

### **Psalms 43**

Vindicate me, O Elohim, and plead my case against an unrighteous nation; O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man! For Thou art the Elohim of my strength; why hast Thou rejected me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? O send out Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead me; let them bring me to Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling places. Then I will go to the altar of Elohim, to Elohim my exceeding joy; and upon the lyre I shall praise Thee, O Elohim, my Elohim. Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why are you disturbed within me? Hope in Elohim, for I shall again praise Him, the help of my countenance, and my Elohim.

### **Psalms 44**

O Elohim, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us, the work that Thou didst in their days, in the days of old. Thou with Thine own hand didst drive out the nations; then Thou didst plant them; thou didst afflict the peoples, then Thou didst spread them abroad. For by their own sword they did not possess the land; and their own arm did not save them; but Thy right hand, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy presence, for Thou didst favor them. Thou art my King, O Elohim; Command victories for Jacob. Through Thee we will push back our adversaries; through Thy name we will trample down those who rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, nor will my sword save me. But Thou hast saved us from our adversaries, and Thou hast put to shame those who hate us. In Elohim we have boasted all day long, and we will give thanks to Thy name forever. Yet Thou hast rejected us and brought us to dishonour, and dost not go out with our armies. Thou dost cause us to turn back from the adversary; and those who hate us have taken spoil for themselves. Thou dost give us as sheep to be eaten, and hast scattered us among the nations. Thou dost sell Thy people cheaply, and hast not profited by their sale. Thou dost make us a reproach to our neighbours, a scoffing and a derision to those around us. Thou dost make us a byword among the nations, a laughingstock among the peoples. All day long my dishonour is before me, and my humiliation has overwhelmed me, Because of the voice of him who reproaches and reviles, because of the presence of the enemy and the avenger. All this has come upon us, but we have not forgotten Thee, and we have not dealt falsely with Thy covenant. Our heart has not turned back, and our steps have not deviated from Thy way, Yet Thou hast crushed us in a place of jackals, and covered us with the shadow of death. If we had forgotten the name of our Elohim, or extended our hands to a strange Elohim; would not Elohim find this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart. But for Thy sake we are killed all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. Arouse Thyself, why dost Thou sleep, O Yahweh? Awake, do not reject us forever. Why dost Thou hide Thy face, and forget our affliction and our oppression? For our soul has sunk down into the dust; our body cleaves to the earth. Rise up, be our help, and redeem us for the sake of Thy lovingkindness.

### **Psalms 45**

My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. Thou art fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Thy lips; Therefore Elohim has blessed Thee forever. Gird Thy sword on Thy thigh, O Mighty One, In Thy splendour and Thy majesty! And in Thy majesty ride on victoriously, for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let Thy right hand teach Thee awesome things. Thine arrows are sharp; the peoples fall under Thee; Thine arrows are in the heart of the King's enemies. Thy throne, O Elohim, is forever and ever; a sceptre of uprightness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness; therefore Elohim, Thy Elohim, has anointed Thee with the oil of joy above Thy fellows. All Thy garments are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia; out of ivory palaces stringed

instruments have made Thee glad. Kings' daughters are among Thy noble ladies; at Thy right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give attention and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house; Then the King will desire your beauty; because He is your Yahweh, bow down to Him. And the daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; the rich among the people will entreat your favor. The King's daughter is all glorious within; her clothing is interwoven with gold. She will be led to the King in embroidered work; the virgins, her companions who follow her, will be brought to Thee. They will be led forth with gladness and rejoicing; they will enter into the King's palace. In place of your fathers will be your sons; you shall make them princes in all the earth. I will cause Thy name to be remembered in all generations; therefore the peoples will give Thee thanks forever and ever.

### **Psalms 46**

Elohim is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of Elohim, the holy dwelling places of the Most High. Elohim is in the midst of her, she will not be moved; Elohim will help her when morning dawns. The nations made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered; He raised His voice, the earth melted. Yahweh of hosts is with us; the Elohim of Jacob is our stronghold. Come, behold the works of Yahweh, who has wrought desolations in the earth. He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariots with fire. "Cease striving and know that I am Elohim; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Yahweh of hosts is with us; the Elohim of Jacob is our stronghold.

### **Psalms 47**

O Clap your hands, all peoples; shout to Elohim with the voice of joy. For Yahweh Most High is to be feared, a great King over all the earth. He subdues peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chooses our inheritance for us, the glory of Jacob whom He loves. Elohim has ascended with a shout, Yahweh, with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to Elohim, sing praises; Sing praises to our King, sing praises. For Elohim is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with a skilful psalm. Elohim reigns over the nations, Elohim sits on His holy throne. The princes of the people have assembled themselves as the people of the Elohim of Abraham; for the shields of the earth belong to Elohim; He is highly exalted.

### **Psalms 48**

Great is Yahweh, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our Elohim, His holy mountain. Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion in the far north, the city of the great King. Elohim, in her palaces, has made Himself known as a stronghold. For, lo, the kings assembled themselves, they passed by together. They saw it, then they were amazed; they were terrified, they fled in alarm. Panic seized them there, anguish, as of a woman in childbirth. With the east wind Thou dost break the ships of Tarshish. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of Yahweh of hosts, in the city of our Elohim; Elohim will establish her forever. We have thought on Thy lovingkindness, O Elohim, in the midst of Thy temple. As is Thy name, O Elohim, so is Thy praise to the ends of the earth; thy right hand is full of righteousness. Let Mount Zion be glad, let the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of Thy judgments. Walk about Zion, and go around her; count her towers; Consider

her ramparts; go through her palaces; that you may tell it to the next generation. For such is Elohim, Our Elohim forever and ever; He will guide us until death.

### **Psalms 49**

Hear this, all peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, Both low and high, rich and poor together. My mouth will speak wisdom; and the meditation of my heart will be understanding. I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will express my riddle on the harp. Why should I fear in days of adversity, when the iniquity of my foes surrounds me, Even those who trust in their wealth, and boast in the abundance of their riches? No man can by any means redeem his brother, or give to Elohim a ransom for him-- For the redemption of his soul is costly, and he should cease trying forever-- That he should live on eternally; that he should not undergo decay. For he sees that even wise men die; the stupid and the senseless alike perish, and leave their wealth to others. Their inner thought is, that their houses are forever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they have called their lands after their own names. But man in his pomp will not endure; He is like the beasts that perish. This is the way of those who are foolish, and of those after them who approve their words. As sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd; and the upright shall rule over them in the morning; and their form shall be for Sheol to consume, so that they have no habitation. But Elohim will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol; for He will receive me. Do not be afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house is increased; For when he dies he will carry nothing away; His glory will not descend after him. Though while he lives he congratulates himself--And though men praise you when you do well for yourself-- He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see the light. Man in his pomp, yet without understanding, is like the beasts that perish.

### **Psalms 50**

The Mighty One, Elohim, Yahweh, has spoken, and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, Elohim has shone forth. May our Elohim come and not keep silence; fire devours before Him, and it is very tempestuous around Him. He summons the heavens above, and the earth, to judge His people: "Gather My righteous ones to Me, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." And the heavens declare His righteousness, for Elohim Himself is judge."Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you; I am Elohim, your Elohim. "I do not reprove you for your sacrifices, and your burnt offerings are continually before Me. "I shall take no young bull out of your house, nor male goats out of your folds. "For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills "I know every bird of the mountains, and everything that moves in the field is mine. "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is mine, and all it contains. "Shall I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of male goats? "Offer to Elohim a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High; And call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honour Me." But to the wicked Elohim says, "What right have you to tell of My statutes, and to take My covenant in your mouth? "For you hate discipline, and you cast My words behind you "When you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you associate with adulterers "You let your mouth loose in evil, and your tongue frames deceit "You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son "These things you have done, and I kept silence; you thought that I was just like you; I will reprove you, and state the case in order before your eyes. "Now consider this, you who forget Elohim, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver. "He who offers a

sacrifice of thanksgiving honours Me; and to him who orders his way aright I shall show the salvation of Elohim."

### **Psalms 51**

Be gracious to me, O Elohim, according to Thy lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Thy compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee, Thee only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Thy sight, so that Thou art justified when Thou dost speak, and blameless when Thou dost judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, Thou dost desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part Thou wilt make me know wisdom. Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness, let the bones which Thou hast broken rejoice. Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O Elohim, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Thy presence, and do not take Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners will be converted to Thee. Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O Elohim, Thou Elohim of my salvation; then my tongue will joyfully sing of Thy righteousness. O Yahweh, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Thy praise. For Thou dost not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; Thou art not pleased with burnt offering. The sacrifices of Elohim are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O Elohim, Thou wilt not despise. By Thy favor do good to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem. Then Thou wilt delight in righteous sacrifices, in burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then young bulls will be offered on Thine altar.

### **Psalms 52**

Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The lovingkindness of Elohim endures all day long Your tongue devises destruction, like a sharp razor, O worker of deceit. You love evil more than good, falsehood more than speaking what is right.. You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue. But Elohim will break you down forever; He will snatch you up, and tear you away from your tent, and uproot you from the land of the living. And the righteous will see and fear, and will laugh at him, saying, "Behold, the man who would not make Elohim his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and was strong in his evil desire." But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of Elohim; I trust in the lovingkindness of Elohim forever and ever. I will give Thee thanks forever, because Thou hast done it, and I will wait on Thy name, for it is good, in the presence of Thy righteous ones.

### **Psalms 53**

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no Elohim, "They are corrupt, and have committed abominable injustice; there is no one who does good. Elohim has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men, to see if there is anyone who understands, who seeks after Elohim. Every one of them has turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one. Have the workers of wickedness no knowledge, who eat up My people as though they ate bread, and have not called upon Elohim? There they were in great fear where no fear had been; for Elohim scattered the bones of him who encamped against you; you put them to shame, because Elohim had rejected them. Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When Elohim restores His captive people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

### **Psalms 54**

Save me, O Elohim, by Thy name, and vindicate me by Thy power. Hear my prayer, O Elohim; Give ear to the words of my mouth. For strangers have risen against me, and violent men have sought my life; they have not set Elohim before them. Behold, Elohim is my helper; Yahweh is the sustainer of my soul. He will recompense the evil to my foes; destroy them in Thy faithfulness. Willingly I will sacrifice to Thee; I will give thanks to Thy name, O YAHWEH, for it is good. For He has delivered me from all trouble; and my eye has looked with satisfaction upon my enemies.

### **Psalms 55**

Give ear to my prayer, O Elohim; and do not hide thyself from my supplication. Give heed to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and am surely distracted, Because of the voice of the enemy, Because of the pressure of the wicked; for they bring down trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me. My heart is in anguish within me, and the terrors of death have fallen upon me. Fear and trembling come upon me; and horror has overwhelmed me And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest. "Behold, I would wander far away, I would lodge in the wilderness. "I would hasten to my place of refuge from the stormy wind and tempest." Confuse, O Yahweh, divide their tongues, for I have seen violence and strife in the city. Day and night they go around her upon her walls; and iniquity and mischief are in her midst. Destruction is in her midst; oppression and deceit do not depart from her streets. For it is not an enemy who reproaches me, then I could bear it; nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me, then I could hide myself from him. But it is you, a man my equal, my companion and my familiar friend. We who had sweet fellowship together, walked in the house of Elohim in the throng. Let death come deceitfully upon them; let them go down alive to Sheol, for evil is in their dwelling, in their midst. As for me, I shall call upon Elohim, and Yahweh will save me. Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain and murmur, and He will hear my voice. He will redeem my soul in peace from the battle which is against me, for they are many who strive with me Elohim will hear and answer them-even the one who sits enthroned from of old--. With whom there is no change, and who do not fear Elohim. He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him; He has violated his covenant. His speech was smoother than butter, but his heart was war; His words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords. Cast your burden upon Yahweh, and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken. But Thou, O Elohim, wilt bring them down to the pit of destruction; men of bloodshed and deceit will not live out half their days. But I will trust in Thee.

### **Psalms 56**

Be gracious to me, O Elohim, for man has trampled upon me; fighting all day long he oppresses me My foes have trampled upon me all day long, for they are many who fight proudly against me When I am afraid, I will put my trust in Thee. In Elohim, whose word I praise, in Elohim I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can mere man do to me? All day long they distort my words; all their thoughts are against me for evil .They attack, they lurk, they watch my steps, as they have waited to take my life. Because of wickedness, cast them forth, in anger put down the peoples, O Elohim! Thou hast taken account of my wanderings; put my tears in Thy bottle; are they not in Thy book? Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call; this I know, that Elohim is for me. In Elohim, whose word I praise, in Yahweh, whose word I praise, In Elohim I have put my trust, I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me? Thy vows are binding upon me, O Elohim; I will render thank offerings to Thee. For Thou hast delivered my soul from death, indeed my feet from stumbling, so that I may walk before Elohim in the light of the living.

### **Psalms 57**

Be gracious to me, O Elohim, be gracious to me, for my soul takes refuge in Thee; and in the shadow of Thy wings I will take refuge, until destruction passes by. I will cry to Elohim Most High, to Elohim who accomplishes all things for me He will send from heaven and save me; He reproaches him who tramples upon me. Elohim will send forth His lovingkindness and His truth. My soul is among lions; I must lie among those who breathe forth fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword Be exalted above the heavens, O Elohim; let Thy glory be above all the earth They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down; they dug a pit before me; they themselves have fallen into the midst of it. My heart is steadfast, O Elohim, my heart is steadfast; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises! Awake, my glory; Awake, harp and lyre, I will awaken the dawn! I will give thanks to Thee, O Yahweh, among the peoples; I will sing praises to Thee among the nations. For Thy lovingkindness is great to the heavens, and Thy truth to the clouds. Be exalted above the heavens, O Elohim; let Thy glory be above all the earth.

### **Psalms 58**

Do you indeed speak righteousness, O Elohim? Do you judge uprightly, O sons of me No, in heart you work unrighteousness; on earth you weigh out the violence of your hands. The wicked are estranged from the womb; these who speak lies go astray from birth They have venom like the venom of a serpent; like a deaf cobra that stops up its ear, So that it does not hear the voice of charmers, or a skilful caster of spells. O Elohim, shatter their teeth in their mouth; break out the fangs of the young lions, O YAHWEH. Let them flow away like water that runs off; when he aims his arrows, let them be as headless shafts. Let them be as a snail which melts away as it goes along, like the miscarriages of a woman which never see the sun. Before your pots can feel the fire of thorns, He will sweep them away with a whirlwind, the green and the burning alike. The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance; He will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked. And men will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely there is a Elohim who judges on earth!"

### **Psalms 59**

Deliver me from my enemies, O my Elohim; set me securely on high away from those who rise up against me Deliver me from those who do iniquity, and save me from men of bloodshed. For behold, they have set an ambush for my life; fierce men launch an attack against me, not for my transgression nor for my sin, O YAHWEH, For no guilt of mine, they run and set themselves against me. Arouse Thyself to help me, and see! And Thou, O YAHWEH Elohim of hosts, the Elohim of Israel, awake to punish all the nations; do not be gracious to any who are treacherous in iniquity. They return at evening, they howl like a dog, and go around the city. Behold, they belch forth with their mouth; swords are in their lips, for, they say, "Who hears?" But Thou, O YAHWEH, dost laugh at them; Thou dost scoff at all the nations. Because of his strength I will watch for Thee, for Elohim is my stronghold. My Elohim in His lovingkindness will meet me; Elohim will let me look triumphantly upon my foes. Do not slay them, lest my people forget; scatter them by Thy power, and bring them down, O Yahweh, our shield. On account of the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips, let them even be caught in their pride, and on account of curses and lies which they utter. Destroy them in wrath, destroy them, that they may be no more; that men may know that Elohim rules in Jacob, to the ends of the earth. And they return at evening, they howl like a dog, and go around the city. They wander about for food, and growl if they are not satisfied. But as for me, I shall sing of Thy strength; Yes, I shall joyfully sing of Thy lovingkindness in the morning, for Thou hast been my stronghold, and a

refuge in the day of my distress. O my strength, I will sing praises to Thee; for Elohim is my stronghold, the Elohim who shows me lovingkindness.

### **Psalms 60**

O Elohim, Thou hast rejected us. Thou hast broken us; Thou hast been angry; O, restore us Thou hast made the land quake, Thou hast split it open; heal its breaches, for it totters. Thou hast made Thy people experience hardship; Thou hast given us wine to drink that makes us stagger. Thou hast given a banner to those who fear Thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. That Thy beloved may be delivered, save with Thy right hand, and answer us! Elohim has spoken in His holiness: "I will exult, I will portion out Shechem and measure out the valley of Succoth. "Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is the helmet of my head; Judah is my sceptre. "Moab is my washbowl; over Edom I shall throw my shoe; shout loud, O Philistia, because of Me!" Who will bring me into the besieged city? Who will lead me to Edom? Hast not Thou Thyself, O Elohim, rejected us? And wilt Thou not go forth with our armies, O Elohim? O give us help against the adversary, for deliverance by man is in vain. Through Elohim we shall do valiantly, and it is He who will tread down our adversaries.

### **Psalms 61**

Hear my cry, O Elohim; give heed to my prayer. From the end of the earth I call to Thee, when my heart is faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For Thou hast been a refuge for me, a tower of strength against the enemy. Let me dwell in Thy tent forever; let me take refuge in the shelter of Thy wings. For Thou hast heard my vows, O Elohim; Thou hast given me the inheritance of those who fear Thy name. Thou wilt prolong the king's life; His years will be as many generations. He will abide before Elohim forever; appoint lovingkindness and truth, that they may preserve him. So I will sing praise to Thy name forever, that I may pay my vows day by day.

### **Psalms 62**

My soul waits in silence for Elohim only; from Him is my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken. How long will you assail a man, that you may murder him, all of you, like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence? They have counselled only to thrust him down from his high position; they delight in falsehood; they bless with their mouth, but inwardly they curse. My soul, wait in silence for Elohim only, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be shaken. On Elohim my salvation and my glory rest; the rock of my strength, my refuge is in Elohim. Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; Elohim is a refuge for us. Men of low degree are only vanity, and men of rank are a lie; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than breath. Do not trust in oppression, and do not vainly hope in robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart upon them. Once Elohim has spoken; twice I have heard this: that power belongs to Elohim; And lovingkindness is Thine, O Yahweh, for Thou dost recompense a man according to his work.

### **Psalms 63**

O Elohim, Thou art my Elohim; I shall seek Thee earnestly; my soul thirsts for Thee, my flesh yearns for Thee, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Thus I have beheld Thee in the sanctuary, to see Thy power and Thy glory. Because Thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips will praise Thee. So I will bless Thee as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Thy name. My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth offers praises with joyful lips. When I remember Thee on my bed, I meditate on Thee in the night watches, For Thou hast been my help, and in the shadow of Thy

wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to Thee; Thy right hand upholds me. But those who seek my life, to destroy it, will go into the depths of the earth. They will be delivered over to the power of the sword; they will be a prey for foxes. But the king will rejoice in Elohim; everyone who swears by Him will glory, for the mouths of those who speak lies will be stopped.

#### **Psalms 64**

Hear my voice, O Elohim, in my complaint; Preserve my life from dread of the enemy. Hide me from the secret counsel of evildoers, from the tumult of those who do iniquity, Who have sharpened their tongue like a sword. They aimed bitter speech as their arrow, To shoot from concealment at the blameless; suddenly they shoot at him, and do not fear. They hold fast to themselves an evil purpose; they talk of laying snares secretly; they say, "Who can see them?" They devise injustices, saying, "We are ready with a well-conceived plot"; for the inward thought and the heart of a man are deep. But Elohim will shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly they will be wounded. So they will make him stumble; their own tongue is against them; all who see them will shake the head. Then all men will fear, and will declare the work of Elohim, and will consider what He has done. The righteous man will be glad in Yahweh, and will take refuge in Him; and all the upright in heart will glory.

#### **Psalms 65**

There will be silence before Thee, and praise in Zion, O Elohim; and to Thee the vow will be performed .O Thou who dost hear prayer, to Thee all men come. Iniquities prevail against me; as for our transgressions, Thou dost forgive them. How blessed is the one whom Thou dost choose, and bring near to Thee, to dwell in Thy courts. We will be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, Thy holy temple. By awesome deeds Thou dost answer us in righteousness, O Elohim of our salvation, Thou who art the trust of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest sea; Who dost establish the mountains by His strength, being girded with might; Who dost still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples. And they who dwell in the ends of the earth stand in awe of Thy signs; Thou dost make the dawn and the sunset shout for joy. Thou dost visit the earth, and cause it to overflow; Thou dost greatly enrich it; the stream of Elohim is full of water; Thou dost prepare their grain, for thus Thou dost prepare the earth. Thou dost water its furrows abundantly; Thou dost settle its ridges; Thou dost soften it with showers; Thou dost bless its growth. Thou hast crowned the year with Thy bounty, and Thy paths drip with fatness. The pastures of the wilderness drip, and the hills gird themselves with rejoicing. The meadows are clothed with flocks, and the valleys are covered with grain; they shout for joy, yes, they sing.

#### **Psalms 66**

Shout joyfully to Elohim, all the earth; Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious Say to Elohim, "How awesome are Thy works! Because of the greatness of Thy power Thine enemies will give feigned obedience to Thee. "All the earth will worship Thee, and will sing praises to Thee; they will sing praises to Thy name." Come and see the works of Elohim, Who is awesome in His deeds toward the sons of men. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot; there let us rejoice in Him! He rules by His might forever; His eyes keep watch on the nations; let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

Bless our Elohim, O peoples, and sound His praise abroad, Who keeps us in life, and does not allow our feet to slip. For Thou hast tried us, O Elohim; Thou hast refined us as silver is refined. Thou didst bring us into the net; Thou didst lay an oppressive burden upon our loins. Thou didst make men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet Thou didst bring us out into a place of abundance.



I shall come into Thy house with burnt offerings; I shall pay Thee my vows, Which my lips uttered and my mouth spoke when I was in distress. I shall offer to Thee burnt offerings of fat beasts, with the smoke of rams; I shall make an offering of bulls with male goats. Come and hear, all who fear Elohim, and I will tell of what He has done for my soul. I cried to Him with my mouth, and He was extolled with my tongue. If I regard wickedness in my heart, Yahweh will not hear; But certainly Elohim has heard; He has given heed to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be Elohim, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His lovingkindness from me.

### **Psalms 67**

Elohim be gracious to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us--. That Thy way may be known on the earth, Thy salvation among all nations. Let the peoples praise Thee, O Elohim; let all the peoples praise Thee. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for Thou wilt judge the peoples with uprightness, and guide the nations on the earth. Let the peoples praise Thee, O Elohim; let all the peoples praise Thee. The earth has yielded its produce; Elohim, our Elohim, blesses us. Elohim blesses us, that all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

### **Psalms 68**

Let Elohim arise, let His enemies be scattered; and let those who hate Him flee before Him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish before Elohim. But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before Elohim; Yes, let them rejoice with gladness. Sing to Elohim, sing praises to His name; Lift up a song for Him who rides through the deserts, whose name is Yahweh, and exult before Him. A father of the fatherless and a judge for the widows, is Elohim in His holy habitation. Elohim makes a home for the lonely; He leads out the prisoners into prosperity, only the rebellious dwell in a parched land. O Elohim, when Thou didst go forth before Thy people, when Thou didst march through the wilderness, The earth quaked; the heavens also dropped rain at the presence of Elohim; Sinai itself quaked at the presence of Elohim, the Elohim of Israel. Thou didst shed abroad a plentiful rain, O Elohim; Thou didst confirm Thine inheritance, when it was parched. Thy creatures settled in it; Thou didst provide in Thy goodness for the poor, O Elohim. Yahweh gives the command; the women who proclaim the good tidings are a great host: "Kings of armies flee, they flee, and she who remains at home will divide the spoil!" When you lie down among the sheepfolds, you are like the wings of a dove covered with silver, and its pinions with glistening gold. When the Almighty scattered the kings there, it was snowing in Zalmon. A mountain of Elohim is the mountain of Bashan; a mountain of many peaks is the mountain of Bashan. Why do you look with envy, O mountains with many peaks, at the mountain which Elohim has desired for His abode? Surely, Yahweh will dwell there forever. The chariots of Elohim are myriads, thousands upon thousands; Yahweh is among them as at Sinai, in holiness. Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captive Thy captives; Thou hast received gifts among men, even among the rebellious also, that Yahweh Elohim may dwell there. Blessed be Yahweh, who daily bears our burden, Elohim who is our salvation. Elohim is to us an Elohim of deliverances; And to ELOHIM Yahweh belong escapes from death. Surely Elohim will shatter the head of His enemies, the hairy crown of him who goes on in his guilty deeds. Yahweh said, "I will bring them back from Bashan. I will bring them back from the depths of the sea; That your foot may shatter them in blood, the tongue of your dogs may have its portion from your enemies." They have seen Thy procession, O Elohim, the procession of my Elohim, my King, into the sanctuary. The singers went on, the musicians after them, in the midst of the maidens beating tambourines. Bless Elohim in the congregations, even Yahweh, you who are of the fountain of Israel. There is Benjamin, the youngest, ruling them, the princes of Judah in their throng, the princes of

Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali. Your Elohim has commanded your strength; Show thyself strong, O Elohim, who hast acted on our behalf. Because of Thy temple at Jerusalem Kings will bring gifts to Thee. Rebuke the beasts in the reeds, the herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples, trampling under foot the pieces of silver; He has scattered the peoples who delight in war. Envoys will come out of Egypt; Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to Elohim. Sing to Elohim, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to Yahweh, To Him who rides upon the highest heavens, which are from ancient times; behold, He speaks forth with His voice, a mighty voice. Ascribe strength to Elohim; His majesty is over Israel, and His strength is in the skies. O Elohim, Thou art awesome from Thy sanctuary. The Elohim of Israel Himself gives strength and power to the people. Blessed be Elohim.

### **Psalms 69**

Save me, O Elohim, for the waters have threatened my life. I have sunk in deep mire, and there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and a flood overflows me. I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched; my eyes fail while I wait for my Elohim Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; those who would destroy me are powerful, being wrongfully my enemies, what I did not steal, I then have to restore. O Elohim, it is Thou who dost know my folly, and my wrongs are not hidden from Thee. May those who wait for Thee not be ashamed through me, O Yahweh Elohim of hosts; May those who seek Thee not be dishonoured through me, O Elohim of Israel, Because for Thy sake I have borne reproach; dishonour has covered my face. I have become estranged from my brothers, and an alien to my mother's sons. For zeal for Thy house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach Thee have fallen on me. When I wept in my soul with fasting, it became my reproach. When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them. Those who sit in the gate talk about me, and I am the song of the drunkards. But as for me, my prayer is to Thee, O YAHWEH, at an acceptable time; O Elohim, in the greatness of Thy lovingkindness, answer me with Thy saving truth. Deliver me from the mire, and do not let me sink; May I be delivered from my foes, and from the deep waters. May the flood of water not overflow me, and may the deep not swallow me up, and may the pit not shut its mouth on me. Answer me, O YAHWEH, for Thy lovingkindness is good; according to the greatness of Thy compassion, turn to me, And do not hide Thy face from Thy servant, for I am in distress; answer me quickly. Oh draw near to my soul and redeem it; ransom me because of my enemies! Thou dost know my reproach and my shame and my dishonour; all my adversaries are before Thee. Reproach has broken my heart, and I am so sick. And I looked for sympathy, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none. They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. May their table before them become a snare; and when they are in peace, may it become a trap. May their eyes grow dim so that they cannot see, and make their loins shake continually. Pour out Thine indignation on them, and may Thy burning anger overtake them. May their camp be desolate; may none dwell in their tents. For they have persecuted him whom Thou Thyself hast smitten, and they tell of the pain of those whom Thou hast wounded. Do Thou add iniquity to their iniquity, and may they not come into Thy righteousness. May they be blotted out of the book of life, and may they not be recorded with the righteous. But I am afflicted and in pain; may Thy salvation, O Elohim, set me securely on high. I will praise the name of Elohim with song, and shall magnify Him with thanksgiving. And it will please Yahweh better than an ox or a young bull with horns and hoofs. The humble have seen it and are glad; you who seek Elohim, let your heart revive. For Yahweh hears the needy, and does not despise His who are prisoners. Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them. For Elohim will save Zion and build the cities of Judah, that they may dwell there and possess it. And the descendants of His servants will inherit it, and those who love His name will dwell in it.

### **Psalms 70**

O Elohim, hasten to deliver me; O YAHWEH, hasten to my help! Let those be ashamed and humiliated who seek my life; let those be turned back and dishonoured who delight in my hurt. Let those be turned back because of their shame who say, "Aha, aha!" Let all who seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee; and let those who love Thy salvation say continually, "Let Elohim be magnified." But I am afflicted and needy; hasten to me, O Elohim! Thou art my help and my deliverer; O YAHWEH, do not delay.

### **Psalms 71**

In Thee, O YAHWEH, I have taken refuge; let me never be ashamed. In Thy righteousness deliver me, and rescue me; incline Thine ear to me, and save me. Be Thou to me a rock of habitation, to which I may continually come; Thou hast given commandment to save me, for Thou art my rock and my fortress. Rescue me, O my Elohim, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the grasp of the wrongdoer and ruthless man, For Thou art my hope; O Yahweh Elohim, Thou art my confidence from my youth. By Thee I have been sustained from my birth; Thou art He who took me from my mother's womb; my praise is continually of Thee. I have become a marvel to many; for Thou art my strong refuge. My mouth is filled with Thy praise, and with Thy glory all day long. Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength fails. For my enemies have spoken against me; and those who watch for my life have consulted together, Saying, "Elohim has forsaken him; pursue and seize him, for there is no one to deliver." O Elohim, do not be far from me; O my Elohim, hasten to my help! Let those who are adversaries of my soul be ashamed and consumed; let them be covered with reproach and dishonour, who seek to injure me. But as for me, I will hope continually, and will praise Thee yet more and more. My mouth shall tell of Thy righteousness, and of Thy salvation all day long; for I do not know the sum of them. I will come with the mighty deeds of Yahweh Elohim; I will make mention of Thy righteousness, Thine alone. O Elohim, Thou hast taught me from my youth; and I still declare Thy wondrous deeds. And even when I am old and gray, O Elohim, do not forsake me, until I declare Thy strength to this generation, Thy power to all who are to come. For Thy righteousness, O Elohim, reaches to the heavens, Thou who hast done great things; O Elohim, who is like Thee? Thou, who hast shown me many troubles and distresses, wilt revive me again, and wilt bring me up again from the depths of the earth. Mayest Thou increase my greatness, and turn to comfort me. I will also praise Thee with a harp, even Thy truth, O my Elohim; to Thee I will sing praises with the lyre, O Thou Holy One of Israel. My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to Thee; and my soul, which Thou hast redeemed. My tongue also will utter Thy righteousness all day long; for they are ashamed, for they are humiliated who seek my hurt.

### **Psalms 72**

Give the king Thy judgments, O Elohim, and Thy righteousness to the king's son. May he judge Thy people with righteousness, and Thine afflicted with justice. Let the mountains bring peace to the people, and the hills in righteousness. May he vindicate the afflicted of the people, save the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor. Let them fear Thee while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. In his days may the righteous flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon is no more. May he also rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. Let the nomads of the desert bow before him; and his enemies lick the dust. Let the kings of Tarshish and of the islands bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts. And let all kings bow down before him, all

nations serve him. For he will deliver the needy when he cries for help, the afflicted also, and him who has no helper. He will have compassion on the poor and needy, and the lives of the needy he will save. He will rescue their life from oppression and violence; and their blood will be precious in his sight; So may he live; and may the gold of Sheba be given to him; And let them pray for him continually; let them bless him all day long. May there be abundance of grain in the earth on top of the mountains; its fruit will wave like the cedars of Lebanon; and may those from the city flourish like vegetation of the earth. May his name endure forever; may his name increase as long as the sun shines; and let men bless themselves by him; let all nations call him blessed. Blessed be Yahweh Elohim, the Elohim of Israel, who alone works wonders. And blessed be His glorious name forever; and may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen.

### **Psalms 73**

Surely Elohim is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart! But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling; my steps had almost slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant, as I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For there are no pains in their death; and their body is fat They are not in trouble as other men; nor are they plagued like mankind Therefore pride is their necklace; the garment of violence covers them. Their eye bulges from fatness; the imaginations of their heart run riot. They mock, and wickedly speak of oppression; they speak from on high They have set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue parades through the earth. Therefore his people return to this place; and waters of abundance are drunk by them. And they say, "How does Elohim know? And is there knowledge with the Most High?" Behold, these are the wicked; and always at ease, they have increased in wealth. Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure, and washed my hands in innocence; For I have been stricken all day long, and chastened every morning. If I had said, "I will speak thus," Behold, I should have betrayed the generation of Thy children When I pondered to understand this, it was troublesome in my sight Until I came into the sanctuary of Elohim; then I perceived their end. 18 Surely Thou dost set them in slippery places; Thou dost cast them down to destruction. How they are destroyed in a moment! They are utterly swept away by sudden terrors! Like a dream when one awakes, O Yahweh, when aroused, Thou wilt despise their form. When my heart was embittered, and I was pierced within, Then I was senseless and ignorant; I was like a beast before Thee. Nevertheless I am continually with Thee; Thou hast taken hold of my right hand. With Thy counsel Thou wilt guide me, and afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but Thee? And besides Thee, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail, but Elohim is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. For, behold, those who are far from Thee will perish; Thou hast destroyed all those who are unfaithful to Thee. But as for me, the nearness of Elohim is my good; I have made Yahweh Elohim my refuge, that I may tell of all Thy works.

### **Psalms 74**

O Elohim, why hast Thou rejected us forever? Why does Thine anger smoke against the sheep of Thy pasture? Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old, which Thou hast redeemed to be the tribe of Thine inheritance; and this Mount Zion, where Thou hast dwelt Turn Thy footsteps toward the perpetual ruins; the enemy has damaged everything within the sanctuary. Thine adversaries have roared in the midst of Thy meeting place; they have set up their own standards for signs. It seems as if one had lifted up His axe in a forest of trees. And now all its carved work they smash with hatchet and hammers. They have burned Thy sanctuary to the ground; they have defiled

the dwelling place of Thy name. They said in their heart, "Let us completely subdue them." They have burned all the meeting places of Elohim in the land. We do not see our signs; there is no longer any prophet, nor is there any among us who knows how long. How long, O Elohim, will the adversary revile, and the enemy spurn Thy name forever? Why dost Thou withdraw Thy hand, even Thy right hand? From within Thy bosom, destroy them! Yet Elohim is my king from of old, who works deeds of deliverance in the midst of the earth. Thou didst divide the sea by Thy strength; Thou didst break the heads of the sea monsters in the waters. Thou didst crush the heads of Leviathan; Thou didst give him as food for the creatures of the wilderness. Thou didst break open springs and torrents; Thou didst dry up ever-flowing streams. Thine is the day, Thine also is the night; Thou hast prepared the light and the sun. Thou hast established all the boundaries of the earth; Thou hast made summer and winter. Remember this, O YAHWEH, that the enemy has reviled; and a foolish people has spurned Thy name. Do not deliver the soul of Thy turtledove to the wild beast; do not forget the life of Thine afflicted forever. Consider the covenant; for the dark places of the land are full of the habitations of violence. Let not the oppressed return dishonoured; let the afflicted and needy praise Thy name. Do arise, O Elohim, and plead Thine own cause; remember how the foolish man reproaches Thee all day long. Do not forget the voice of Thine adversaries, the uproar of those who rise against Thee which ascends continually.

### **Psalms 75**

We give thanks to Thee, O Elohim, we give thanks, for Thy name is near; Men declare Thy wondrous works. "When I select an appointed time, it is I who judge with equity. "The earth and all who dwell in it melt; it is I who have firmly set its pillars. "I said to the boastful, 'Do not boast,' and to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the horn; Do not lift up your horn on high, do not speak with insolent pride.'" For not from the east, nor from the west, nor from the desert comes exaltation; But Elohim is the Judge; He puts down one, and exalts another. For a cup is in the hand of Yahweh, and the wine foams; it is well mixed, and He pours out of this; surely all the wicked of the earth must drain and drink down its dregs. But as for me, I will declare it forever; I will sing praises to the Elohim of Jacob. And all the horns of the wicked He will cut off, but the horns of the righteous will be lifted up.

### **Psalms 76**

Elohim is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel. And His tabernacle is in Salem; His dwelling place also is in Zion. There He broke the flaming arrows, the shield, and the sword, and the weapons of war. Thou art resplendent, more majestic than the mountains of prey. The stouthearted were plundered; they sank into sleep; and none of the warriors could use his hands. At Thy rebuke, O Elohim of Jacob, both rider and horse were cast into a dead sleep. Thou, even Thou, art to be feared; and who may stand in Thy presence when once Thou art angry? Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still When Elohim arose to judgment, to save all the humble of the earth. For the wrath of man shall praise Thee; with a remnant of wrath Thou shalt gird Thyself. Make vows to Yahweh your Elohim and fulfill them; let all who are around Him bring gifts to Him who is to be feared. He will cut off the spirit of princes; He is feared by the kings of the earth.

### **Psalms 77**

My voice rises to Elohim, and I will cry aloud; my voice rises to Elohim, and He will hear me In the day of my trouble I sought Yahweh; in the night my hand was stretched out without weariness; my soul refused to be comforted When I remember Elohim, then I am disturbed; when I sigh, then my spirit grows faint Thou hast held my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak I have considered

the days of old, the years of long ago. I will remember my song in the night; I will meditate with my heart; and my spirit ponders. Will Yahweh reject forever? And will He never be favourable again? Has His lovingkindness ceased forever? Has His promise come to an end forever? Has Elohim forgotten to be gracious? Or has He in anger withdrawn His compassion? Then I said, "It is my grief, that the right hand of the Most High has changed." I shall remember the deeds of Yahweh; Surely I will remember Thy wonders of old. I will meditate on all Thy work, and muse on Thy deeds. Thy way, O Elohim, is holy; what Elohim is great like our Elohim? Thou art the Elohim who workest wonders; Thou hast made known Thy strength among the peoples. Thou hast by Thy power redeemed Thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. The waters saw Thee, O Elohim; the waters saw Thee, they were in anguish; the deeps also trembled. The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth a sound; Thy arrows flashed here and there. The sound of Thy thunder was in the whirlwind; the lightning's lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook. 19 Thy way was in the sea, and Thy paths in the mighty waters, and Thy footprints may not be known. Thou didst lead Thy people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

### **Psalms 78**

Listen, O my people, to my instruction; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not conceal them from their children, but tell to the generation to come the praises of Yahweh, and His strength and His wondrous works that He has done.

For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should teach them to their children, That the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may arise and tell them to their children, That they should put their confidence in Elohim, and not forget the works of Elohim, but keep His commandments, And not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not prepare its heart, and whose spirit was not faithful to Elohim. The sons of Ephraim were archers equipped with bows, yet they turned back in the day of battle They did not keep the covenant of Elohim, and refused to walk in His law; And they forgot His deeds, and His miracles that He had shown them. He wrought wonders before their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and He made the waters stand up like a heap. Then He led them with the cloud by day, and all the night with a light of fire. He split the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them abundant drink like the ocean depths. 16 He brought forth streams also from the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers. Yet they still continued to sin against Him, to rebel against the Most High in the desert. And in their heart they put Elohim to the test by asking food according to their desire. Then they spoke against Elohim; they said, "Can Elohim prepare a table in the wilderness? "Behold, He struck the rock, so that waters gushed out, and streams were overflowing; can He give bread also? Will He provide meat for His people?" Therefore Yahweh heard and was full of wrath, and a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also mounted against Israel; Because they did not believe in Elohim, and did not trust in His salvation. Yet He commanded the clouds above, and opened the doors of heaven; And He rained down manna upon them to eat, and gave them food from heaven. Man did eat the bread of angels; He sent them food in abundance. He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens; and by His power He directed the south wind. When He rained meat upon them like the dust, even winged fowl like the sand of the seas, Then He let them fall in the midst of their camp, round about their dwellings. So they ate and were well filled; and their desire He gave to them. Before they had satisfied their desire, while their food was in their mouths, The anger of Elohim rose against them, and killed some of their stoutest ones, and subdued the choice men of Israel. In spite of all this they still sinned, and did not believe in His wonderful works. So He brought their days to an end in futility,

and their years in sudden terror. When He killed them, then they sought Him, and returned and searched diligently for Elohim; And they remembered that Elohim was their rock, and the Most High Elohim their Redeemer But they deceived Him with their mouth, and lied to Him with their tongue. For their heart was not steadfast toward Him, nor were they faithful in His covenant But He, being compassionate, forgave their iniquity, and did not destroy them; and often He restrained His anger, and did not arouse all His wrath. Thus He remembered that they were but flesh, a wind that passes and does not return. How often they rebelled against Him in the wilderness, and grieved Him in the desert And again and again they tempted Elohim, and pained the Holy One of Israel They did not remember His power, the day when He redeemed them from the adversary, When He performed His signs in Egypt, and His marvels in the field of Zoan, And turned their rivers to blood, and their streams, they could not drink He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them, and frogs which destroyed them He gave also their crops to the grasshopper, and the product of their labour to the locust He destroyed their vines with hailstones, and their sycamore trees with frost He gave over their cattle also to the hailstones, and their herds to bolts of lightning He sent upon them His burning anger, fury, and indignation, and trouble, a band of destroying angels He levelled a path for His anger; He did not spare their soul from death, but gave over their life to the plague And smote all the first-born in Egypt, the first issue of their virility in the tents of Ham But He led forth His own people like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock; And He led them safely, so that they did not fear; but the sea engulfed their enemies. So He brought them to His holy land, to this hill country which His right hand had gained He also drove out the nations before them, and He apportioned them for an inheritance by measurement, and made the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents. Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most High Elohim, and did not keep His testimonies But turned back and acted treacherously like their fathers; they turned aside like a treacherous bow For they provoked Him with their high places, and aroused His jealousy with their graven images. When Elohim heard, He was filled with wrath, and greatly abhorred Israel; So that He abandoned the dwelling place at Shiloh, the tent which He had pitched among men And gave up His strength to captivity, and His glory into the hand of the adversary He also delivered His people to the sword, and was filled with wrath at His inheritance Fire devoured His young men; And His virgins had no wedding songs. His priests fell by the sword; and His widows could not weep. Then Yahweh awoke as if from sleep, like a warrior overcome by wine. And He drove His adversaries backward; He put on them an everlasting reproach He also rejected the tent of Joseph, and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim But chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved And He built His sanctuary like the heights, like the earth which He has founded forever He also chose David His servant, and took him from the sheepfolds; From the care of the ewes with suckling lambs He brought him, to shepherd Jacob His people, and Israel His inheritance. So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them with his skilful hands.

### **Psalms 79**

O Elohim, the nations have invaded Thine inheritance; they have defiled Thy holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins. They have given the dead bodies of Thy servants for food to the birds of the heavens, the flesh of Thy righteous ones to the beasts of the earth They have poured out their blood like water round about Jerusalem; and there was no one to bury them. We have become a reproach to our neighbours, a scoffing and derision to those around us How long, O YAHWEH? Wilt Thou be angry forever? Will Thy jealousy burn like fire? Pour out Thy wrath upon the nations which do not know Thee, and upon the kingdoms which do not call upon Thy name. For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his habitation. Do not remember the iniquities of our forefathers against us; let Thy compassion

come quickly to meet us; for we are brought very low Help us, O Elohim of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name; and deliver us, and forgive our sins, for Thy name's sake. Why should the nations say, "Where is their Elohim?" Let there be known among the nations in our sight, vengeance for the blood of Thy servants, which has been shed. Let the groaning of the prisoner come before Thee; according to the greatness of Thy power preserve those who are doomed to die And return to our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom the reproach with which they have reproached Thee, O Yahweh So we Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture will give thanks to Thee forever; to all generations we will tell of Thy praise.

### **Psalms 80**

Oh, give ear, Shepherd of Israel, Thou who dost lead Joseph like a flock; Thou who art enthroned above the cherubim, shine forth! Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Thy power, and come to save us! O Elohim, restore us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us, and we will be saved. O YAHWEH Elohim of hosts, how long wilt Thou be angry with the prayer of Thy people Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears, and Thou hast made them to drink tears in large measure. Thou dost make us an object of contention to our neighbours; and our enemies laugh among themselves. O Elohim of hosts, restore us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us, and we will be saved. Thou didst remove a vine from Egypt; Thou didst drive out the nations, and didst plant it Thou didst clear the ground before it, and it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shadow; and the cedars of Elohim with its boughs. It was sending out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River. Why hast Thou broken down its hedges, so that all who pass that way pick its fruit? A boar from the forest eats it away, and whatever moves in the field feeds on it. O Elohim of hosts, turn again now, we beseech Thee; look down from heaven and see, and take care of this vine, Even the shoot which Thy right hand has planted, and on the son whom Thou hast strengthened for Thyself. It is burned with fire, it is cut down; they perish at the rebuke of Thy countenance. Let Thy hand be upon the man of Thy right hand, upon the son of man whom Thou didst make strong for Thyself. Then we shall not turn back from Thee; revive us, and we will call upon Thy name. O YAHWEH Elohim of hosts, restore us; cause Thy face to shine upon us, and we will be saved.