atongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

3 Thou lovest evil more than good; *and* lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.

4 Thou lovest all devouring words, O *thou* deceitful tongue.

5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and ^apluck thee out of *thy* dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall ^alaugh at him:

7 Lo, ~~this is~~ the man ~~that~~ (who) made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, *and* strengthened himself in his wickedness.

8 But I *am* like a ^agreen olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done ~~it~~ (wonderful works): ~~and~~ I will wait on thy name; for ~~it is~~ (thou art) good before thy saints.

PSALM 53

David saith: The fool says there is no God—There is none that doeth good—Gathered Israel shall rejoice.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON MAHALATH, MASCHIL, A PSALM OF DAVID. (*Mahalath* occurs in [Psalms 53 and 88], and denotes, according to some, a sort of *flute*. . . . Upon *Mahalath Leannoth* [Psalm 88] is perhaps a direction to chant it to the instrument or tune called *mahalath*. *Institute Manual*, 310)

1 THE ^afool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. (Such are) Corrupt ~~are they~~, and (they) have done abominable iniquity: *There is* ^bnone that doeth good.

2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did seek God.

3 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; ~~there is none that doeth good, no, not one.~~

4 Have ^The workers of iniquity (have) no knowledge? ~~who~~ (they) eat up my people *as* they eat bread: they have not called upon God.

5 (There is none that doeth good, no not one.) There were they in great fear, ~~where no fear was~~: for God hath ^ascattered the bones of him that encampeth *against* ~~thee~~ (him): (O Lord,) thou hast put ~~them~~ to shame (those who have said in their hearts there was no fear,), because ~~God hath~~ (thou hast) ^bdespised (or rejected) them.

6 Oh that (Zion were come,) the salvation of Israel ~~were come~~ (for) out of Zion (shall they be judged,)! when God ^abringeth back the captivity of his people. (And) Jacob shall rejoice, ~~and~~ Israel shall be glad.

PSALM 54

David pleads for salvation and promises to serve God.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN ON NEGINOTH, MASCHIL, A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN THE ZIPHIMS CAME AND SAID TO SAUL, DOTH NOT DAVID HIDE HIMSELF WITH US?

1 SAVE me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For ^astrangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.

4 Behold, ^aGod *is* mine helper: the Lord *is* with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for *it is* good.

7 For he hath ^adelivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen *his* ^bdesire upon mine enemies.

PSALM 55

David prays morning, noon, and night—He seeks protection and help against his enemies.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN ON NEGINOTH, MASCHIL, A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 GIVE ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and ^amake (or moan) a noise;

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

4 My heart is sore ^apained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! *for then* would I fly away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, *then* would I wander far off, *and* remain in the wilderness. Selah.

8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm *and* tempest.

- 9 Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and ^astrife in the city.
- 10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow *are* in the midst of it.
- 11 Wickedness *is* in the midst thereof: deceit and ^aguile depart not from her streets.
- 12 ~~For it was not an enemy that reproached me~~(, neither he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; if so,) then I could have borne *it*: ~~neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then~~ I would have hid myself from him:
- 13 ~~But it was thou,~~ a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.
- 14 We took sweet counsel together, *and* walked unto the house of God in ^acompany. (or fellowship)
- 15 Let death seize upon them, *and* let them go down quick into ^ahell: for wickedness *is* in their dwellings, *and* among them.
- 16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.
- 17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I ^apray, and cry aloud: and he shall ^bhear my voice.
- 18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me: for there were many with me.
- 19 God shall hear, and ^aafflict (or humble) them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no ^bchanges, therefore they fear not God.
- 20 ~~He hath~~ (They have) put forth ~~his~~ (their) hands against such as be at peace with ~~him~~ (them): he hath (they have) broken ~~his~~ (the Lord's) covenant.
- 21 *The words* of ~~his~~ (their) mouth were smoother than butter, but war *was* in ~~his~~ (their) heart: ~~his~~ (Their) words were softer than oil, yet ~~were~~ they (have) drawn swords.
- 22 ^aCast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the ^brighteous to be moved.
- 23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

PSALM 56

David seeks mercy, trusts in and praises the Lord, and thanks him for deliverance.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON JONATH-ELEM-RECHOKIM, MIGHTAM OF DAVID, WHEN THE PHILISTINES TOOK HIM IN GATH. (Jeduthun is found over [Psalms 39, 62, 67], and is generally taken for the name of choristers descended from Jeduthun, of whom we read in [1 Chronicles 25:1, 3], as one of David's three chief musicians or leaders of the Temple music. This use of the name Jeduthun for Jeduthunites is perhaps like the well-known use of Israel for the Israelites. It is most probable that in [Psalm 39] Jeduthun himself is meant, and not his family. The Psalm may have been set to music by Jeduthun or set to a theme named for him. . . . Institute Manual 310)

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

12 Thy ^avows *are* upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.
13 For thou hast delivered my ^asoul from death: *wilt* not *thou deliver* my feet from falling, that I may
^bwalk before God in the light of the living?

PSALM 57

David pleads for mercy and acclaims the glory and exaltation of God.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, AL-TASCHITH, MICTAM OF DAVID, WHEN HE FLED FROM SAUL IN THE CAVE. (Al-taschith, Destroy Thou Not, is found over [Psalms 57–59, 75], and signifies, by general consent, some well-known ode beginning with the expression [compare Isaiah 65:8], to the tune of which these compositions were to be sung. Institute Manual, 310)

1 BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy ^awings will I make my refuge, until *these* calamities be overpast.

2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth *all things* for me.

3 He shall send from heaven, and save me *from* the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

4 My soul *is* among lions: *and* I lie *even among* them that are set on fire, *even* the sons of men, whose ^ateeth *are* spears and arrows, and their ^btongue a sharp ^csword.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a ^anet for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have ^bdigged a ^cpit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen *themselves*. Selah.

7 My heart is ^afixed, (or steadfast) O God, my heart is fixed: I will ^bsing and give praise.

8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.

9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

10 For thy mercy *is* great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

PSALM 58

David reproves wicked judges—They go astray and speak lies.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, AL-TASCHITH, MICTAM OF DAVID.

1 DO ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye ^ajudge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

3 The wicked are estranged from the ^awomb: they go ^bastray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

4 Their poison *is* like the poison of a serpent: *they are* like the deaf adder *that* stoppeth her ear;

5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.

6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great ^ateeth of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them melt away as waters *which* run continually: *when* he bendeth *his bow to shoot* his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

8 As a snail *which* melteth, let *every one of them* pass away: *like* the untimely birth of a woman, *that* they may not see the sun.

9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in *his* wrath.

10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he (will) shall wash his feet in the ^ablood of the wicked.

11 So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* a ^areward for the righteous: verily he is a God that ^bjudgeth in the earth.

PSALM 59

David prays to be delivered from his enemies—God rules in Jacob unto the ends of the earth.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, AL-TASCHITH, MICTAM OF DAVID; WHEN SAUL SENT, AND THEY WATCHED THE HOUSE TO KILL HIM.

- 1 DELIVER me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.
- 2 ^aDeliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from ^bbloody men. (or bloodthirsty)
- 3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not *for* my transgression, nor *for* my sin, O LORD.
- 4 They run and prepare themselves ^awithout *my* fault (or for no guilt of mine): ^bawake to help me, and behold.
- 5 Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.
- 6 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.
- 7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: ^aswords *are* in their lips: for who, *say they*, doth hear?
- 8 But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.
- 9 *Because of* his strength will I wait upon thee: for God *is* my defence.
- 10 ^aThe God of my mercy shall prevent me (Heb My God, in his lovingkindness, shall go before me): God shall let me see *my desire* upon mine enemies.
- 11 Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.
- 12 *For* the sin of their mouth *and* the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying *which* they speak.
- 13 Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them*, that they *may* not *be*: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.
- 14 And at evening let them return; *and* let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.
- 15 Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.
- 16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my ^atrouble.
- 17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God *is* my defence, *and* the God of my mercy.

PSALM 60

David says the Lord has scattered his people—The Lord places Ephraim at the head and makes Judah his lawgiver.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON SHUSHANEDUTH, MICTAM OF DAVID, TO TEACH; WHEN HE STROVE WITH ARAM-NAHARAIM AND WITH ARAM-ZOBAH, WHEN JOAB RETURNED, AND SMOTE OF EDOM IN THE VALLEY OF SALT TWELVE THOUSAND. (Shushan [Psalm 60] and in plural *shoshannim* [Psalms 45, 69, 80]. This word commonly signifies *lily*, and probably denotes either an instrument bearing some resemblance to a lily (perhaps *cymbal*), or more probably a melody so named. *Eduth* is joined to it in [Psalms 60 and 80], giving the sense *lily of testimony*, the name of a tune.” (Fallows, *Bible Encyclopedia*, s.v. “Psalms,” 3:1406–7.) Institute Manual, 310)

- 1 O GOD, thou hast cast us off, thou hast ^ascattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.
- 2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of ^aastonishment. (Heb staggering)

4 Thou hast given a ^abanner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

5 That thy ^abeloved (ie beloved people) may be ^bdelivered; save *with* thy right hand, and hear me.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of ^aSuccoth.

7 Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; Judah *is* my ^alawgiver;

8 Moab *is* my washpot; over ^aEdom will I cast out my shoe: ^bPhilistia, (or over Philistia will I triumph) triumph thou because of me.

9 Who will bring me *into* the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

10 *Wilt* not thou, O God, *which* hadst cast us off? and *thou*, O God, *which* didst not go out with our armies?

11 Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man.

12 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 61

David finds shelter in the Lord; abides in his presence; and keeps his own vows.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON NEGINAH, A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the ^arock *that* is higher than I.

3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong ^atower from the enemy.

4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

5 For thou, O God, hast heard my ^avows: thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.

6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life: *and* his years as many generations.

7 He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare ^amercy and truth, *which* may preserve him.

8 So will I sing ^apraise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

PSALM 62

David extols God as his defence, his rock, and his salvation—The Lord judges men according to their works.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, TO JEDUTHUN, A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 TRULY my soul waiteth upon God: from him *cometh* my salvation.

2 He only *is* my rock and my ^asalvation; *he is* my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall *shall ye be, and as* a tottering fence.

4 They only consult to cast *him* down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they ^acurse inwardly. Selah.

5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation *is* from him.

6 He only *is* my ^arock and my salvation: *he is* my defence; I shall not be moved.

7 In God *is* my salvation and my ^aglory: the rock of my strength, *and* my ^brefuge, *is* in God.

8 ^aTrust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

9 Surely men of low degree *are* vanity, *and* men of high degree *are* a lie: to be laid in the balance, they *are* altogether *lighter* than ^avanity.

10 Trust not in ^aoppression (or exhortation), and become not vain in robbery: if ^briches increase, set not your ^cheart upon them.

11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power *belongeth* unto God.

12 Also unto thee, O Lord, *belongeth* ^amercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his ^bwork.

PSALM 63

David thirsts for God, whom he praises with joyful lips.

A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN HE WAS IN THE WILDERNESS OF JUDAH.

1 O GOD, thou *art* my God; ^aearly will I seek thee: my soul ^bthirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and ^cthirsty land, where no water is;

2 To see thy power and thy glory, so *as* I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

3 Because thy lovingkindness *is* ^abetter than life, my lips shall praise thee.

4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my ^ahands in thy name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as *with* marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise *thee* with joyful lips:

6 When I remember thee upon my ^abed, *and* ^bmeditate on thee in the *night* watches.

7 Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

8 My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

9 But those *that* seek my soul, to destroy *it*, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

10 They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for ^afoxes. (or jackals)

11 But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

PSALM 64

David prays for safety—The righteous shall be glad in heart.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

3 Who whet their ^atongue like a sword, *and* bend *their bows to shoot* their arrows, *even* ^bbitter words:

4 That they may ^ashoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

5 They encourage themselves *in* an evil matter: they commune of laying snares ^aprivily; they say, Who shall ^bsee them?

6 They search out ^ainiquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward *thought* of every one of them, and the heart, *is* deep.

7 But God shall shoot at them *with* an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded.

8 So they shall make their own tongue to ^afall upon themselves: all that see them shall ^bflee away.

9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the ^awork of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.

10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall ^atrust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

PSALM 65

David speaks of the blessedness of God's chosen—The Lord sends rain and good things upon the earth.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM AND SONG OF DAVID.

- 1 PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.
- 2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall ^aall flesh ^bcome.
- 3 Iniquities prevail against me: *as for* our transgressions, thou shalt ^apurge them away.
- 4 *Blessed is the man whom* thou choosest, and causest to approach *unto thee, that he may dwell in thy* ^acourts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, *even* of thy holy temple.
- 5 *By* terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; *who art* the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off *upon* the sea:
- 6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; *being* girded with power:
- 7 Which ^astilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.
- 8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy ^atokens (or signs): thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
- 9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, *which* is full of water: thou preparest them ^acorn (Heb grain), when thou hast so provided for it.
- 10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the ^aspringing (or growth) thereof.
- 11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.
- 12 They drop *upon* the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.
- 13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

PSALM 66

Praise and worship the Lord—He tests and tries men—Sacrifices to be offered in his house.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A SONG OR PSALM.

- 1 MAKE ^ajoyful noise unto God, all ye lands:
- 2 Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.
- 3 Say unto God, How terrible *art thou in* thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies ^asubmit themselves unto thee.
- 4 All the earth shall ^aworship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing *to* thy name. Selah.
- 5 Come and see the works of God: *he is* terrible *in his* doing toward the children of men.
- 6 He turned the ^asea into dry *land*: they went through the ^bflood (Heb river) on foot: there did we rejoice in him.
- 7 He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.
- 8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:
- 9 Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our ^afeet to ^bbe moved. (or slip)
- 10 For thou, O God, hast ^aproved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.
- 11 Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst ^aaffliction upon our loins.
- 12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through ^awater: but thou ^bbroughtest us out into a ^cwealthy *place*. (Heb bountiful)
- 13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows,
- 14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.
- 15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.
- 16 Come *and* hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.
- 17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not ^ahear *me*:
19 *But* verily God hath heard *me*; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
20 Blessed *be* God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

PSALM 67

A Messianic Psalm—The Lord shall cause his face to shine upon men—He shall judge and govern in righteousness.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN ON NEGINOTH, A PSALM OR SONG.

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

PSALM 68

A Messianic Psalm of David—He extols JAH—The Lord gave the word—He takes captivity captive—Unto him belong the issues from death—Sing praises unto the Lord.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OR SONG OF DAVID.

1 LET God arise, let his enemies be ^ascattered: let them also that ^bhate him flee before him.
2 As smoke is driven away, *so* drive *them* away: as ^awax melteth before the fire, *so* let the wicked perish at the ^bpresence of God.
3 But let the ^arighteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.
4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name ^aJAH, and rejoice before him.
5 A father of the ^afatherless, and a ^bjudge (or defender, defense) of the widows, *is* God in his holy habitation.
6 God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the ^arebellious dwell in a dry *land*.
7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst ^amarch through the wilderness; Selah:
8 The earth shook, the heavens also ^adropped (ie rained) at the presence of God: *even* ^bSinai itself *was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful ^arain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.
10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.
11 The Lord gave the word: great *was* the company of those that published *it*.
12 Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.
13 Though ye have lien among the pots, *yet shall ye be as* the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.
14 When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was *white* as snow in Salmon.
15 The hill of God *is as* the hill of Bashan; an high hill *as* the hill of Bashan.

16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? *this is the hill which* God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell *in it* for ever.

17 The chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, *even* thousands of angels: the Lord *is* among them, *as in* Sinai, in the holy *place*.

18 Thou hast ^aascended on high, thou hast led ^bcaptivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, *for* the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell *among them*.

19 Blessed *be* the Lord, *who* daily loadeth us *with benefits*, *even* the God of our salvation. Selah.

20 *He that is* our God *is* the God of ^asalvation; and unto GOD the Lord *belong* the issues from ^bdeath.

21 But God shall ^awound the head of his enemies, *and* the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring *my people* again from the depths of the sea:

23 That thy foot may be dipped in the ^ablood of *thine* enemies, *and* the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

24 They have seen thy goings, O God; *even* the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

25 The singers went before, the players on instruments *followed* after; among *them were* the damsels playing with timbrels.

26 Bless ye God in the congregations, *even* the Lord, ^afrom the fountain of Israel. (ie you who are the offspring of)

27 ^aThere *is* little Benjamin (Heb There is Benjamin, the youngest, leading them) *with* their ruler, the princes of Judah *and* their council, the princes of Zebulun, *and* the princes of Naphtali.

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring ^apresents unto thee.

30 Rebuke the ^acompany of spearmen (Heb beasts that dwell among reeds), the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, *till every one* submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people *that* delight in war.

31 Princes shall come out of ^aEgypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; Selah:

33 To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, *which were* of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, *and that* a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency *is* over Israel, and his strength *is* in the clouds.

35 O God, *thou art* terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel *is* he that giveth strength and power unto *his* people. Blessed *be* God.

PSALM 69

A Messianic Psalm of David—The zeal of the Lord's house hath eaten him up—Reproach has broken his heart—He is given gall and vinegar to drink—He is persecuted—He will save Zion.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON SHOSHANNIM, A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 SAVE me, O God; for the waters are come in unto *my* soul.

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

3 I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

4 They that ^ahate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, *being* mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored *that* which I took not away.

5 O God, thou knowest my ^afoolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

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

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

9 For the ^azeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the ^breproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

10 When I wept, *and chastened* my soul with ^afasting, that was to my reproach.

11 I made sackcloth also my garment; and I become a proverb to them.

12 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I *was* the ^asong of the drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer *is* unto thee, O LORD, *in* an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

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

15 Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the ^apit shut her mouth upon me.

16 Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness *is* good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender ^amercies.

17 And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

18 Draw ^anigh unto my soul, *and* redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

19 Thou hast known my ^areproach, and my ^bshame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries *are* all before thee.

20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of ^aheaviness: and I looked *for some* to take pity, but *there was* none; and for comforters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me ^avinegar to drink.

22 Let their table become a ^asnare before them: and *that which should have been* for their welfare, *let it become* a trap.

23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they ^asee not; and make their loins continually to shake.

24 Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

25 Let their habitation be ^adesolate; *and* let none dwell in their tents.

26 For they persecute *him* whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.

27 Add ^ainiquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.

28 Let them be blotted out of the ^abook of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

29 But I *am* poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with ^athanksgiving.

31 *This* also shall ^aplease the LORD better than an ox *or* bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

32 The humble shall see *this*, *and* be glad: and your heart shall live that ^aseek God.

33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not ^ahis prisoners. (or those that are in bonds for his sake)

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

35 For God will save ^aZion, and will ^bbuild (or rebuild) the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.

36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

PSALM 70

David proclaims: Let God be magnified.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM OF DAVID, TO BRING TO REMEMBRANCE.

1 *MAKE haste*, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD.

2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.

4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

5 But I *am* poor and needy: make ^ahaste unto me, O God: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

PSALM 71

David praises God with thanksgiving—Who is like unto the Lord!

1 IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou *art* my ^arock and my fortress.

4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and ^acruel man.

5 For thou *art* my hope, O Lord GOD: *thou art* my trust from my youth.

6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise *shall be* continually of thee.

7 I am as a wonder unto many; but thou *art* my strong refuge.

8 Let my mouth be filled *with* thy praise *and with* thy honour all the day.

9 Cast me not off in the time of ^aold age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for *there is* none to deliver *him*.

12 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

13 Let them be confounded *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered *with* ^areproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers *thereof*.

16 I will go in the ^astrength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come.

19 Thy ^arighteousness also, O God, *is* very ^bhigh, who hast done great things: O God, who *is* ^clike unto thee!

20 *Thou*, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt ^aquicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and ^acomfort me on every side.

22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, *even* thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto ^ashame, that seek my hurt.

PSALM 72

David speaketh of Solomon, who is made a type of Christ—He shall have dominion—His name shall endure forever—All nations shall call him blessed—The whole earth shall be filled with his glory.

A PSALM FOR SOLOMON.

- 1 GIVE the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.
- 2 He shall ^ajudge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.
- 3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.
- 4 He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the ^aoppressor.
- 5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon ^aendure, throughout all generations.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers *that* water the earth.
- 7 In his days shall the ^arighteous flourish; and abundance of ^bpeace so long as the moon endureth.
- 8 He shall have ^adominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.
- 9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall ^abow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall ^abring presents (or render tribute): the kings of Sheba and ^bSeba shall offer gifts.
- 11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.
- 12 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper.
- 13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.
- 14 He shall ^aredeem their soul from deceit and violence: and ^bprecious shall their blood be in his sight.
- 15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; *and* daily shall he be praised.
- 16 There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and *they* of the city shall flourish like ^agrass of the earth.
- 17 His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and *men* shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him ^ablessed.
- 18 ^aBlessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.
- 19 And blessed *be* his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be ^afilled *with* his ^bglory; Amen, and Amen.
- 20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

PSALM 73

God is good to Israel—The wicked and ungodly prosper in this world—They shall be consumed with terrors hereafter—Those who trust in the Lord shall be received up unto glory.

A PSALM OF ASAPH.

- 1 TRULY God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as are of a ^aclean heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.
- 3 For I was ^aenvious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- 4 For *there are* no bands in their death: but their strength *is* firm.
- 5 They *are* not in trouble *as other* men; neither are they plagued like *other* men.
- 6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a ^achain (or necklace); violence covereth them *as a* garment.
- 7 Their eyes stand out with ^afatness: they have more than heart could wish.
- 8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they ^aspeak loftily.
- 9 They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.
- 10 Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them.
- 11 And they say, How doth God ^aknow? and is there knowledge in the most High?
- 12 Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who ^aprosper in the ^bworld; they increase *in* riches.
- 13 Verily I have cleansed my heart *in vain*, and ^awashed my hands in innocency.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.
 15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend *against* the generation of thy children.
 16 When I thought to know this, it *was* too painful for me;
 17 Until I went into the ^asanctuary of God; *then* understood I their ^bend.
 18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.
 19 How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.
 20 As a dream when *one* awaketh; *so*, O Lord, when thou ^aawakest, thou shalt ^bdespise their image.
 21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was ^apricked in my reins.
 22 So foolish *was* I, and ignorant: I was *as* a ^abeast before thee.
 23 Nevertheless I *am* continually with thee: thou hast holden *me* by my right hand.
 24 Thou shalt ^aguide me with thy ^bcounsel, and afterward receive me *to* ^cglory.
 25 Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire beside thee.
 26 My ^aflesh and my heart ^bfaileth: *but* God *is* the ^cstrength of my heart, and my ^dportion for ever.
 27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.
 28 But *it is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

PSALM 74

O God, remember thy chosen congregation—The wicked destroy the sanctuary and burn the synagogues—O God, remember them for their deeds, and save thy people.

MASCHIL OF ASAPH.

1 O GOD, why hast thou ^acast *us* off for ever? *why* doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?
 2 Remember thy congregation, *which* thou hast ^apurchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, *which* thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.
 3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; *even* all *that* the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.
 4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ^aensigns *for* signs.
 5 *A man* was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.
 6 But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.
 7 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled *by casting down* the dwelling place of thy name to the ground.
 8 They said in their hearts, Let us ^adestroy them together: they have burned up all the ^bsynagogues (Heb assembly places) of God in the land.
 9 We see not our signs: *there is* ^ano more any ^bprophet: neither *is there* among us any that knoweth how long.
 10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy ^ablaspheme thy name for ever?
 11 Why ^awithdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck *it* out of thy bosom.
 12 For God *is* my ^aKing of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.
 13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the ^adragons in the waters.
 14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, *and* gavest him *to be* meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.
 15 Thou didst ^acleave the fountain and the flood: thou ^bdriedst up mighty rivers.
 16 The day *is* thine, the night also *is* thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.
 17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made ^asummer and winter.

18 Remember this, *that* the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and *that* the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude *of the wicked*: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

20 Have respect unto the ^acovenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of ^bcruelty.

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.

23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually.

PSALM 75

The righteous praise and thank the God of Jacob—They shall be exalted—God is the judge, and the wicked shall be condemned.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, AL-TASCHITH, A PSALM OR SONG OF ASAPH.

1 UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks, *unto thee* do we give thanks: for *that* thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.

2 When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.

3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the ^apillars of it. Selah.

4 I said unto the ^afools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak *not with* a ^astiff neck.

6 For ^apromotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

7 But God *is* the ^ajudge: he putteth ^bdown one, and setteth up another.

8 For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a ^acup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, and ^bdrink *them*.

9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 All the ^ahorns of the wicked also will I cut off; *but* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

PSALM 76

God is known in Judah and dwells in Zion—He shall save the meek of the earth.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN ON NEGINOTH, A PSALM OR SONG OF ASAPH.

1 IN Judah *is* God known: his name *is* great in Israel.

2 In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.

3 There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.

4 Thou *art* more glorious *and* excellent than the mountains of prey.

5 The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.

6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

7 Thou, *even* thou, *art* to be feared: and who may ^astand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

8 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still,

9 When God arose to judgment, to save all the ^ameek of the earth. Selah.

10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou ^arestrain.

11 ^aVow, and pay unto the LORD your God: let all that be round about him bring ^bpresents unto him that ought to be feared.

12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes: *he is* terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77

The righteous cry unto the Lord—They remember the wonders of old, how he redeemed the sons of Jacob, and led Israel like a flock.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, TO JEDUTHUN, A PSALM OF ASAPH.

- 1 I CRIED unto God with my voice, *even* unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.
- 2 In the day of my trouble I ^asought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be ^bcomforted.
- 3 I remembered God, and was troubled: I ^acomplained, (or meditated) and my spirit was ^boverwhelmed. Selah.
- 4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
- 5 I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.
- 6 I call to remembrance my ^asong in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.
- 7 Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?
- 8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth *his* promise fail for evermore?
- 9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.
- 10 And I said, This *is* my infirmity: *but I will remember* the years of the right hand of the most High.
- 11 I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.
- 12 I will ^ameditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.
- 13 Thy way, O God, *is* ^ain the sanctuary (Heb holy, sanctified): who *is so* great a God as *our* God?
- 14 Thou *art* the God that doest ^awonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.
- 15 Thou hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and ^aJoseph. Selah.
- 16 The ^awaters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.
- 17 The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.
- 18 The voice of thy thunder *was* in the heaven: the lightnings ^alightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Thy way *is* in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.
- 20 Thou ^aleddest thy people like a flock by the hand of ^bMoses and Aaron.

PSALM 78

Israel to teach the Lord's law to their children—Disobedient Israel provokes the Lord in the wilderness—Egyptian plagues recounted—The Lord chooses and blesses Judah and David.

MASCHIL OF ASAPH.

- 1 GIVE ^aear, O my people, *to* my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a ^aparable: I will utter dark sayings of old:
- 3 Which we have heard and known, and our ^afathers have told us.
- 4 We will not ^ahide *them* from their children, ^bshewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.
- 5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their ^achildren:
- 6 That the generation to come might know *them*, *even* the children *which* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children:
- 7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

8 And might not be as their ^afathers, a ^bstubborn and ^crebellious generation; a generation *that* set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

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

10 They kept not the ^acovenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;

11 And forgot his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.

12 ^aMarvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, *in* the field of ^bZoan.

13 He ^adivided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.

14 In the daytime also he led them with a ^acloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

15 He ^aclave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink as *out of* the great depths.

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

17 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness.

18 And they tempted God in their heart by asking ^ameat for their ^blust.

19 Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a ^atable in the wilderness?

20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

21 Therefore the LORD heard *this*, and was wroth: so a ^afire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;

22 Because they ^abelieved not in God, and ^btrusted not in his salvation:

23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,

24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the ^acorn of heaven.

25 Man did eat ^aangels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

26 He caused an ^aeast wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.

27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered ^afowls like as the sand of the sea:

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

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

30 They were not estranged from their ^alust. But while their meat *was* yet in their mouths,

31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen *men* of Israel.

32 For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.

33 Therefore their days did he consume in ^avanity, and their years in trouble.

34 When he ^aslew them, then they sought him: and they ^breturned (or repented) and ^cenquired early (or earnestly sought) after God.

35 And they remembered that God *was* their ^arock, and the high God their redeemer.

36 Nevertheless they did ^aflatter him with their mouth, and they ^blied unto him with their tongues.

37 For their ^aheart was not right with him, neither were they ^bstedfast in his covenant.

38 But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

39 For he remembered that they *were* but ^aflesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

40 How oft did they ^aprovoke him in the wilderness, *and* grieve him in the desert!

41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

42 They remembered not his hand, *nor* the day when he delivered them from the enemy.

43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan:

44 And had turned their rivers into blood; and their ^afloods (Heb streams), that they could not drink.

45 He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the ^alocust.

47 He destroyed their vines with ^ahail, and their sycomore trees with frost.

48 He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending ^aevil angels *among* them.

50 He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;

51 And smote all the ^afirstborn in Egypt; the chief of *their* strength in the ^btabernacles (Heb tents, dwellings) of ^cHam:

52 But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the ^asea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 And he brought them ^ato the border of his sanctuary (or into his holy land), *even to* this mountain, *which* his right hand had purchased.

55 He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:

57 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a ^adeceitful bow.

58 For they ^aprovoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

59 When God heard *this*, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:

60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of ^aShiloh, the tent *which* he placed among men;

61 And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.

62 He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.

64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the Lord ^aawaked as one out of sleep, *and* like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.

69 And he built his sanctuary like high *palaces*, like the earth which he hath established for ^aever.

70 He chose ^aDavid also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:

71 From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

72 So he fed them according to the ^aintegrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

PSALM 79

The heathen destroy Jerusalem and defile the temple—Israel pleads for forgiveness and deliverance.

A PSALM OF ASAPH.

1 O GOD, the ^aheathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy ^btemple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on ^cheaps.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given *to be* meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

3 Their blood have they ^ashed like water round about Jerusalem; and *there was none* to ^bbury *them*.

4 We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

5 How long, LORD? wilt thou be ^aangry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.

8 O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy *tender mercies* speedily ^aprevent us (Heb come to us): for we are brought very low.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

10 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where *is* their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight *by* the revenging of the blood of thy servants *which is* shed.

11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die;

12 And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

13 So we thy ^apeople and ^bsheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

PSALM 80

Israel pleads with the Shepherd of Israel for deliverance, for salvation, and that his face shall shine upon them.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON SHOSHANNIM-EDUTH, A PSALM OF ASAPH.

1 GIVE ear, O ^aShepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the ^bcherubims, shine forth.

2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come *and* save us.

3 ^aTurn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure.

6 Thou makest us a ^astrife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

8 Thou hast brought a ^avine out of ^bEgypt: thou hast ^ccast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou preparedst *room* before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

10 The hills were ^acovered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* the goodly cedars.

11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

12 Why hast thou *then* ^abroken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch *that* thou madest strong for thyself.

16 *It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man *whom* thou madest strong for thyself.

18 So will not we ^ago back from thee (or turn away): quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

19 ^aTurn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

PSALM 81

Israel commanded to sing praises to the Lord—If Israel had walked in the Lord's ways they would have triumphed over their enemies.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON GITTITH, A PSALM OF ASAPH.

1 SING aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

3 Blow up the ^atrumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

4 For this *was* a statute for Israel, *and* a law of the God of Jacob.
 5 This he ordained in Joseph *for* a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: *where* I heard a ^alanguage *that* I understood not.
 6 I removed his shoulder from the ^aburden: his hands were delivered from the pots.
 7 Thou calledst in ^atrouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret ^bplace of thunder: I ^cproved (or tested) thee at the waters of ^dMeribah. Selah.
 8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;
 9 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.
 10 I *am* the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
 11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.
 12 So I ^agave them up unto their own hearts' ^blust (Heb stubbornness): *and* they walked in their own counsels.
 13 Oh that my people had ^ahearkened unto me, *and* Israel had walked in my ways!
 14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.
 15 The haters of the LORD should have ^asubmitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.
 16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

PSALM 82

Thus saith the Lord: Ye are gods and children of the Most High.

A PSALM OF ASAPH.

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

PSALM 83

God is importuned to confound the enemies of his people—Jehovah is the Most High over all the earth.

A SONG OR PSALM OF ASAPH.

1 KEEP not thou ^asilence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.
 2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.
 3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.
 4 They have said, Come, and let us ^acut them off from *being* a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.
 5 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:
 6 The ^atabernacles (Heb tents) of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;
 7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;
 8 Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

9 Do unto them as *unto* the Midianites; as *to* ^aSisera, as *to* Jabin, at the brook of Kison:
 10 *Which* perished at En-dor: they became *as* dung for the earth.
 11 Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as ^aZebah, and as Zalmunna:
 12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the ^ahouses (Heb pastures, ie the land of Israel) of God in possession.
 13 O my God, make them like a ^awheel; as the ^bstubble before the wind.
 14 As the fire burneth a ^awood (Heb forest), and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;
 15 So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.
 16 Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD.
 17 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and ^aperish:
 18 That *men* may know that thou, whose name alone *is* ^aJEHOVAH, *art* the most ^bhigh over all the earth.

PSALM 84

The righteous cry unto the living God—Better to be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of wickedness—No good thing withheld from those that walk uprightly.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON GITTITH, A PSALM FOR THE SONS OF KORAH.

1 HOW ^aamiable *are* thy tabernacles (Heb lovely is thy dwelling place), O LORD of hosts!
 2 My soul longeth, yea, even ^afainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.
 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.
 4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.
 5 Blessed *is* the man whose ^astrength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways of *them*.
 6 *Who* passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.
 7 They go from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion ^aappeareth before God.
 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.
 9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.
 10 For a day in thy courts *is* better than ^aa thousand (ie a thousand elsewhere). I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
 11 For the LORD God *is* a ^asun and ^bshield: the LORD will give ^cgrace and glory: no good *thing* will he ^dwithhold from them that ^ewalk uprightly.
 12 O LORD of hosts, blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.

PSALM 85

The Lord speaks peace to his people—Truth shall spring out of the earth (the Book of Mormon), and righteousness look down from heaven.

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, A PSALM FOR THE SONS OF KORAH.

1 LORD, thou hast been ^afavourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back ^bthe captivity of Jacob. (or Jacob out of captivity)
 2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.
 3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of thine anger.
 4 Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine ^aanger toward us to cease.
 5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?
 6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.
 8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak ^apeace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn ^bagain to folly.
 9 Surely his ^asalvation *is* nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.
 10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed *each other*.
 11 ^aTruth shall spring out of the ^bearth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
 12 Yea, the LORD shall give *that which is* ^agood; and our land shall yield her increase.
 13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set *us* in the way of his steps.

PSALM 86

David implores God for mercy and is saved from the lowest hell—The Lord is good and plenteous in mercy—All nations shall worship before him.

A PRAYER OF DAVID.

1 ^aBOW (Heb incline) down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I *am* ^bpoor and needy.
 2 Preserve my ^asoul (or life); for I *am* holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.
 3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.
 4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I ^alift up my soul.
 5 For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to ^aforgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
 6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.
 7 In the day of my trouble I will ^acall upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.
 8 Among the ^agods *there is* none like unto thee, O Lord; neither *are there any works* like unto thy works.
 9 ^aAll ^bnations whom thou hast made shall ^ccome and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.
 10 For thou *art* great, and doest wondrous things: thou *art* God alone.
 11 ^aTeach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.
 12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.
 13 For great *is* thy mercy toward me: and thou hast ^adelivered my soul from the lowest hell.
 14 O God, the ^aproud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent *men* have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.
 15 But thou, O ^aLord, *art* a God full of ^bcompassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in ^cmercy and truth.
 16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.
 17 Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see *it*, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

PSALM 87

The Lord loves the gates of Zion and he himself shall establish her.

A PSALM OR SONG FOR THE SONS OF KORAH.

1 HIS ^afoundation *is* in the holy mountains.
 2 The LORD loveth the ^agates (ie cities) of ^bZion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
 3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this *man* was born there.

5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

6 The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, *that* this *man* was born there. Selah.

7 As well the singers as the players on instruments *shall be there*: all my ^asprings (or sources; ie of joy, happiness, etc.) *are* in thee.

PSALM 88

A prayer of one who feels forsaken and who asks whether the Lord's lovingkindness shall be declared in the grave.

A SONG OR PSALM FOR THE SONS OF KORAH, TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN UPON MAHALATH LEANNOOTH, MASCHIL OF HEMAN THE EZRAHITE. (*Leannoeth* in the title of [Psalm 88] is quite obscure. It is probably the name of a tune. *Mahalath* occurs in [Psalms 53 and 88], and denotes, according to some, a sort of *flute*. . . . *Upon Mahalath Leannoeth* [Psalm 88] is perhaps a direction to chant it to the instrument or tune called *mahalath*. Institute Manual, 310)

1 O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day *and* night before thee:

2 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

3 For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

4 I am counted with them that go down into the ^apit: I am as a man *that hath* no strength:

5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou ^arememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand.

6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted *me* with all thy waves. Selah.

8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: *I am* shut up, and I cannot come forth.

9 Mine ^aeye mourneth by reason of ^baffliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise *and* praise thee? Selah.

11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? *or* thy faithfulness in destruction?

12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer ^aprevent thee. (Heb come before thy face)

14 LORD, why castest thou off my soul? *why* ^ahidest thou thy face from me?

15 I *am* afflicted and ready to die from *my* youth up: *while* I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.

17 They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.

18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, *and* mine acquaintance into darkness.

PSALM 89

A Messianic Psalm—A song setting forth the mercy, greatness, justice, and judgment of the Holy One of Israel—David's seed and throne (through Christ) to be established forever—God's Firstborn made higher than the kings of the earth.

MASCHIL OF ETHAN THE EZRAHITE.

1 I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy ^afaithfulness to all generations.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my ^achosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,

4 Thy seed will I ^aestablish for ever, and build up thy ^bthrone to all generations. Selah.

5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the ^acongregation of the saints.

6 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? *who* among the sons of the mighty can be ^alikened unto the LORD?

7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the ^asaints, and to be had in reverence of all *them that are* about him.

8 O LORD God of hosts, who *is* a strong LORD like unto thee? ^aor to thy (Heb with thy) faithfulness round about thee?

9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou ^astillest them.

10 Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine ^aenemies with thy strong arm.

11 The heavens *are* thine, the earth also *is* thine: *as for* the ^aworld and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

12 The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

13 Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, *and* high is thy right hand.

14 ^aJustice and ^bjudgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

15 Blessed *is* the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

16 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

17 For thou *art* the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our ^ahorn shall be exalted.

18 For the LORD *is* our ^adefence; and the Holy One of Israel *is* our ^bking.

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon *one that is* mighty; I have exalted *one* chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I ^aanointed him:

21 With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

22 The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

23 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

24 But my faithfulness and my mercy *shall be* with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

25 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

26 He shall cry unto me, Thou *art* my father, my God, and the ^arock of my salvation.

27 Also I will make him *my* ^afirstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29 His ^aseed also will I make *to endure* for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

32 Then will I visit their ^atransgression with the ^brod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

35 Once have I ^asworn by my ^bholiness that I will not lie unto David.

36 His seed shall ^aendure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and *as* a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

38 But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown by ^acasting it to the ground.

40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.

41 All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.

42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

44 Thou hast made his glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground.

45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with ^ashame. Selah.

46 How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my ^atime is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

48 What man *is he that* ^aliveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

49 Lord, where *are* thy former lovingkindnesses, *which* thou swarest unto David in thy truth?

50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants; *how* I do bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the mighty people;

51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

52 Blessed *be* the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM 90

A prayer of Moses the man of God—God is from everlasting to everlasting—Man's days are threescore years and ten—Moses implores the Lord to give mercy and blessings to his people.

A PRAYER OF MOSES THE MAN OF GOD.

1 LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst ^aformed the earth and the world, even from ^beverlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.

3 Thou ^aturnest man to destruction (**Heb returnest man to dust**); and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

4 For a thousand ^ayears in thy sight *are but* as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.

5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are *as* a sleep: in the morning *they are* like ^agrass *which* groweth up.

6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

8 Thou hast set our ^ainiquities before thee, our ^bsecret *sins* in the light of thy countenance.

9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale *that is told*.

10 The ^adays of our years (**or years of our life**) *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, *so is* thy wrath.

12 So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.

13 Return (**us**), O LORD. How long (**wilt thou hide thy face from thy servants**)? and ^alet ~~it~~ (**them**) repent (**of all their hard speeches that they have spoken concerning**) thee ~~concerning thy servants~~.

14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad according to the days *wherein* thou hast afflicted us, *and* the years *wherein* we have seen evil.

16 Let thy ^awork appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

17 And let the ^abeauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

PSALM 91

A Messianic Psalm—The Lord shall deliver Him from terror, pestilence, and war—He shall give his angels charge over Him, and deliver Him, and honor Him.

- 1 HE that dwelleth in the ^asecret place of the most High shall abide under the ^bshadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I ^atrust.
- 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the ^asnare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* ^ashield and ^bbuckler.
- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the ^aterror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;
- 6 *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the ^adestruction *that* wasteth at noonday.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.
- 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the ^awicked.
- 9 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, thy habitation;
- 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his ^aangels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
- 12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- 13 Thou shalt ^atread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the ^bdragon (or serpent) shalt thou trample under feet.
- 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

PSALM 92

A Psalm or song for the sabbath day—Give thanks unto the Lord—His enemies shall perish—The righteous shall flourish—There is no unrighteousness in the Lord.

A PSALM OR SONG FOR THE SABBATH DAY.

- 1 *It is a good thing* to give ^athanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:
- 2 To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,
- 3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.
- 4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.
- 5 O LORD, how great are thy ^aworks! *and* thy thoughts are very deep.
- 6 A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.
- 7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; *it is* that they shall be destroyed for ever:
- 8 But thou, LORD, *art most* high for evermore.
- 9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
- 10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of* ^aan unicorn (Heb a buffalo, bison): I shall be anointed with fresh oil.
- 11 Mine eye also shall see *my desire* on mine enemies, *and* mine ears shall hear *my desire* of the wicked that rise up against me.
- 12 The righteous shall ^aflourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- 13 Those that be (he) planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

- 14 They shall still bring forth fruit in ^aold age; they shall be fat and flourishing;
15 To shew that the LORD *is* upright: *he is* my ^arock, and *there is* no ^bunrighteousness in him.

PSALM 93

The Lord reigneth—He is from everlasting—Holiness becometh the house of the Lord forever.

- 1 THE LORD reigneth, he is ^aclothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, *wherewith* he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.
2 Thy throne *is* established of old: thou *art* from ^aeverlasting.
3 The ^afloods (Heb rivers, streams) have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.
4 The LORD on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *yea, than* the mighty waves of the sea.
5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

PSALM 94

The Lord shall judge the earth and all men—Blessed is he whom the Lord teacheth and chasteneth—The Lord will not forsake his people, but shall cut off the wicked.

- 1 O LORD God, to whom ^avengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.
2 Lift up thyself, thou ^ajudge of the earth: render a ^breward to the proud.
3 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked ^atriumph?
4 *How long* shall they utter *and* speak hard things? *and* all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?
5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.
6 They ^aslay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.
7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard *it*.
8 Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise?
9 He that planted the ear, shall he not ^ahear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?
10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, *shall not he know?*
11 The LORD ^aknoweth the ^bthoughts of man, that they *are* ^cvanity.
12 Blessed *is* the man whom thou ^achastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;
13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.
14 For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he ^aforsake his inheritance.
15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.
16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? *or* who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
17 Unless the LORD *had been* my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.
18 When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.
19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.
20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth ^amischief by a law?
21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.
22 But the LORD is my defence; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge.
23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; *yea*, the LORD our God shall cut them off.

PSALM 95

Let us sing unto the Lord—Let us worship and bow down before him—Israel provoked the Lord and failed to enter into his rest.

- 1 O COME, let us ^asing unto the LORD: let us make a ^bjoyful noise to the ^crock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with ^athanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD *is* a ^agreat God, and a great ^bKing above all gods.
- 4 In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills *is* his also.
- 5 The sea *is* his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry *land*.
- 6 O come, let us ^aworship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our ^bmaker.
- 7 For he *is* our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture, and the ^asheep of his hand. ^bTo day if ye will ^chear his ^dvoice,
- 8 ^aHarden not your heart, as ^bin the ^cprovocation (Heb at Meribah), *and as in* the day of ^dtemptation in the wilderness:
- 9 When your fathers tempted me, ^aproved me, and saw my work.
- 10 ^aForty years long was I ^bgrieved with *this* ^cgeneration, and said, It *is* a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:
- 11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not ^aenter into my ^brest.

PSALM 96

Sing praises unto the Lord—Declare his name among the heathen—Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness—He cometh to judge his people and the world.

- 1 O ^aSING unto the LORD a new ^bsong: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his ^asalvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.
- 4 For the LORD *is* great, and greatly to be praised: he *is* to be feared above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the nations *are* ^aidols: but the LORD made the heavens.
- 6 ^aHonour and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.
- 7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.
- 8 Give unto the LORD the ^aglory *due unto* his name: bring an offering, and come into his ^bcourts.
- 9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of ^aholiness: fear before him, all the earth.
- 10 Say among the heathen *that* the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall ^ajudge the people righteously.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.
- 12 Let the field be ^ajoyful, and all that *is* therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice
- 13 Before the ^aLORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

PSALM 97

The Lord reigneth in Millennial glory—The hills melt at his presence—Those who love the Lord hate evil.

- 1 THE LORD ^areigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad *thereof*.
- 2 Clouds and ^adarkness *are* round about him: righteousness and judgment *are* the habitation of his throne.

3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.
 4 His lightnings ^aenlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.
 5 The hills ^amelted like ^bwax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
 6 The heavens ^adeclare his ^brighteousness, and all the people see his glory.
 7 ^aConfounded be all they that serve graven ^bimages, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.
 8 Zion heard, and was glad; and the ^adaughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.
 9 For thou, LORD, *art* ^ahigh above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.
 10 Ye that love the LORD, ^ahate ^bevil: he ^cpreserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
 11 ^aLight is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.
 12 ^aRejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give ^bthanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

PSALM 98

Sing unto the Lord—All the ends of the earth shall see his salvation—He cometh to judge all men with equity and righteousness.

A PSALM.

1 O ^aSING unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right ^bhand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.
 2 The LORD hath made ^aknown his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the ^bsight of the ^cheathen.
 3 He hath remembered his ^amercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the ^bsalvation of our God.
 4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: ^amake a loud noise (Heb burst into song), and rejoice, and sing praise.
 5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.
 6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.
 7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
 8 Let the floods clap *their* hands: let the hills be joyful together
 9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to ^ajudge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the ^bworld, and the people with equity.

PSALM 99

The Lord is great in Zion—Exalt the Lord and worship at his footstool, for he is holy.

1 THE LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between* the ^acherubims; let the earth be moved.
 2 The LORD *is* great in Zion; and he *is* high above all the people.
 3 Let them praise thy great and terrible ^aname; *for it is* ^bholy.
 4 The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.
 5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his ^afootstool; *for he is* holy.
 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
 7 He spake unto them in the ^acloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them.

8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

9 Exalt the LORD our God, and ^aworship at his ^bholy hill; for the LORD our God *is* holy.

PSALM 100

A Psalm of praise—Serve the Lord with gladness, all ye his people—Be thankful unto him and bless his name.

A PSALM OF PRAISE.

1 MAKE a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

2 Serve the LORD with ^agladness: come before his presence with ^bsinging.

3 Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath ^amade us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the ^bsheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with ^athanksgiving, *and* into his ^bcourts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

5 For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

PSALM 101

David sings of mercy and judgment—He will forsake the company of evildoers.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 I WILL sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

2 I will behave myself ^awisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; *it* shall not cleave to me.

4 A ^afroward (Heb perverse) heart shall depart from me: I will not ^bknow a wicked *person*.

5 Whoso privily ^aslandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I ^bsuffer.

6 Mine eyes *shall be* upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that ^awalketh in a ^bperfect way, he shall serve me.

7 He that worketh ^adeceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth ^blies shall not tarry in my sight.

8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.