

Psalm

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**Psalm 73
A Psalm of Asaph**

A. Asaph said the wicked have great pride - 73:1-7

1. Asaph said that God is good to the wicked - 73:1-3

Asaph saw that God is good to Israel

Israel was a name of the descendants of Jacob - Ex. 18:25

Asaph said this was to those who are pure in heart

The pure in heart are to wait patiently for the Lord - Ps. 37:7

Asaph said his feet came close to stumbling

We are not to let our heart envy sinners or we may stumble - Prov. 23:17

Asaph said that his steps nearly slipped

We can be tempted to slip if we look at the ease of others - Job 12:5

Asaph said he was envious of the boastful

We are not to be envious of the boastful - Ps. 37:1

Asaph said he saw the prosperity of the wicked

Jeremiah also wanted to know why the wicked prospered - Jer. 12:1

2. Asaph said their pride is their necklace - 73:4-6

Asaph said there were no pains in their death

Asaph said their body was fat

For example, Eglon was a very fat man - Jdg. 3:17

Asaph said they were not in trouble like other men

The Lord touched the king and he became a leper - 2 Ki. 15:5

Asaph said they were not plagued like other men

David said there was only a step between him and death - 1 Sam. 20:3

Asaph said their pride is their necklace

The country of Moab was known for its great pride - Isa. 16:6

Asaph said the garment of violence covers them

He clothed himself with cursing as a garment - Ps. 109:18

3. Asaph said their eyes bulge with abundance - 73:7

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Such people have no boundaries for their evil - Prov. 7:10

Asaph said they have more than they could wish

These are people who worship idols of wood or metal - Nu. 33:52

B. Asaph said they did not think that God would know - 73:8-14

1. Asaph said they have their mouths set against the heavens - 73:8-9

The wicked speak wickedly of oppression
They are corrupt and speak wickedly - Ps. 53:1
The wicked speak proudly from their high position
They entice by the passions of the flesh - 2 Pet. 2:18
The wicked set their mouths against the heavens
They follow their own sinful desires and speak boastfully - Jude 16
The wicked parade with their tongue (words) through the earth
They open their mouths to speak blasphemies against God - Rev. 13:6

2. Asaph said the proud did not think that God knew - 73:10-11

The wicked return to this place
Saul thought that one of the other leaders was guilty of sin - 1 Sam. 14:38
The wicked drink the waters of abundance
The wicked drink foaming wine and drain it to the end - Ps. 75:8
The wicked say, "How does God know?"
They think that God cannot see through the deep darkness - Job 22:13
The wicked ask if there is knowledge with the Most High?
They say that it is useless to serve God - Mal. 3:14

3. Asaph felt that he had kept his heart pure in vain - 73:12-13

The wicked are the ungodly
The ungodly are like a piece of straw driven by the wind - Ps. 1:4
The wicked are always at ease
David asked for the ungodly to be judged - Ps. 109:6-10
The wicked increase in riches
Jeremiah asked that these would be judged - Jer. 18:16
The wicked caused Asaph to say in vain he had kept his heart pure
Job asked if he was better off than if he had sinned - Job 35:3
The wicked caused Asaph to say he had washed his hands in innocence
The godly wash their hands in innocence - Ps. 26:6

4. Asaph said he had been stricken all day long - 73:14

The wicked caused Asaph to say he had been stricken all day long
Christ was smitten and afflicted for us - Isa. 53:4
The wicked caused him to say he had been chastened every morning
The godly asked for God to take vengeance on the nations - Ps. 149:7

C. Asaph realized the end that the wicked faced - 73:15-20

1. Asaph said he it had been painful in his sight - 73:15-16

He said if he had spoken that way

He did not want to be like those who call evil good - Isa. 5:20

He said he would have betrayed the generation of God's children

People are spiritually unfaithful when they worship other gods - Jer. 3:9

He said he thought how to understand this

A righteous person wants to speak what is acceptable - Prov. 10:32

He said it was too painful for him

Joseph had experienced much hardship at an earlier time - Gen. 41:51

2. Asaph went to the sanctuary and then understood their end - 73:17

Then Asaph went to the sanctuary of God

The end for the ungodly is judgment - Ps. 37:38

Then Asaph understood their end

God will cast them down to destruction - Ps. 55:23

3. Asaph said God set them in slippery places that would destroy - 73:18-19

God had set them on slippery places

Slippery places can destroy those walking on them - Ps. 35:6

God judged false prophets in slippery places - Jer. 23:11-12

God would cast them down to destruction

False words are often based on a bitter heart - Prov. 5:3-4

God is the One who will bring them to this destruction

Any destruction God brings is very complete - Ps. 74:2-3

God said they would be destroyed in a moment

God chose to judge those in rebellion very suddenly - Num. 16:23-35

God will bring judgment without warning when He judges - Ps. 6:10

God said they would be utterly consumed with sudden terrors

God destroyed suddenly those who were destroying Israel - Isa. 17:14

4. Asaph said God would judge in His time - 73:20

The Lord makes some things seem like a dream when one awakes

The Lord can bring sudden judgment from any source - Jer. 6:22

The Lord will judge the nations at the Valley of Jehoshaphat - Joel 4:12

The Lord when He is aroused will despise their image

This is how Christ was treated when He was despised - Isa. 53:3

God is the One who will take vengeance in His time - Deut. 32:35

D. Asaph said God would guide and strengthen him forever - 73:21-28

1. Asaph said God would guide him with His counsel - 73:21-24

God caused Asaph to realize his heart was embittered
God caused Asaph to realize he was vexed in his mind
The Lord tests our hearts and convicts our conscience - Ps. 7:10
God caused Asaph to realize he was foolish and ignorant
A fool lacks spiritual understanding - Ps. 92:6
God caused Asaph to realize he was like a beast before God
God caused Asaph to realize God was continually with him
The Lord will counsel us as He has His eye on us - Ps. 32:8
God caused Asaph to realize God held his right hand
God caused Asaph to realize God would guide him with His counsel
Our God is forever and ever and will guide us until death - Ps. 48:14
God would afterward receive him to glory
David said he would give thanks to the Lord forever - Ps. 16:9-11

2. Asaph said that God is his strength forever - 73:25-26

God was the only One Asaph had in heaven
Paul was willing to suffer the loss of all things - Phil. 3:8
God was the desire of Asaph and he desired nothing on earth
God understood when his flesh and even his heart failed
My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God - Ps. 84:2
God was the strength of his heart and his portion forever
The Lord is my chosen portion - Ps. 16:5

3. Asaph knew it was good to have his trust in the Lord - 73:27-28

God said those who are far from Him will perish
Those who are far from God will perish - Ps. 119:155
God knew all those who were unfaithful to Him
He will destroy all those who do not have true faith - Rev. 20:10-15
God knew that Asaph desired to draw near to Him
This includes heart, conscience as well as physical washing - Heb. 10:22
When we draw near to God, He will draw near to us - Jam. 4:8
God knew that Asaph had put his trust in the Lord God
Man looks at the outward appearance, the Lord looks on the heart - 1 Sam. 16:7
God knew that Asaph had made the Lord his refuge
We can believe even when we are greatly afflicted - Ps. 116:10
God knew that Asaph's desire was to tell of all the works of God
Because we believe we will also speak - 2 Cor. 4:13

Psalm 74

A Psalm of Asaph

A. Asaph asked God to remember His sheep - 74:1-2

God was asked why He had rejected Israel forever

God's name is plural here as it was at creation - Gen. 1:24-27

God was asked why His anger was against the sheep of His pasture

God called Israel the sheep of His pasture - I Sam. 17:20

God was asked to remember His congregation

This spoke of all of the people of Israel - Ex. 12:3

God was reminded He had purchased it of old

This refers back to the time of the first Passover - Ex. 12:3

God was reminded this was the tribe of His inheritance He had redeemed

The Egyptians asked to be bought with their land for food - Gen.47:19

God was reminded this was Mount Zion where You have dwelt

Zion was the hill in southeast Jerusalem where the temple stood - 2Ki. 19:31

B. Asaph said the enemies had damaged God's sanctuary - 74:3-4

God was asked to turn His feet toward the perpetual ruins

Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way - Ps. 85:13

God was told the enemies damaged everything in the sanctuary

The enemies destroyed the temple with fire - 2 Chron. 36:19

God heard His enemies roar in the midst of His meeting place

The entire temple area became a place for enemy celebration - Lam. 2:7

God was told they had set up their own banners for signs

Israel and other armies set up banners to show where each tribe was - Num. 2:2

C. Asaph said they broke it down and set it on fire - 74:5-7

God was told they were men with axes in a forest trees

A destroyer of nations would make the cities without inhabitants - Jer. 4:7

God heard they smashed all the carved work with hatchet and hammers

The carved work included cherubim, palm trees and flowers - 1 Ki. 6:29

God was told they set fire to His sanctuary

The Babylonians burned the house of the Lord - 2 Chron. 36:19

God was told they destroyed this dwelling place of Your name

They burned the temple to the ground - 2 Chron. 36:19

God was told the enemies brought it down to the ground

Israel had sold itself to do evil - 2 KI. 17:16-17

Jerusalem was later conquered and burned by Babylon - 2 Ki. 25:9-17

D. Asaph said they burned all the meeting places of God in the land - 74:8

The enemies said in their hearts

Man's heart is deceitful and desperately wicked - Jer. 17:9

The enemies said let us completely destroy them

Many enemies have tried to completely destroy Israel - Ps. 83:4

The enemies had burned all the meeting places of God in the land

E. Asaph asked how long the enemy would revile the name of God - 74:9-11

God was told the people did not see their signs

The word of the Lord was rare in those days - 1 Sam. 3:1

God had no one to tell them how long this would last

There was a famine for hearing the Word of God - Amos 8:11

God was told the people no longer had any prophet

God was asked if the enemy would blaspheme His name forever

God was asked why He had withdrawn His right hand

Before the enemy, God blazed against Jacob - Lam. 2:3

God was told from within His bosom to destroy them

F. Asaph said God was his King forever - 74:12-16

God was the King of Asaph from of old

The Lord was asked to command victories for Israel - Ps. 44:4

God is the One who works salvation in the midst of the earth

God divided the sea by His strength

This was done by God with a strong east wind - Ex. 14:19-22

God broke the heads of the sea monsters in the waters

God had crushed the heads of Leviathan

(Leviathan is a large sea creature)

God gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness

God broke open springs and torrents

The Red Sea became wall of water on each side - Ex. 17:5-6

God dried up streams that continually flowed

The Lord stopped the water of the Jordan for several miles - Josh. 3:13-17

God was told that the day and the night both belonged to Him

The day and night both belonged to the Lord - Job. 38:12

God had prepared the light and the sun

The greater light God gave to rule the day - Gen. 1:14-18

God had established all the boundaries of the earth

The boundaries were set when God separated the sons of Adam - Deut. 32:8

God had made summer and winter

Summer and winter were set by God right after the flood - Gen. 8:22

G. Asaph said the Lord not to forget the life of His afflicted - 74:17-19

God had established all the boundaries of the earth

The Most High set the boundaries of the earth - Deut. 32:8

The Lord set boundaries of their dwelling place - Acts. 17:26

God had made summer and winter

Summer and winter will continue and will not cease - Gen. 8:22

The Lord was told that the enemy scoffs

The enemy was proud of his own strength - Isa. 10::12-13

The Lord was told a foolish people had spurned His name

Foolish people spurn the counsel of the Most High - Ps. 107:11

The Lord was asked not to deliver His turtledove to the wild beast

People could bring two turtledoves as their sacrifice - Lev. 15:14; 29

The Lord was asked not to forget the life of His poor forever

God told Israel not to oppress the poor - Ex. 23:6

H. Asaph wanted the poor and needy to praise God's name - 74:20-21

The Lord was asked to have respect to the covenant

God was asked to remember His covenant - Gen. 17:7-8

God said He would not break His covenant - Lev. 26:44-45

The Lord was told about the dark places of the land

(The dark places are the hiding places where evil men hid)

Job said his life was like a breath and he would never see good - Job 7:7

The Lord was told they are the habitations of violence

These were the places where violence was planned - Prov. 3:31

The Lord was asked that the oppressed not return dishonored

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed - Ps. 10:9

The Lord was asked to let the afflicted and needy praise His name

The Lord promised to bring the little ones into the land - Num. 14:31

I. Asaph asked the Lord to judge His enemies - 74:22-23

God was asked to arise and plead His own cause

The Lord will sling out His enemies as from a sling - 1 Sam. 25:29

God was asked to remember how the foolish man scoff at Him all day

The foolish man taught the Lord and His followers - Ps. 1:1

God was asked not to forget the voice of His enemies

God judged the wicked and saved the righteous - Num. 14:21-38

God said their uproar was by those who rose against Him

The evil congregation was gathered against God - Num. 14:35

God was told this uproar rises continually

The enemies of the Lord spoke evil against Him continually - Ps. 139:19-22

Psalm 75

A Psalm of Asaph

A. Asaph gave thanks to God - 75:1

Asaph said that we give thanks to God, we give thanks
The Lord gives wisdom and understanding to the wise - Dan. 2:21
Asaph said the wondrous works of declare His name is near

B. Asaph spoke about when God will bring judgment - 75:2-3

Asaph said when God chooses to judge He will judge with equity
The Lord lifts up the humble and casts the wicked to the ground - Ps. 147:6
Asaph said that the earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved
Asaph said it was God who had firmly set its pillars Selah

C. Asaph spoke about the proud - 75:4-5

Asaph said to the boastful and said, "Do not boast"
Hannah said that she rejoiced in the Lord and thanked Him - 1 Sam. 2:3
Asaph said to the wicked do not lift up the horn (raise the head)
The wicked boast in the things that they do - Ps. 94:4
Asaph told them not to set their horn on high
Zedekiah made for himself horns of iron - 1 Ki. 22:11
Asaph told them not to speak with great pride
The foolish woman leads her visitors to eternal judgment - Prov. 9:13-18

D. Asaph said Lord will judge the wicked - 75:6-8

Asaph said this does not come from the east or the west
Asaph said exaltation does not come from the desert
Asaph said God is the Judge
God, Himself is Judge - Ps. 50:6
Asaph said God puts down one and exalts another
The Lord brings one low and exalts another - 1 Sam. 2:7
Asaph said in the hand of the Lord there is a cup
The Lord has a cup of wrath in His hand - Jer. 25:15-16
Asaph said the wine foams
This kind of wine makes people stagger - Ps. 60:3
Asaph said it is well mixed and He pours out of this
Asaph said all the wicked of the earth must drain and drink its dregs
God will make great Babylon experience His wrath - Rev. 16:19

E. Asaph said that he would praise the Lord - 75:9-10

Asaph said he would declare this forever
Asaph said he would sing praises to the God of Jacob
Asaph said all the horns of the wicked He will cut off
All evildoers will be cut off from the city of the Lord - Ps. 101:8
Asaph said the horns of the righteous will be lifted up
The Lord will lift up the horn of His people - Ps. 148:14

Psalm 76

A Psalm of Asaph

A. Asaph said the name of God is great in Judah and Israel - 76:1-3

Asaph said God is known in Judah
God was greatly praised in Judah - Ps. 48:1; 3
David had placed the tabernacle of God in Jerusalem - 2 Sam. 6:17-19
Asaph said that His name is great in Israel
David was made the king of all Israel - 1 Chron. 12:38
Asaph said in Jerusalem is His tabernacle
This is the city of David where he wanted to build the temple - 1 Chron. 15:1
This is also the city of the Great King - Isa. 9:6-7; Matt. 1:6,; 1:16-17
Asaph said that His dwelling place is in Zion
The place where God's presence was Mount Zion - Ps. 48:2
Mount Zion is where the temple was later built
Asaph said that is where God broke the flaming arrows
Asaph said there God destroyed the shield and sword of battle
God had blessed David wherever Saul had seen him - 1 Sam. 18:5

B. Asaph said that God had judged the enemies - 76:4-6

Asaph said God is more glorious
Asaph said God is more majestic than mountains of prey
Asaph said the stouthearted are removed
God is the One who judges all evil men - Isa. 10:12
Asaph said they sank into sleep
David saw the Lord protect him from the sleep of death - Ps. 13:3
Asaph said none of the warriors could use his hands
Asaph said this happened at the rebuke of the God of Jacob
God is the One who does great wonders - Ex. 15:12-13
Asaph said both rider and horse were cast into a dead sleep
God had earlier judged the armies of Egypt - Ex. 15:1-5

C. Asaph said God is to be feared when he brings judgment - 76:7-9

Asaph said, "You, even You, are to be feared"

God caused Israel to hear and fear at Mount Sinai - Ex. 19:9

John asked who would be able to stand when God judges - Rev. 6:15-17

Asaph asked who could stand in the presence of God

In ourselves we are all guilty before God - Rom. 3:9-20

Asaph said this is once God is angry

God has established His throne for justice - 2 Chron. 20:29

Asaph said God caused judgment to be heard from heaven

God called to Moses from the top of Mount Sinai - Ex. 19:17-19

Asaph said the earth feared and was still

David desired that all peoples fear the Lord - Ps. 67:1-7

The whole earth will one day tremble before the Lord - 1 Chron. 16:30

Asaph said this happened when God arose to judgment

God has prepared His throne for judgment - Ps. 9:7-9

Asaph said this was to save all the humble of the earth Selah

The Lord teaches the humble His way - Ps. 25:9

D. Asaph said the wrath of man will praise God - 76:10

Asaph said that even the wrath of man will praise God

God used the wrath of Pharaoh to cause people to fear Him - Ex. 9:16

As a Jew, Paul was keeping a vow when he was seized - Acts 21:23-26

Asaph said God would gird Himself with a remnant of wrath

A woman used a parable to ask David to save her only son - 2 Sam. 14:7

E. Asaph said to make vows to God and fulfill them - 76:11-12

Asaph said to make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them

Any vows to the Lord are to be kept - Eccl. 5:4-6

Asaph said to let all who are around bring Him gifts

Later Hezekiah saw many bring gifts to Jerusalem - 2 Chron. 32:22-23

Asaph said that God is the One who is to be feared

God gave Levi a covenant of life and peace - Mal. 2:4

God caused the people to fear Moses - Deut. 34:10-12

God said Levi feared Him and was reverent before His name - Mal. 2:5

God caused great fear and dread for the enemies - Deut. 11:25

Asaph said God will cut off the spirit of princes

A prince was given responsibility for leading or ruling - 1 Sam. 9:16

David consulted with every leader - 1 Chron. 13:1

Asaph said that God is feared by the kings of the earth

God is the One who gives power and strength to His people - Ps. 68:3-5

Psalm 77

A Psalm of Asaph

A. Asaph cried out to the Lord in his trouble - 77:1-2

Asaph cried out to God in with his voice—to God with his voice

Speaks of crying out loudly for help - Deut. 22:25-27

Asaph knew that God heard him

God listens to the cry of those who trust in Him - Ps. 5:1-4

Asaph raised His voice to God in the day of his trouble

Asaph had his hand stretched out without weariness

Asaph said that his soul refused to be comforted

B. Asaph remembered God when his spirit fainted - 77:3

When Asaph remembered God he was troubled

When Asaph sighed, then his spirit grew faint

This word is also used of feebler sheep - Gen. 30:42

C. Asaph meditated in his heart during the night - 77:4-6

Asaph could not sleep and felt like God was holding his eyes open

Asaph was so troubled that he could not speak

Sometimes a person has a dream that troubles them - Dan. 2:3

Asaph considered the days of old

Asaph thought about the years his past

Asaph remembered that his song in the night in earlier years

Asaph thought about this in his spirit

Asaph said he would meditate on all of God's work - Ps. 77:12

D. Asaph felt like God had forgotten to be gracious - 77:7-9

Asaph asked if the Lord would reject him forever

The sons of Korah said God cast them off and put them to shame - Ps. 44:9

Asaph asked if God would never be favorable again

He wondered if he would go to the grave and never see light again - Ps. 49:19

Asaph wondered if the lovingkindness of the Lord had ceased

Asaph asked if the promise of God would end forever

God is very patient as He gives people time to repent - 2 Pet. 3:8-9

Asaph wondered if God had forgotten to be gracious

God will redeem our soul from the power of the grave - Ps. 49:14

Asaph wondered if God in anger had withdrawn His compassion Selah

E. Asaph remembered the works of the Lord - 77:10-11

Asaph said that he spoke in his grief
Asaph said the right hand of the Most High has changed
Asaph said he would remember the works of the Lord
The Lord will use His words and works to turn Israel to Himself - Isa. 59:20-21
Asaph said he would remember the wonders of God of old

F. Asaph meditated on the greatness of God - 77:12-13

Asaph said he would meditate on all the works of God
Asaph said He would talk about the works of God
The works of God and not our words turn peoples to the Lord - Isa. 55:7-11
Asaph said the way of God was in the sanctuary
There Asaph understood the end of sinful men - Ps. 73:13
Asaph asked who is so great a god as our God

G. Asaph knew that God had shown His strength - 77:14-17

Asaph said You are the God that works wonders
Asaph said that God has made known His strength among the peoples
Asaph said God has by His power redeemed His people
Asaph said these are the sons of Jacob and Joseph Selah
Asaph said the waters saw You, o God
Asaph said the waters saw God and were afraid
God showed His power by making a road through the Sea - Ex. 14:21
Asaph said the deeps also trembled
The seas and oceans all show the power of God - Hab. 3:8-10
Asaph said the clouds poured out water
Asaph said the skies sent out a sound
Asaph said the arrows of God also flashed

I. Asaph knew God led His flock by Moses and Aaron -77:18-20

Asaph said the voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind
Asaph said the lightnings lit up the world
Asaph said the earth trembled and shook
Asaph said Your way was in the sea
Asaph said Your path in the mighty waters
Asaph said Your footprints may not be known
Asaph said You led Your people like a flock
The Lord cares for and leads His people - Ezek. 34:11-16
Asaph said God led them by the hand of Moses and Aaron

Psalm 78

A Psalm of Asaph

I. God brought Israel out of Egypt - 78:1-16

A. Asaph asked the people to really listen to God's law - 78:1

**Asaph said listen my people to my instruction
Asaph said to open your ears to the words of my mouth**

B. Asaph said he would speak to the people their fathers taught - 78:2-4

Asaph said he would open his mouth in a parable
Christ spoke in parables to the multitude to teach things hidden - Matt. 13:34-35
Asaph said he would speak in riddles from much earlier
Asaph said they had heard and known these riddles
Asaph said they had been told to them by their fathers
Asaph said he would not hide them from their children
God said to teach them to their children and grandchildren - Deut. 4:9
Asaph said they would tell the generation to come the praises of the Lord
Asaph said they would speak of His strength and wondrous works
Asaph said these were the works that the Lord had done

C. Asaph said God gave the law to Israel to teach their children - 78:5-8

Asaph said God established a testimony in Jacob
Asaph said He gave instruction to Israel
God gave His Word (His statutes and judgments) to Jacob Ps. 147:19
Asaph said these were the things God commanded their fathers
Asaph said they were to teach them to their children
God told them how to teach their children (an example for us) - Deut. 6:7
Asaph said this was so the future children would know
Asaph said these were the children that had not yet been born
Asaph said then they would be able to teach them to their children
God said that teaching is to be done throughout the day - Deut. 11:19
Asaph said this was so they would place their hope in God
Asaph said this was so they would not forget the works of God
God said this includes teaching by word and example - Jam. 1:22-25
Asaph said this was so they could keep the commandments of God
Asaph said that was a stubborn and rebellious generation
Asaph said they did not prepare their heart or have a faithful spirit
God created us in Christ to carry out the works He planned for us - Eph. 2:10

D. Asaph said Israel refused to follow God's law - 78:9-11

Asaph said this caused Ephraim (Israel) to turn back in battle

Israel followed idols and not able to stand in battle - Hos. 4:17

Asaph said their archers were equipped with bows

Archers with bows were usually greatly feared - Jer. 4:29

Asaph said they turned back in the day of battle

Israel began to sin more and more including human sacrifices - Hos. 13:2

Asaph said they did not keep the covenant of God

Israel despised the covenant God made with their fathers - 2 Ki. 17:15

Asaph said Israel refused to walk in His Law

Israel made a molded image and two calves - 2 Ki. 17:16-18

Asaph said they forgot His deeds God had done

Israel soon forgot God's works - Ps. 106:13

Asaph said they forgot His miracles He had shown them

The Lord said that nothing is too hard for Him - Jer. 13:27

E. Asaph said God did marvelous things for Israel - 78:12-13

Asaph said God did marvelous things in the sight of their fathers

God brought ten plagues on Egypt - Ex. 7:1-12:30

Asaph said these were the works God had shown them in Egypt

Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt - Num. 13:22

Asaph said God divided the sea and caused them to pass through

The Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind - Ex. 14:21

Asaph said God made the waters stand up like a heap

The floods stood up like a heap - Ex. 15:8

F. Asaph said God guided Israel in the wilderness - 78:14-16

Asaph said God led them in the daytime with the cloud

The Lord went before them in a pillar of cloud by day - Ex. 13:21

Asaph said all night this was with a light of fire

God led them by night in a pillar of fire to give them light - Ex. 13:21

Asaph said God split the rock in the wilderness

God did this first in Horeb - Ex. 17:6

Asaph said God gave them abundant drink like the ocean depths

Moses was told to speak to the rock but disobeyed - Num. 20:8

Water came out abundantly when Moses struck the rock - Num. 20:11

Asaph said God also brought streams out of the rock

God did this a second time when Moses struck the rock twice - Num. 20:8-11

Asaph said God caused waters to run down like rivers

God gave Abraham the land from the Nile to the Euphrates - Gen. 15:18

II. God provided for Israel in the wilderness

A. Asaph said Israel rebelled against God in the wilderness - 78:17-18

Asaph said Israel continued to sin against God

Israel rebelled against God in many places - Deut. 9:22

Asaph said they rebelled against the Most High in the wilderness

Those who rebelled were those who left Egypt with Moses - Heb. 3:16

Asaph said they tested God in their heart

In their hearts Israel put God to the test - Ex. 16:2-3

Asaph said they asked for food according to their own desire

B. Asaph said Israel did not believe God would provide - 78:19-20

Asaph said then Israel spoke against God

Israel complained and wanted meat in the wilderness - Ps. 78:30-31

Asaph said they asked if God could prepare a table in the wilderness

Asaph said God struck the rock so that waters gushed out

God split the rock and the water gushed out - Isa. 48:21

Asaph said the streams were overflowing

God caused the streams to overflow - Ps. 105:41

Asaph said that Israel asked if God could give bread

Israel did not believe the Lord their God - Deut. 1:32

Asaph said Israel asked if God could provide meat for His people

C. Asaph said God sent bread to Israel in abundance - 78:21-25

Asaph said that the Lord heard this and was full of wrath

Asaph said a fire was kindled against Jacob

The fire of the Lord burned among them - Num. 11:1

Asaph said anger also mounted against Israel

Asaph said this was because they did not believe in God

Asaph said that they did not trust in His salvation

God is the only source of salvation - Ps. 62:1-2

Asaph said God commanded the clouds above

Asaph said God opened the doors of heaven

Asaph said God rained down manna on them to eat

God did this daily to cause Israel to trust Him - Ps. 112:7

Asaph said God gave them bread from heaven

God gave Israel bread from heaven to eat - John 6:31

Asaph said men ate angels' food

Asaph said God sent them food in abundance

God brought a large number of quail near the camp - Num. 11:4-9

D. Asaph said God even provided meat in abundance - 78:26-29

God caused an east wind to blow in the heavens

The Lord is the One who sent out this wind - Num. 11:31

God directed the south wind by His power

This area had whirlwinds that came from the south - Zech. 9:14

God rained meat upon them like dust

The Lord covered the ground in and around the camp of Israel - Num. 11:31

God brought winged fowl like the sand of the seas

God brought meat upon them like dust - Num. 11:32

God let these fall in the middle of their camp

Their camp had quail out to a day's journey around the camp - Num. 11:31-32

God let them fall around their tents

The people gathered quail for two days - Num. 11:32

God let them eat until they were well filled

They had quail to eat every day for an entire month - Num. 11:19-20

God gave them their desire

The Lord gave them quail for a whole month - Num. 11:23

E. Asaph said God brought His wrath against Israel - 78:30-31

God began to judge them while they were eating

God judged the ones who led the complaining - Num. 11:34

God did this while the food was still in their mouths

God struck them with a very great plague - Num. 11:33

God caused His anger to rise against them

Wrath is a word for very strong anger - Gen. 27:41-45

God killed some of their stoutest ones

These are usually the strongest of the men - Isa. 10:16

God subdued some of the choice men of Israel

God is very slow to judge in anger - Prov. 16:32

F. Asaph said Israel did not believe the wondrous works of God - 78:32-33

Israel continued to sin in spite of this

God was asked not to destroy Israel when they sinned - Num. 14:16-18

Israel did not believe the wonderful works of God

Israel quickly forgot the wonderful works of God - Ps. 78:11

God made their days lose all meaning

God said that generation would all die in the wilderness - Num. 14:35

God caused their years to be filled with fear

God had forgiven Israel in the past - Num. 14:19

People in rebellion can have no peace - Isa. 57:20-21

G. Asaph said Israel was not steadfast in their hearts toward God - 78:34-37

Israel looked for God when He killed them

God took away the serpents from them - Num. 21:7; John 3:14

Israel even had some who searched diligently for God

These knew that God is a God of faithfulness - Deut. 32:4

Israel saw those remember that God was their rock

Most scoffed at the Rock of His salvation - Deut. 32:15; I Cor. 10:9

Israel had those recognize the Most High God as their Redeemer

God had redeemed Israel from the house of slavery - Deut. 7:8

Israel flattered God with their mouths

The people promised to be obedient to God - Deut. 24:7-8

Israel lied to God with their tongues

The people heard what God said but did not obey Him - Ezek. 33:31

Israel did not have a heart that was steadfast toward God

Israel was not faithful in His covenant

God had given that covenant to Abraham - Gen. 12:1-4; 24:7; 35:10-12

H. Asaph said that God forgave their sin and did not destroy them - 78:38-39

God is a God who is full of compassion and forgave their sin

The Lord pardoned because of the prayer of Moses - Num. 14:18-20

God did not destroy Israel

The Lord abounds in steadfast love and faithfulness - Ex. 34:6

God turned His anger away many times

For His name's sake, God defers His anger - Isa. 48:9

God did not stir up all His wrath

When Ahab humbled himself, God postponed judgment - 1 Ki. 21:29

God remembered that they were but flesh

Mankind was fashioned by God from the dust - Gen. 2:7; Ps. 103:14-16

God remembered they were like a breath that passes away

Our lives are like a mist that vanishes - Jam. 4:14

I. Asaph said they tempted God again and again and limited Him - 78:40-41

Israel often provoked God in the wilderness

Their hardened hearts provoked God many times in the wilderness - Ps. 95:8-10

Israel often grieved God in the desert

The people had heard and seen but still rebelled - Heb. 3:16

Israel tempted God again and again

The people who left Egypt were not allowed to enter the land - Num. 14:22

Israel limited the Holy One of Israel

The people put the Lord their God to the test - Deut. 6:16

III. God said Israel did not remember His power

A. Asaph said Israel did not remember God's power - 78:42-44

Israel did not remember the power of God

God did remember His covenant - Ex. 6:5; Hos. 2:19

Israel did not remember that God redeemed them from the enemy

God struck all the firstborn of Egypt - Ex. 12:29-30

God protected all the firstborn of Israel - Ex. 12:7, 12-13

Israel did not remember when God worked His signs in Egypt

God brought Israel out of Egypt with great possessions - Ex. 12:31-33

Israel did not remember God's wonders in the field of Zoan (Zoan was a city in northeast Egypt where Israel had been)

God brought a total of ten plagues on Egypt - Ex. 13:14-16

Israel did not remember God turned their rivers to blood

Moses struck the water in the river in the sight of Pharaoh Ex. 7:20

Israel did not remember that Egypt could not drink from their streams

The Egyptians could not drink from their streams - Ex. 7:18

B. Asaph said God sent plagues on the land of Egypt 78:45-47

God also sent flies among Egypt which devoured them

The land of Egypt was ruined by the swarms of flies - Ex. 8:24

God sent frogs which destroyed them

Frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt - Ex. 8:6

The frogs were everywhere among the Egyptians - Ex. 8:3

God gave their crops to the grasshopper

This was a part of the plague of locusts - Ex. 10:14-15

God gave the product of their labor to the locust

God gave the product of their labor to the locust - Ex. 10:14

God destroyed their vines with hailstones

Part of the servants of Pharaoh listened and acted - Ex. 9:21-25

God destroyed their sycamore trees with frost

Amos later became one who cared for sycamore trees - Amos 7:14

C. Asaph said God sent destroying angels on Egypt - 78:48

God also gave over their cattle also to the hailstones

God warned Pharaoh through Moses that this would happen - Ex. 9:19

Some servants of Pharaoh feared and protected their livestock - Ex. 9:20-21

God destroyed their herds with bolts of lightning

The thunder and hail included fire on the ground - Ex. 9:18-24

Jealousy...Its flashes are flashes of fire the very flame of the Lord - SS 8:6

D. Asaph said God destroyed all the firstborn of Egypt - 78:49-51

**God sent on Egypt the fierceness of His anger
(very intense anger so that the face becomes hot)**

This shows why the Lord judged Egypt so severely - Ex. 14:17-18

God included fury, indignation and trouble as parts of His anger

Fury (wrath) is a very strong form of anger - Ps. 85:4

God sent a company of destroying angels

Israel did not show the fierceness of God's anger against Amalek - 1 Sam. 28:18

God made a path for His anger

A path is a trail from one place to another - Job 18:10

God did not spare their soul from death

The soul is the inner life (will, thinking and feeling) of a person - 1 Sam. 19:11

God gave over their life to the plague

God killed all the firstborn in Egypt

God killed all the firstborn in Egypt - Ex. 12:29

God destroyed the firstfruits of their strength in the tents of Ham

God caused a great cry in every home of the Egyptians - Ex. 12:30

E. Asaph said God brought Israel out of Egypt like sheep - 78:52-53

God led forth His own people like sheep

God led forth His people like a flock - Ps. 77:20

God guided them in the wilderness like a flock

Moses led Jethro's flock to the west side of the wilderness - Ex. 3:1

God led them on safely

The cloud caused darkness for the Egyptians - Ex. 14:19-20

God did this by not causing them to fear

The same cloud gave light to Israel - Ex. 14:19-20

God then caused the sea to destroy their enemies

The chariots and horsemen were covered by the sea and died - Ex. 14:27-28

F. Asaph said God brought Israel into the land of promise - 78:54-55

God brought them to His holy land

The land and holy mountain were given by God to Israel - Ex. 15:17

God brought them to the mountain which His right hand acquired

The right arm of the Lord gave Israel victory - Ps. 44:3

God also drove out the nations before them

Joshua and Israel defeated all that came against them - Josh. 11:16-23

God gave them an inheritance by survey

The land was distributed to Israel by lot - Josh. 13:7; 19:51

God made the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents

G. Asaph said Israel continued to rebel against the Most High God - 78:56-58

Israel tempted and rebelled against the Most High God

They forsook God and followed idols - Judg. 2:11-13

Israel did not keep His testimonies

They had placed a stone of witness - Jos. 24:27

Israel turned back and acted unfaithfully like their fathers

They had become even worse than their fathers - 1 Ki. 14:9

Israel turned aside like a deceitful bow

This is a bow that does not shoot straight arrows - Hos. 7:16

Israel provoked God to anger by their high places

They were to destroy the places where idols were worshiped - Deut. 12:2

Israel aroused His jealousy with their carved images

IV. Israel worshiped idols and God sent enemies to judge them

A. Asaph said Israel worshiped their carved images (idols) - 78:59-61

God heard this and He was filled with wrath

The people had turned to evil instead of the Lord - Jer. 23:9-10

God greatly despised Israel

The Lord had warned of judgment for disobedience - Lev. 26:14-16

God forsook the dwelling place (tabernacle) at Shiloh

The ark of God was captured by the Philistines - 1 Sam. 4:11

God had placed this tent among men

The priests were the leaders of evil - 1 Sam. 2:22

God delivered His strength to captivity

The tribe of Dan had their own idol - Judg. 18:30

God delivered His glory into the hand of the enemy

The Lord had called but the people had not listened - Jer. 7:12-14

B. Asaph said God delivered them into the hands of enemies - 78:62-64

God also delivered His people to the sword

God was filled with wrath at His inheritance

The Lord allowed a great slaughter in Israel - I Sam. 4:10

God caused the fire to consume their young men

God had virgins who had no wedding songs

There would no longer be the voice of a bride or groom - Jer. 7:34

God caused His priests to fall by the sword

Doeg killed eighty-five of the priests - I Sam. 22:18

God allowed their widows not to weep

The widows would not weep - Job 27:15

V. God gave David as an example to Judah - 78:65-72

A. Asaph said God did not choose Israel - 78:65-67

The Lord was like One who awoke from sleep

The Lord remembered His promise to David - 1 Sam. 7:12-13; Ps. 89:28-29

The Lord was like a warrior overcome by wine

The Lord shows Himself mighty against His foes - Isa. 42:13

The Lord drove His enemies backward

The hand of the Lord was heavy against His enemies - 1 Sam. 5:6

The Lord put on them everlasting reproach

The judgements of the Lord will stand - Ps. 119:52-56

The Lord rejected the tent of Joseph

The Lord did not choose the tribe of Ephraim

This was another name for Israel, northern kingdom - Hos. 4:7

B. Asaph said God chose Judah and David His servant - 78:68-71

The Lord chose the tribe of Judah

David came from the tribe of Judah - Ruth 4:17; 21

The Lord chose Mount Zion which He loved

The gates of Zion are loved by the Lord - Ps. 87:2

The Lord built His sanctuary like the heights

Solomon built this beautiful temple that David planned - 1 Ki. 6:1-38

The Lord built it like the earth which He has founded forever

This was also true for the priesthood - Num. 25:13

The Lord chose David His servant

David was caring for the sheep when the Lord called him - 1 Sam. 16:11-12

The Lord took him from the sheepfolds

David was chosen when he was herding sheep - 1 Sam. 16:11

The Lord took him from the care of the ewes with suckling lambs

God chose David to shepherd His people, Israel - 2 Sam 7:8

The Lord brought him to shepherd Jacob His people

Israel recognized that David was to shepherd Israel - 2 Sam. 5:2

The Lord brought him to shepherd Israel His inheritance

The Spirit of the Lord came on David from that day forward - 1 Sam. 16:11-13

C. Asaph said God gave David as an example for Judah - 78:72

David shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart

God said David walked in integrity (blamelessness) - 1 Ki. 9:4

David guided them with his skillful hands

This is the result of wisdom and understanding - Prov. 2:2

Psalm 79

A Psalm of Asaph

A. Asaph said the nations had invaded the inheritance of God - 79:1

Asaph said that the nations had invaded His inheritance

God was asked to remember His inheritance which He had purchased - Ps. 74:2

Asaph said they had defiled His holy temple

The Babylonians had burned down the house of God - Jer. 52:12-14

Asaph said they had laid Jerusalem in ruins

They killed the people and broke down all the walls - 2 Chron. 36:17-19

B. Asaph said their blood had been shed all around Jerusalem - 79:2-4

Asaph said they had given their dead bodies to the birds

God warned that their bodies would be food for the beasts and birds - Jer. 34:20

Asaph said they gave the flesh of the godly ones to the beasts

The people would be food for the birds and beasts of the earth - Jer. 19:7

Asaph said they poured out their blood all around Jerusalem

God gave them to the sword before their enemies - Jer. 15:2-9

Asaph said there was no one to bury them

There was no one to left to bury the bodies - Deut. 28:26

Asaph said they had become a reproach to their neighbors

Israel became a disgrace to the nations around them - Dan. 9:16

Asaph said they had become a scoffing and derision to those around them

David had said he would not sit with men who spoke lies - Ps. 26:4-5

C. Asaph asked when God would judge the nations - 79:5-7

Asaph asked, "How long O Lord? Will you be angry forever?"

God was asked by Asaph how long His anger would last - Ps. 74:1

Asaph asked if the jealousy of God would burn like fire?

God will burn the earth because of His jealousy - Zep. 3:8

God is a righteous God who will punish for eternity - 2 Thess. 1:6-9

Asaph asked God to pour out His wrath on the nations

Fire will come down from God out of heaven on the nations - Rev. 20:9

Asaph asked the Lord to do this to the unbelieving kingdoms

God will burn the whole earth to purify it - 2 Pet. 3:9-13

Asaph said they had devoured Jacob

Those who do not call on God will be destroyed - Ps. 53:4

Asaph said they had laid waste his dwelling place

The Babylonians (Chaldeans) destroyed Jerusalem - 2 Chron. 36:19-20

D. Asaph asked God to show His tender mercies to them - 79:8-10

Asaph asked God not to remember former iniquities against them
Israel had rebelled against the Lord many times in the past - Isa. 64:8-11

Asaph asked God to let His compassion come quickly to meet them

The compassion and mercy of the Lord are great - 2 Sam. 24:14

Asaph said they had been brought very low

God had greatly multiplied Israel while in Egypt - Ex. 1:7

David asked the Lord to save him when he was brought low - Ps. 142:1-7

Asaph said. "Help us, O God of our salvation"

Jeremiah knew that the backslidings of Israel were many - Jer. 14:7

Asaph asked God to do this for the glory of His name

Jeremiah asked God not to break His covenant with Israel - Jer. 14:21

Asaph asked God to deliver them and forgive their sins for His names sake

God can atone for sin and take it away - Isa. 6:7

Asaph asked why the nations should say, "Where is their God?"

The adversaries taunted Asaph by asking this question - Ps. 42:10

Asaph said let this be known among the nations in our sight

The lips of the righteous will speak what is acceptable - Prov. 10:32

Asaph asked for vengeance for the blood of Your servants that was shed

This required the blood of the person who shed it - Prov. 16:6

E. Asaph asked God to judge their neighbors - 79:11-12

Asaph asked that the groaning of the prisoner would come before God

Christ paid the penalty to forgive our sins and give us life - 1 John 1:9

Asaph asked that this would be according to the greatness of His power

God can take away our guilt by His atonement - Isa. 6:7, 1 John 1:7

Asaph asked God to preserve those who are doomed to die

The Lord is able to set free those appointed to death - Ps. 102:20

Asaph asked God to return sevenfold into the lap of their neighbors

God said if Israel did not listen it would be struck sevenfold - Lev. 26:21

Asaph asked God to reproach as they had reproached You, O Lord

The foolish scoff at God all day - Ps. 74:22

F. Asaph said then His people could give thanks forever - 79:13

Asaph said they were His people and the sheep of His pasture

We are encouraged to worship and bow down - Ps. 95:6-7

Asaph said that they would give thanks forever

The Lord will create a generation that will praise Him - Ps. 102:18

Asaph said they would show forth His praise to all generations

God also used this water to meet the needs of the beasts - Isa. 43:20-21

Psalm 80

A Psalm of Asaph

A. Asaph asked God to save them - 80:1-2

Asaph said, “Oh give ear, Shepherd of Israel”

David and many others brought the ark of God back - 2 Sam. 6:1-2, 12-13

Asaph said that God led Joseph like a flock

God led His people like a flock by the hand of Moses - Ps. 77:20-22

Asaph said that God was enthroned above the cherubim

God spoke to Moses from between the cherubim - Ex. 25:20-22

Asaph asked God to shine forth

The Lord came with flaming fire at His right hand - Deut. 33:2

Asaph said God had rejected Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh

God rejected the family of Joseph and did not choose Ephraim - Ps. 78:67

Asaph asked God to stir up His power and come to save us

God alone is my rock and my salvation - Ps. 62:1-2

B. Asaph asked God to restore them -80:3

Asaph asked God to restore them

The Lord was asked to restore Israel to Himself - Lam. 5:21

Asaph asked God to cause His face to shine upon them

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious - Num. 6:24-26

Asaph said then they would be saved

David said then he could sleep in peace - Ps. 4:6-8

C. Asaph asked how long God would be angry with Israel - 80:4-6

Asaph asked the Lord of hosts an important question

Christ is the Lord God of hosts - Ps. 84:8, Zech. 8:14

Asaph said, “How long will You be angry with the prayer of Your people?”

He had asked if God would be angry forever - Ps. 79:5

Asaph said God had fed them with the bread of tears

Isaiah said Judah would see their Teacher - Isa. 30:19-21

Nicodemus recognized that Christ was that Teacher - John 3:1-2

Asaph said God made them drink tears in large measure

David said his tears had been his food day and night - Ps. 42:3

Asaph said God made them an objection of contention to their neighbors

Where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down - Prov. 26:20

Asaph said that their enemies laugh among themselves

The chief priests and officers rejected Christ - John 19:6-7

D. Asaph asked God to shine on Israel - 80:7

Asaph said O God of hosts, restore us

“You, Lord God of hosts, are God of Israel” - Ps. 59:5

Asaph asked God to cause His face to shine on them

This phrase is repeated several times in this Psalm - Ps. 80:3, 7, 19

Asaph said then they would be saved

David also asked the Lord to shine on His servant - Ps. 31:14-16

E. Asaph said God had greatly helped Israel in the past - 80:8-11

Asaph said that God removed a vine from Egypt

God brought His vine (Israel) out of Egypt - 2 Sam. 7:6

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts was Israel and Judah - Is. 5:7

Asaph said God drove out the nations and planted the vine

God drove out the nations but planted Israel - Ps. 44:2

Israel had become a wild vine - Jer. 2:21

Asaph said God cleared the ground before it

God drove out the nations and planted Israel - Josh. 24:16-17

Asaph said it took deep root and filled the land

Israel had said that they would serve the Lord - Josh. 24:24-27

Israel will take deep root again in the future - Isa. 27:6

Asaph said the mountains were covered with its shadow

In days to come Israel shall take root and fill the world with fruit - Isa. 27:6

Asaph said this was the cedars of God with its boughs

Israel celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles in booths - Lev. 23:40-41

Asaph said God was sending out its branches to the Sea

Israel reached to the Mediterranean Sea - 2 Sam. 8:1

Asaph said God sent its shoots to the River

Israel reached out to the Euphrates River under David - 2 Sam. 8:3

F. Asaph asked why God had broken down their hedges - 80:12-13

Asaph asked why God had broken down her hedges

God did this as a judgment for sin - Isa. 5:5

Asaph said all those pass by that way pick its fruit

Nineveh was judged for their treatment of Israel - Nah. 2:2

Asaph said a boar (pig) from the forest eats it away

This was a wild pig and was unclean - Deut. 14:8

God said Jews who did this would come to an end - Isa. 66:17

Asaph said whatever moves in the field feeds on it

This includes small animals like mice - Ps. 50:11

This includes the various wild animals that ruin crops - Lev. 25:7

G. Asaph asked God to visit His vineyard - 80:14-15

Asaph said, “O God of hosts, turn again now we beseech You”

God promised Jacob that He would bring him back to this land - Gen. 28:15

Asaph asked God to look down and see

Christ is our Redeemer from Everlasting - Isa. 63:15-16

Asaph asked God to take care of this vine

Christ is the True Vine and we are to be fruitful branches - John 15:1

Asaph said this included the shoot His right hand had planted

The Father gave His only begotten Son to pay for our sin - John 3:16-17

Asaph said this included the branch that God made strong for Himself

Christ was formed from the womb to be His Servant - Isa. 49:5

Mary realized that with God nothing was impossible - Luke 1:37-38

H. Asaph asked God to revive Israel - 80:16-18

Asaph said the branch was burned with fire

Isaiah said their cities were burned with fire - Isa. 1:7

Asaph said the branch was cut down

This was because they rejected the Word of the Holy One of Israel - Isa. 5:24-25

Asaph said they perish at the rebuke of Your countenance

David said that God rebukes each person for his iniquity- Ps. 39:11

Asaph asked God to let His hand be upon the man of Your right hand

God said that His arm would strengthen David - Ps. 89:21

Asaph said this was the son of man whom God made strong for Himself

The men of Judah prevailed because they relied on the Lord - 2 Chron. 13:18

Asaph said then they would not turn back from God

Let all those who hate Zion be turned back - Ps. 129:5

Asaph asked the Lord to revive them and they would call on His name

Hannah said that the Lord kills and makes alive - 1 Sam. 2:6

I. Asaph said then Israel would be saved - 80:19

Asaph said, “O Lord God of hosts, restore us”

God promised Jacob He would bring him back to this land - Gen. 28:15

God promised Jeremiah that He would bring back His people - Jer. 50:19

Asaph asked the Lord to shine upon them

The Lord gives light to both the poor man and the oppressor - Prov. 29:13

A man’s wisdom makes his face shine - Eccl. 8:1

A wise man will hear and increase wisdom - Prov. 1:5

Asaph said then they would be saved

God said to turn to Him and you will be saved - Isa. 45:22

Jeremiah asked the Lord to save him and he would be saved - Jer. 17:14

Psalm 81

A Psalm of Asaph

A. Asaph said to sing aloud to the Lord - 81:1-2

Asaph said, "Sing aloud unto God our strength"

God guided Israel by His strength - Ex. 15:13

Asaph said to make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob

Shout to God with loud sounds of joy - Ps. 47:1

Asaph said to raise a song and strike the timbrel (tambourine)

They sing to the tambourine and harp - Job 21:12

Asaph said to do this with the pleasant harp and lute

Israel used many instruments to praise the Lord - 2 Sam. 6:5

B. Asaph said God established this as a statute for Israel - 81:3-5

Asaph said to blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon

The New Moon was a feast day in Israel - 1 Sam. 20:18

Asaph said to do this at the full moon on our feast day

Asaph said this is a statute for Israel

God said this was a time of blowing trumpets - Lev. 23:23-25

Asaph said this was a law of the God of Jacob

This was the day when the Jews made freewill offerings to the Lord - Ezra 3:5

Asaph said God established it for a testimony in Joseph

Asaph said this was when He went throughout the land of Egypt

Israel heard a strange language they did not understand in Egypt - Ps. 114:1

Asaph said they heard a language that they did not know

The Lord would use a people of unknown language again - Deut. 28:49

The Lord said this would be the language of an ancient nation - Jer. 5:15

C. Asaph said that God set them free in Egypt - 81:6-7

Asaph said God removed his shoulder from the burden

Israel's cry from slavery came up to God - Ex. 2:23; 14:10

Asaph said his hands were freed from the baskets

Pharaoh told Israel to leave Egypt when God killed the firstborn - Ex. 12:30-32

Asaph said "You called in trouble and I rescued you"

God delivered Israel from Egypt at the Red Sea - Ex. 14:24-28

Asaph said God answered Israel in the hiding place of thunder

God spoke to Israel from the mountain and it was very loud - Ex. 19:19; 20:18

Asaph said God tested Israel at the waters of Meribah Selah.

The Lord spoke to Moses when the people complained at Meribah - Num. 20:13

D. Asaph asked Israel to listen to the Lord - 81:8-10

Asaph said, “God said hear O My people and I will admonish you”
Our fathers told us the deeds you performed in their days - Ps. 44:1
Asaph said God encouraged Israel to listen to Him
Asaph said God did not want Israel to worship any foreign god
God said, “You shall have no other gods before me” - Deut. 5:7-10
Asaph said that God said not to worship any foreign god
God knows the secrets of the heart - Ps. 40:20-21
Asaph said He told Israel He is the Lord your God
God said He was the God who brought them out of Egypt - Ex. 20:2
Asaph said that He is the God who brought Israel out of Egypt
Asaph said God promised, “Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it”
God satisfies us with good things and renews our youth like the eagle - Ps. 103:5

E. Asaph said that the people did not listen to God - 8:11-12

God said His people did not listen to His voice
God said, “My people would not listen to My voice - Ex. 32:1
God said that Israel did not obey Him
Israel began to worship the calf and commit immorality - Ex. 32:4-6
God said He gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart
Israel forsook God and scoffed at the Rock of His salvation - Deut. 32:15
God said He allowed them to walk in their own counsels
God gave them up to the lusts of their hearts to impurity - Rom. 1:24

F. Asaph said God would bless Israel if they would listen - 8:13-16

God said, “O that My people would listen to Me”
God promised that then it would go well for them forever - Deut. 5:29
God said then Israel would walk in His ways
God said their peace would have been like a river - Isa. 48:18
God said He would quickly subdue their enemies
Saul became an enemy against David continually - 1 Sam. 18:29
God said He would turn His hand against their enemies
God said those who hate the Lord would pretend obedience to Him
This will happen even if they pretend obedience to God - Rom. 1:30
God said their time of punishment would be forever
They will be judged by his works and judgment will be forever - Rev. 20:11-15
God said He would feed Israel with the finest of the wheat
God wanted to feed Israel with the very finest of the wheat - Deut. 32:14
God said with honey from the rock He would satisfy them
Job said God poured out for him streams of oil - Job. 29:6

Psalm 82

A Psalm of Asaph

A. Asaph said God is a God who does justice - 82:1-4

God stands in the congregation of His own people

There is another ruler over every ruler who is higher - Eccl. 5:8

God judges in the midst of rulers (gods)

Over all rulers is the Most High God - Ps. 82:6

God asks how long they will judge unjustly

The rulers are not to be partial in judgment - Deut. 1:17

God asks how long they will show partiality to the wicked Selah

God said it is not good to show partiality to the wicked - Prov. 18:5

James said even Christians judge by outward appearance - James 2:1-9

God said to give justice to the weak and the fatherless

God said to show His love to the orphans and the widows - James 1:27

God said to do justice to the afflicted and needy

God said He rescued Israel when they were in Egypt - Deut. 24:7-8

God said to rescue the weak and needy

God said to deliver them out of the hand of the wicked

B. Asaph said those in darkness do not understand - 82:5

God said these rulers do not know

Mankind is created in the image of God - Gen. 1:26

God said these rulers do not understand

They are in darkness because they are spiritually dead - Eph. 2:1-3

God said they walk about in darkness

God said all the foundations of the earth are moved

C. Asaph said God will one day judge the earth - 82:6-8

God said to these rulers, "You are gods"

Godless rulers destroy the foundations God established - Ps. 11:1-3

God said all of you are sons of the Most High

You are gods and children of the Most High - Gen. 2:7; John 10:34

God said these rulers would still die like men

Rulers one day die just like other men - Rom. 3:19-20

God said they would fall like one of the princes

God is asked to arise and judge the earth

God is the One who will inherit all the nations

Christ will rule forever and ever over the nations - Ps. 2:8; Rev. 11:15

Psalm 83

A Psalm of Asaph

A. Asaph said those who hated the Lord had lifted up their head - 83:1-2

Asaph asked God not to keep silent

David also asked the Lord not to be silent - Ps. 28:1

Asaph asked God not to hold His peace or be still

God knows the thoughts of man that they are futile - Ps. 94:11-13

Asaph said the enemies of God made a tumult

Those who hate the Lord will have eternal judgment - Ps. 81:15

Asaph said those who hated God had lifted up their head

The wicked are proud but plot in vain - Acts 4:25

B. Asaph said they planned together to destroy Israel - 8:3-4

Asaph said they had taken crafty counsel against the people of God

God catches the wise in their own craftiness - Job. 5:13

Asaph said they had conspired together against God's treasured ones

God will hide His treasured ones in His shelter - Ps. 27:5

Asaph said they wanted to destroy them as a nation

Haman wanted to destroy all of the Jews - Esther 3:6-9

Asaph said they did not want the name of Israel to be remembered

The nations wanted to destroy Israel and its descendants - Jer. 11:19-20

C. Asaph said this included many nations - 83:5-8

Asaph said they had conspired together with one mind

When nations conspire together, they are against God - Gen. 11:1-9

Asaph said they had made a covenant against God

David asked God to cut down the peoples in wrath - Ps. 56:7

Asaph said this included Edom and the Ishmael

Ishmael was the son of Abraham and Hagar, the Egyptian - Gen. 16:3-12

Edom (Esau) was a twin and the older brother of Jacob - Gen. 25:24-26

Asaph said this included Moab and the Hagrites

Moab was a descendent of Lot, the nephew of Abraham - Gen. 9:37

Asaph said this included Gebal, Ammon and Amalek

Ammon was a descendent of Lot, the nephew of Abraham - Gen. 19:38

Asaph said this included Philistia and the people of Tyre

Asaph said Assyria had also joined with them

Asaph said they became a help to the children of Lot Selah

These nations all tried to destroy Israel - Isa. 17:12-13

D. Asaph asked the Lord to judge them as He had judged others - 83:9-12

Asaph asked God to deal with them as He had with Midian
This was the result of the teaching of Balaam - Num. 25:15-18
All of the males of Midian were killed - Num. 31:7
Asaph said like Sisera and Jabin at the torrent of Kishon
God swept the away with the torrent of Kishon - Jdg. 4:7
Asaph said he was destroyed at En-dor
Asaph said he became as dung for the ground
Asaph asked God to make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb
These two men were destroyed by Gideon - Jdg. 7:25
Asaph asked God to make them like the princes of Zebah and Zalmunna
Gideon was the one who killed these men - Judg. 8:5-21
Asaph said they wanted to take the pastures of God for a possession

E. Asaph asked the Lord to destroy them - 83:13-15

Asaph asked God to make them like the whirling dust
The crash of God's thunder is in a whirlwind - Ps. 77:18
Asaph asked God to make them like chaff before the wind
Chaff is small pieces of straw that fly in the wind - Ps. 35:5
Asaph asked God to make them like a fire that burns the forest
God sets on fire the foundations of the mountains - Deut. 32:22
Asaph said like a flame that sets mountains on fire
God may use a fire on a mountain to show His anger - Ex. 19:18
Asaph asked God to pursue them with His tempest
Asaph asked God to terrify them with His storm

F. Asaph asked that they would know the Lord is the Most High - 83:16-18

Asaph asked God to fill their faces with dishonor
When pride comes, then comes disgrace - Prov. 11:2
Asaph said to do this so they would seek the Lord
Ezra asked the people to humbly ask for a safe journey - Ezra 8:21
Asaph said to let them be ashamed forever
Asaph asked to let them be dismayed forever
Asaph asked God to let them be humiliated and perish
God wants people to know that God rules over Jacob - Ps. 59:13
Asaph said so they would know His name is the Lord
God was not known by His name of Lord earlier - Ex. 6:3
Asaph said they would know He is Most High
The Lord is the Most High forever - Ps. 92:8
Asaph said they would know He was over all the earth

Psalm 84

A Psalm of the sons of Korah

A. The sons of Korah greatly desired the tabernacle of the Lord - 84:1-2

Korah's sons said the tabernacle of the Lord was lovely

David also said he enjoyed gazing at the beauty of the Lord - Ps. 27:4

Korah's sons served the Lord of hosts

They knew that God was their refuge and strength - Ps. 46:1

Korah's sons longed to be in the courts of the tabernacle

These men longed for the living God - Ps. 42:1-2

Korah's sons sang to the Lord to show their joy

The princes and the people all rejoiced - 2 Chron. 24:10

Korah's sons knew they were singing to the living God

The path of life leads upward for the prudent - Prov. 15:24

B. The sons of Korah wanted to dwell in the house of the Lord - 84:3-4

Korah's sons knew the sparrow had found a home

Korah's sons knew the swallow had a nest for herself

Korah's sons knew this was where she would lay her young

In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence - Prov. 14:26

Korah's sons knew these were the altars of the Lord of hosts

These referred to an altar built to offer sacrifices to the Lord - Gen. 8:20

Korah's sons knew the God was their King and their God

The Lord is the King of glory - Ps. 24:7-10

Korah's sons knew those who dwelt in the house of the Lord were blessed

The people were satisfied with God's holy temple - Ps. 65:4

Korah's sons knew that they were still praising the Lord Selah

Like a bird flying around, the Lord will defend Jerusalem - Isa. 31:4-5

C. The sons of Korah found their strength in the Lord - 84:5-6

Korah's sons said blessed is the man whose strength was in the Lord

God will guide His people by His strength - Ex. 15:13

Korah's sons said this was true as they came on the highways to Zion

Korah's sons said the people passed through the Valley of Baca

The Lord gave David instructions to defeat the Philistines - 2 Sam. 5:22-25

Korah's sons said the people made it a spring

Go through the land to all the springs of water - 1 Ki. 18:5

Korah's sons said the early rains cover it with blessings

Bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting - Ne. 9:5

D. The sons of Korah wanted the Lord to hear - 84:7-8

Korah's sons went from strength to strength

Those who wait on the Lord renew their strength - Isa. 40:31

Korah's sons served before God in Zion

Three times a year all their males were to appear before the Lord God - Ex. 34:23

Korah's sons knew the Lord of hosts

Korah's sons asked the Lord to hear their prayer

These men recognized God as their King - Ps. 44:1-4

Korah's sons said, "Give ear O God of Jacob." Selah

The twelve tribes of Israel were all descendants of Jacob - Gen. 35:22-26

E. The sons of Korah asked God to look on the face of His anointed - 84:9

Korah's sons asked God to behold their shield

God told Abraham, "I am your shield" - Gen. 15:1

Korah's sons asked the Lord to look on the face of His anointed

The Lord will exalt the horn of His anointed - 1 Sam. 2:10

F. The sons if Korah knew God gives grace and glory - 84:10-12

Korah's sons loved each day in the court of the Lord

(This was the court surrounding the Tabernacle)

Korah's sons said they were better than a thousand days outside

Sons of Korah served as gatekeepers and singers - 1 Chron. 6:31-33

Korah's sons said they would rather keep the door of the house of my God

Nehemiah appointed gatekeepers for the house of the Lord - Neh. 7:1

Korah's sons said that was better than dwelling in tents of wickedness

David said to Saul, "Out of the wicked comes wickedness" - 1 Sam. 24:2-13

Korah's sons said the Lord God is a sun and shield

The Lord will be our everlasting light - Isa. 60:19-20

The Lord God is also a shield and source of reward - Gen. 15:1

Korah's sons said the Lord will give grace and glory

By grace we are saved through faith - Eph. 2:8-9

We are being transformed into that image from glory to glory - 2 Cor. 3:18

Korah's sons said God would not withhold any good thing

Those who seek the Lord will lack no good thing - Ps. 34:9-10

Korah's sons said this applied to those who walk uprightly

Bless are all those who take refuge in the Son - Ps. 2:12

Korah's sons were speaking to the Lord of hosts

God judged Egypt by great acts of judgment - Ex. 7:4

Korah's sons said, "Blessed is the man who trusts in You"

Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust - Ps. 40:4

Psalm 85

A Psalm of the sons of Korah

A. The sons of Korah said God brought Israel back from exile - 85:1-3

God had been favorable to the land

The Lord said He would restore the tents of Jacob - Jer. 30:18

God had brought back the captivity of Jacob

These are the people who returned from captivity - Ezra 1:11-2:65

God had forgiven the iniquity of His people

Iniquity is sin that requires the payment of a penalty - 1 Sam. 20:8

God had covered all their sin Selah

God had promised to bring them back from captivity - Ps. 14:7

God had taken away all His wrath

Transgression is forgiven when sin is covered - Ps. 32:1

God had turned from the fierceness of His anger

Saul did not obey God and destroy Amalek - 1 Sam. 28:16-18

B. The sons of Korah said God took away His wrath - 85:4-5

God was asked to restore His people

Let Your face shine that we may be saved - Ps. 80:3, 7

God was asked to cause His anger toward them to cease

This is anger that causes grief - Ps. 6:8; Prov. 17:25

God was asked if He would be angry with them forever

Asaph asked God if His jealousy would burn like fire - Ps. 79:5

God was asked if He would prolong His anger to all generations

The rules of God are in the hearts of all mankind - Ps. 119:52; Eccl 3:11

C. The sons of Korah asked God to grant His salvation - 85:6-7

God was asked if He would restore them again

Christ paid the wrath of God against sin on the cross - John 19:30

God will save all who come to Him by faith - Eph. 2:8-9

God was recognized as the source of their salvation

Mankind can rejoice before God - Duet 27:7

God was told then His people could rejoice in Him

We are to rejoice in the Lord at all times - Phil. 4:4-6

God was asked to show them His lovingkindness (mercy)

The mercy of God endures continually - Ps. 52:1

God was asked to grant them His salvation

Our salvation is secure as we are held in the hand of God - John 10:27-30

D. The sons of Korah said they would hear what God said - 85:8-9

The sons of Korah said they would hear what God the Lord would speak

The sons of Korah said He would speak peace to His people

Christ said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you - John 14:27

The sons of Korah said He would speak peace to His godly ones

The peace of God that passes all understanding guards our hearts - Phil. 4:7

The sons of Korah asked God not to let them turn back to folly

Israel turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers - Jud. 2:19

The heart of fools is known and sin is a reproach to any people - Prov. 14:33-34

The sons of Korah said His salvation was near those who fear Him

God said His righteousness is near and He will place it in Zion - Isa. 46:13

The sons of Korah wanted glory to dwell in their land

The Lord of hosts said He would fill this house with glory - Hag. 2:7

Christ lived among us so we could behold His glory - John 1:14

E. The sons of Korah understood how mercy and truth met - 85:10-11

The sons of Korah said lovingkindness and truth have met together

The steadfast love of God endures all the day - Ps. 52:3

The sons of Korah said righteousness and truth had kissed each other

On earth peace among those with whom He is pleased - Luke 2:14

The sons of Korah said truth springs from the earth

Truth has its source in the Scripture of Truth - Dan. 10:21

All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God - 2 Tim. 3:16-17

No prophecy of Scripture is of private interpretation - 2 Pet. 1:19-21

The sons of Korah said righteousness looks down from heaven

Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life - John 14:6

F. The sons of Korah said God would guide their pathway - 85:12-13

The sons of Korah said the Lord indeed will give what is good

Every good and every perfect gift is from above - James 1:17

The sons of Korah said their land would then yield its increase

The earth has yielded its increase because God blesses us - Ps. 67:7

One who walks righteously and uprightly has a place of defense - Isa. 34:14-16

The sons of Korah said righteousness would go before Him

The Lord judges people according to His righteousness - Ps. 7:9

That is why Christ's death on the cross was necessary for us - 2 Cor. 5:21

Righteousness exalts a nation - Prov. 14:34

The sons of Korah said He would make His footsteps into a pathway

Keep steady my steps according to your promise - Ps. 119:133

Psalm 86

A Psalm of David

A. David asked the Lord to hear him - 86:1-2

David asked the Lord to bow down His ear

David knew what the Lord had done in the past - Ex. 6:6

David asked the Lord to hear him

David knew the Lord would hear him in his time of trouble - Ex. 23:6

David said that he was poor and needy

David had humbled himself before the Lord - Ex. 23:6

David asked the Lord to preserve his life

I was blameless before Him and kept myself from guilt - Ps. 18:24

David said that he was a godly man

God had made an everlasting covenant with David - 2 Sam. 23:5

David said the Lord was his God

God was his shepherd who led him day by day - Psalm 23:1-6

David said he was His servant who trusted in Him

The Lord keeps in perfect peace those who trust in Him - Isa. 26:3

B. David asked the Lord to be merciful to him - 86:3-4

David asked the Lord to be merciful to him

The Lord is gracious to us in times of weakness and trouble - Ps. 6:3

David said he cried to the Lord all day long

The King of glory is the One may come in - Ps. 24:7

David asked the Lord to rejoice the soul of His servant

The Lord give joy even in times of great suffering - James 1:2

David said that God was his Lord

David asked the Lord to lift up his soul

The Lord is the One who lifts up our soul - Ps. 25:1

C. David said the Lord is abundant in mercy - 86:5

David told the Lord that He is good

With the Lord there is steadfast love - Ps. 130:7

David said the Lord is ready to forgive

The Lord blesses all who come to Him for forgiveness - Ps. 32:1-2

David said the Lord is abundant in mercy to all

The mercy of the Lord is over all He has made - Ps. 145:9

David said this was for all who called on Him

All who call on the Lord will be saved - Rom. 10:13

D. David said the Lord would answer in His day of trouble - 86:6-7

David asked the Lord to give ear (hear) his prayer

Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and My God - Ps. 5:2

David asked the Lord to give heed to the voice of his supplications

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy - Ps. 28:2

David said in the day of His trouble he would call on the Lord

Israel was forced to recognize God when they were in trouble - Deut. 31:17

David said that he knew the Lord would answer him

My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord - Ps. 5:3

The Lord is the One who is the first and the last - Isa. 48:12

E. David said there are no gods like the Lord - 86:8-10

David said there were none among the gods like the Lord

The Lord is awesome in deeds, doing wonders - Ex. 15:11

David said there were no works like those of the Lord

Wood or stone gods cannot see, hear, eat or smell - Deut. 28:36

David said all nations the Lord had made would come to Him

The kingdom of the Lord is an everlasting kingdom - Ps. 145:13

David said the nations would worship before the Lord

Abraham said he was like dust and ashes before the Lord - Gen. 18:27

David said they would glorify the name of the Lord

God said He would get glory over Pharaoh and all his host - Ex. 14:4

He who guards his master will be honored - Prov. 27:13

David told the Lord that He is great

The Mediterranean Sea is called the Great Sea - Josh. 15:47

David said the Lord does wondrous things

O Lord You are majestic in holiness and do wonders - Ex. 15:11

We are fearfully and wonderfully made by the Lord - Ps. 139:14

David said You alone are God

Who in the skies can be compared to the Lord - Ps. 89:6

O Lord of hosts, You made heaven and earth - Isa. 37:16-17

F. David asked the Lord to teach him His way - 86:11

David asked the Lord to teach him His way

He said, "Make me know the way I should go" - Ps. 143:8

David said that He would walk in the Lord's truth

Hananiah was a more faithful and God-fearing man than many - Neh. 7:2

David asked the Lord to unite his heart to fear God's name

We will not fear though the earth gives way - Ps. 46:3

The Lord, the Most High, is to be feared - Ps. 47:3

G. David said he would praise the Lord with His whole heart - 86:12-13

David said I will give thanks to You

God wanted Israel to have a heart that feared and obeyed Him - Deut. 5:28-29

David said the Lord was his God

This thanks came from David and came from his whole heart - Prov. 27:18

David said he would glorify the name of the Lord forever

One from David's family will rule forever - Isa. 9:6-7; Luke 3:23, 31

David said the Lord's mercy (lovingkindness) was great

The steadfast love of God endures continually - Ps. 52:1

David said the Lord had delivered his soul from the depths of Sheol

The virgin birth of Christ was a sign to the family of David - Isa. 7:14

H. David said the Lord is full of compassion - 86:14-15

David told God that proud men had risen up against him

David said a mob of violent men sought his life

David said these men did not trust in the Lord

David told the Lord again that He is God

David said You are a God full of compassion

You are abundant in mercy to all who call upon You - Ps. 86:5

David said You are a God that is gracious

God is good and forgiving and abounds in steadfast love - Ex. 34:6

David said You are a God that is longsuffering

David said You are a God abundant in mercy

David said that You are a God of truth

Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life - John 14:6

I. David said the Lord had helped and comforted him - 86:16-17

David asked the Lord to turn to him

David asked the Lord to be gracious to him

The Lord is merciful and gracious - Ps. 103:8; Joel 2:13

David asked the Lord to give strength to His servant

David asked the Lord to save the son of His handmaid

Mary said that she was the maidservant of the Lord - Luke 1:38

David asked the Lord to show him a sign for good

David said those who hated him would see it

David said this would cause them to be ashamed

David said they would know the Lord helped him

The Lord helped David many different times - Ps. 28:7

David said they would know the Lord comforted him

The Lord has compassion of His servants - Ps. 135:14

Psalm 87

A Psalm of the sons of Korah

A. The sons of Korah said the Lord loves the gates of Zion - 87:1-3

The Lord placed His foundation in the holy mountains
May the Lord send you help from the sanctuary and strengthen you - Ps. 20:2
The Lord loves the gates of Zion
(Zion was the area where Solomon built the temple)
Christ came from the tribe of Judah - Ps. 78:67-68
The Lord loves them more than other dwelling places of Jacob
God had earlier given the pattern for the Tabernacle - Ex. 25:9
The Lord spoke glorious things of Zion
The glory of the Lord has risen upon you - Isa. 60:1
The Lord calls Zion the city of God Selah
This city of the Great King is where His throne will be forever - Ps. 89:35-37

B. The sons of Korah compared it with other places - 87:4-6

The Lord spoke of Rahab and Babylon to those who know God
By his understanding he stilled the sea and shattered Rahab - Job 26:12
The Lord also spoke of Philistia, Tyre and Ethiopia
The Lord were reminded the nation of Israel was born there
In My name his (David's) horn shall be exalted - Ps. 89:24
The Lord said of Zion this one and that one were born in her
These were fathers of the clans of Levi - Num. 26:58
The Lord said the Most High Himself will establish her
God made His firstborn highest of the kings of the earth - Ps. 89:27-29
The Lord will count when He registers the people
The Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious - Isa. 4:2-3
The Lord said this One was born there Selah
Christ became the firstborn from the dead - John 20:16-21

C. The sons of Korah included singers and players on instruments - 87:7

Springs of living water are in you
God has great fountains of the deep where water bubbles up - Gen. 7:11
Isaiah says God offers waters to everyone that thirsts - Isa. 55:1
Christ offered living water to the Samaritan woman - John 4:10
Springs of living water are sung about by the singers
Rivers of living water flow from the hearts of those who trust Christ - John 7:38
Springs of living water are played by those who play flutes

Psalm 88

A Psalm of Heman the Ezrahite

A. Heman wanted the Lord to hear his prayer - 88:1-2

Heman said the Lord was the God of his salvation

Cast me not off ; Forsake me not; O God of my salvation - Ps. 27:9

From God alone comes my salvation - Ps. 62:1

Will God not give justice to His elect - Luke 18:7

Heman said he cried out both by day and by night to the Lord

These were loud cries that may even include responsibility - 1 Ki. 20:39

Heman asked to have his prayer come before the Lord

Your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you - 2 Sam. 7:27

Heman asked the Lord to listen to his cry

This is making a request to God - Phil. 4:6

B. Heman felt like his time of death was near - 88:3-5

Heman said his soul was full of troubles

Her soul was departing (for she was dying) - Gen. 35:18

The soul speaks of the life in a person - 1 Sam. 19:11

Heman said his life had drawn near to Sheol (the grave)

This speaks of drawing near to the gates of death - Ps. 107:18

Heman said he was counted with those who go down to the pit

I become like those who go down to the pit - Ps. 28:1

Heman said he was like a man that had no strength

I have become like a broken vessel - Ps. 31:12

Heman felt like he was forsaken among the dead

Their grave re their homes forever - Ps. 49:11

Heman said the Lord remembered them no more

The sons of Jacob came upon the slain - Gen. 34:27

Heman said they were cut off from the Lord's hand

God remembers that we are dust - Ps. 103:14

C. Heman felt like the Lord placed him in the lowest pit - 88:6

Heman said the Lord put him in the lowest pit

This speaks of anything that is lower - Jos 15:19

Heman said he was in dark places

My companions have become darkness - Ps. 88:18

Heman said he was in the deep

You cast their pursuers into the depths - Ne. 9:11

D. Heman said he was separated from his acquaintances - 88:7-8

Heman said the Lord's wrath had rested upon him

Wrath is a strong word for anger that Heman felt rested on him - Ps. 95:10-11

Heman said the Lord had afflicted him with all His waves Selah

All Your breakers and waves have gone over me - Ps. 42:7

Heman said the Lord had put all of his acquaintances far from him

Job said those he loved had turned against him - Job 19:19

Heman said the Lord had made them a horror to them

His adversaries had become a reproach to him - Ps. 31:1

Heman said he was shut in and He could not escape

There was no refuge for his soul and no one cared for his soul - Ps. 142:4

E. Heman said he had cried daily to the Lord - 88:9-10

Heman said his eye grew dim because of affliction

Hagar was told the Lord had listened to her affliction - Gen. 16:11

Affliction came from those who hated him - Ps. 9:14

Heman said he had called on the Lord every day

He cried to the Lord throughout the day - Ps. 86:3

Heman said he had spread out his hands to the Lord

The day will come when they will no more sorrow at all - Jer. 31:12

Heman asked if the Lord would perform wonders for the dead

The Lord causes His wondrous works to be remembered - Ps. 111:4

Heman asked if the departed spirits rose up and praised Him

God causes the memory of the wicked to be forgotten - Isa. 26:14

God causes the righteous dead to live - Isa. 26:19

F. Heman asked if God's steadfast love would be declared - 88:11-12

Heman asked if God's steadfast love would be declared in the grave

The steadfast love of the Lord endures all the day - Ps. 52:3

Heman asked if God's faithfulness would be heard in Abaddon

Abaddon is the place where dead bodies corrupt and decay - Prov. 27:20

Heman asked if His wonders would be made known in the darkness

This speaks of darkness that can be felt - Ex. 10:21

The mountain was wrapped in darkness, cloud and gloom - Deut. 4:11

**Heman asked if God's righteousness was there in the land of forgetfulness
(Righteousness is what is right and just before God)**

God is the source of all enduring righteousness - Prov. 8:18

We are made righteous through Christ - 2 Cor. 5:21

Many take away justice from the righteous man - Isa. 5:23

Forgetfulness is the result of the lack of relationship - Eph. 2:1-5

G. Heman said his prayer came to the Lord in the morning - 88:13-14

Heman said he had cried out to the Lord for help

David cried out to the Lord in his time of distress - Ps. 18:6

Christ was forsaken by the Father as He bore our sin - Matt. 27:46

God heard when Christ had finished paying for our sin - Luke 23:46

Heman said in the morning his prayer comes before Him

David also prayed to the Lord each morning - Psalm 5:3

Heman asked the Lord why he rejected his soul

Rachel's soul was departing for she was dying - Gen. 35:18

Heman asked why the Lord hid His face from him

Moses was afraid to look at God - Ex. 3:6

God has hidden the things that cannot be known - Deut. 29:28

The wisdom of their wise men shall perish - Isa. 29:14

Truly You are a God who hides Himself - Isa. 45:15

H. Heman said he had been afflicted since his youth - 88:15-16

Heman said he was afflicted and ready to die from his youth

The people of Israel feared they would all perish - Num. 17:27

Heman said he suffered the Lord's terrors

God promised Israel to send terrors on their enemies - Ex. 23:27

David said he had experienced the terrors of death - Ps. 55:4

Heman said that he was helpless

Moses could not cross over the Jordan River into Israel - Deut. 34:4

Heman said the burning anger of the Lord passed over him

Job said that the terrors of God were arrayed against him - Job 6:4

Heman said the terrors of the Lord destroyed him

The fierce anger of the Lord was shown against Saul - 1 Sam. 28:18

I. Heman said loved ones and friends had been put far from him - 88:17-18

Heman said these had surrounded him like a flood all day long

The Gazites wanted to kill Samson - Jdg. 16:2

Heman said they closed in on him together

Goliath wanted a man from Israel to fight him - 1 Sam. 17:10

Heman said the Lord caused his beloved and his friend to shun him

David also experienced rejection by many people - Ps. 38:11

Hushai still was faithful to David and protected him - 2 Sam. 16:17-19

Heman said his acquaintances were in darkness

The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable - Prov. 10:32

A wicked man does not understand such knowledge - Prov. 29:7

Job knew he would see God after his flesh was destroyed - Job 19:26

Psalm 68

A Psalm of Ethan the Ezrahite

A. Ethan spoke of the greatness of God - 89:1-18

1. Ethan said he would sing of the mercies of God - 89:1-2

The Lord is the One who gives mercies that last forever
Like Moses, Ethan sang this song to the Lord - Ex. 15:1
The Lord shows His faithfulness to all generations
The word of the Lord is done in faithfulness - Ps. 33:4
The Lord will build up His lovingkindness forever
David did not conceal the lovingkindness of the Lord - Ps. 40:11
The Lord will establish His faithfulness in the heavens
Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly fixed in the heavens - Ps. 119:89

2. Ethan spoke of the covenant God made with David - 89:3-4

The Lord made a covenant with His chosen
God chose David to be over His people, Israel - 1 Ki. 8:16
The Lord had sworn to His servant David
The Lord said He would make a house for David - 2 Sam. 7:11
The Lord said He would establish David's seed forever
One of your son will establish His kingdom forever - 1 Chron. 17:10-12
The Lord said He would build up David's throne to all generations
This son will be on the throne of David forever - Isa. 9:7
Christ is the One who fulfills this promise to David - Luke 1:33

3. Ethan spoke of the faithfulness of God to His saints - 89:5-7

The Lord said the heavens will praise Your wonders
The heavens declare the glory of God - Ps. 19:1
The Lord will show His faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones
The Lord is a God of faithfulness and without iniquity - Deut. 32:4
The Lord has no one in the skies who is comparable to Him
There is none like You among the gods, O Lord - Ps. 86:8
The Lord has none among the mighty that can be likened to Him
There is no one like the Lord who is seated on high - Ps. 113:5
The Lord is greatly feared in the council of the holy ones
You are to be feared, who can stand before You - Ps. 76:7
The Lord is awesome above all who are around Him
Make your vows to the Lord your God, and perform them - Ps. 76:11

4. Ethan spoke of the fact that God is mighty - 89:8-10

The Lord is the Lord God of hosts
The Lord has no one that is mighty like the Lord
Who is mighty as you are, O Lord - Ps. 89:8
The Lord is also surrounded by faithfulness
God is a God of faithfulness and without iniquity - Deut. 32:4
The Lord rules the raging of the sea
Christ stilled the raging of the sea - Ps. 107:29; John 6:15-22
The Lord also stills its waves when they arise
Christ caused the raging waves to become calm - Luke 8:22-25
The Lord had broken Rahab (Egypt) in pieces
God is the One who called Egypt "Rahab" - Isa. 30:7
The Lord said they were like a nation that is slain
The Lord scattered His enemies with His mighty arm
God destroyed the Egyptian army in the Ex. 14:26-28

5. Ethan spoke of the fact that all creation belongs to God - 89:11-12

The Lord is the One to whom the heavens belong
God created the heavens and the earth - Gen. 1:1
The Lord also is the One to whom the earth belongs
Everything in the heavens and earth belong to Him - 1 Chron. 29:11
The Lord possesses the world and all its contains
The Lord is the One who laid their foundation
The Lord included both the north and the south
The Lord is the One who created them
The Lord causes rejoicing in Tabor and Hermon
Mount Tabor is part of a mountain range - Judg. 4:6; Jer. 46:18
Mount Hermon is part of a different mountain range - Deut. 3:8; Josh. 12:1

6. Ethan spoke of the character of God - 89:13-14

The Lord has a strong arm
The Lord has a hand that is mighty
His arm is mighty and His hand is strong - Ps. 89:14
The Lord has a right hand that is exalted
The Lord is the One who is righteous
Jeremiah wrote, "The Lord is our Righteousness" - Jer. 23:6, 33:16
The Lord is the One who is just
The Lord has made these the foundation of His throne
The Lord has lovingkindness and truth go before Him
Man is not to pervert the justice due to the poor - Ex. 23:6

7. Ethan spoke of the people of God - 89:15-18

God has blessed the people who know the joyful sound

Israel was to sing joyfully before the Lord - Ps. 98:6

God causes them to walk in the light of His countenance

Israel was to blow the trumpets over their peace offerings - Num. 10:10

God causes them to rejoice in His name all the day long

God told why they could rejoice all the day - Ps. 9:13-14

God causes them to be exalted by His righteousness

God makes it possible to rejoice by His righteousness - 2 Cor. 5:21

God is the glory of their strength

God causes our horn (strength) to be exalted by His glory

God is the source of our shield

The shields of the earth belong to God - Ps. 47:5-9

God is our King to the Holy One of Israel

God says to be holy because He is holy - Lev. 11:44

B. Ethan spoke of the greatness of the seed of David - 89:19-37

1. Ethan spoke of the fact that God made a promise to David - 89:19-21

God spoke in a vision by His holy ones

God said He had given help to one who is mighty

God has exalted one chosen from the people

For the sake of David My servant whom I chose - 1 Kin. 11:34

God found David His servant

The Lord called David when he was caring for sheep - I Sam. 16:11-12

God had him anointed with His holy oil

Samuel was sent to anoint David - I Sam. 16:13; Acts 13:22

God said His hand would be established

This is the son of man whom God made strong for Himself - Ps. 80:17-19

God said His arm would also strengthen him

David fought against Goliath in the strength of the Lord - I Sam. 17:44-51

2. Ethan said God would judge those who hated David - 89:22-23

God said the enemy will not deceive him

The fool says in his heart that there is no God - Ps. 53:1

God said the son of wickedness will not afflict him

An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous - Prov. 29:27

God said He would crush his adversaries before him

The Lord will cause your enemies to be defeated before you - Deut. 28:7

God said He would strike those who hate him

3. Ethan said David knew God was the rock of his salvation - 89:24-26

God said His faithfulness would be with David

The Lord said He would establish the house of David forever - 2 Sam. 7:12-17

God said His mercy (lovingkindness) would be before him

God said in His name his horn would be exalted

God said He would set his hand on the sea

The Lord has dominion from sea to sea - Ps. 72:8

God said He would set his right hand over the rivers

God said he will cry to Me, "You are my Father"

The Lord said He would be a Father to David - 2 Sam. 7:14

God said Ethan would call God the rock of his salvation

Ethan also said the Lord was the Rock of his salvation - 2 Sam. 22:47

4. Ethan said His covenant with David would stand firm - 89:27-29

God said He would make Him His firstborn

The Lord called Israel His firstborn - Ex. 4:22

God said He will make Him the highest of the kings of the earth

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation - Col. 1:15

God said His lovingkindness He would keep for him forever

God said His covenant will be confirmed with him

Christ was beside the Father as a master craftsman - Prov. 8:30

God said He would establish his descendants forever

The Lord promised to establish and uphold the throne of David - Isa. 9:7

God said his throne as the days of heaven

This promise is as long as the heavens are above the earth - Deut. 11:21

5. Ethan said God would those who were disobedient - 9:30-32

God said if his sons forsook God's law

The Lord would still keep His promise to David - 2 Sam. 7:10-17

God said if his sons did not walk in His judgments

Some sons became wicked who forsook God's law - Ps. 119:53

God said if they break My statutes

Israel did not teach the next generation and they did evil - Jud. 2:10-15

God said if they do not keep My commandments

The Lord left some enemies to test Israel - Jud. 3:1-4

God said He would punish their transgression with the rod

Saul had been rejected as king by the Lord for his sin - 1 Sam. 15:16-24

David told Saul that his hand would not be against Saul - 1 Sam. 24:12

God said He would punish their iniquity with stripes

God disciplines and punishes with stripes - Hos. 10:10

6. Ethan said God would still be faithful to David - 89:33-34

God promised He would not take His lovingkindness from David

David had shown disgraceful sexual behavior with Bathsheba - 2 Sam. 11:1-5

The Lord had said He would discipline him as a Father - 2 Sam. 7:14-15

God said He would not allow His faithfulness to fail

The Lord is a God of faithfulness and without iniquity - Deut. 32:4

God said He would not break His covenant

The Lord will not profane His name or share His glory - Isa. 48:11

God said he would not alter the word of His lips

The Lord will fulfill all the words of His lips - Num. 23:19

7. Ethan said God had sworn this in His holiness - 89:35-37

God said He had sworn by His holiness

The Lord God has sworn by His holiness - Amos 4:12

God said He would not lie to David

The Glory of Israel will not lie or have regret - 1 Sam. 15:29

God, who never lies, promised before the ages began - Titus 1:2

God said His descendants would endure forever

Christ will have a kingdom which will have no end - Luke 1:33

God said His throne would stand as the sun before Him

All nations will call Him blessed - Ps. 72:17

God said it would be established forever like the moon

His fame shall continue as long as the sun - Ps. 72:17

God said it would be like the faithful witness in the sky Selah

The Lord is the One who placed these witnesses - Ps. 8:4

C. Ethan spoke of the reproach of God's servants - 89:38-52

1. Ethan said David profaned his crown and cast it to the ground - 89:38-39

David had cast off and rejected it

The Lord searches all hearts and understands every plan - 1 Chron. 28:9

The Lord had even spurned His altar - Lam. 2:7

David said God had been full of wrath against His anointed

They have burned up all the meeting places of God in the land - Ps. 74:7

David felt like God had spurned the covenant of His servant

The Lord saw it and spurned His sons and daughters - Deut. 32:19

David had profaned his crown by casting it to the ground

David had been guilty of adultery - 2 Sam. 11:1-5

David had tried to cover his sin which led to the death of Uriah - 2 Sam. 11:17

Woe to us for we have sinned - Lam. 5:16

2. Ethan said this caused his enemies to rejoice - 89:40-42

God had broken down all of his walls

The enemies had burned the sanctuary of the temple - Ps. 74:7
The Chaldeans broke down the walls of Jerusalem - 2 Ki. 25:10

God had brought His strongholds to ruin

The houses of Jerusalem were burned with fire - 2 Ki. 25:9
The treasures of the temple and king were taken away - 2 Ki. 25:13-17

God allowed all who passed along the way plunder him

All the people who passed by were taking the fruit of David - Ps. 80:12

God allowed David to become a reproach to his neighbors

Judah became a taunt to their neighbors - Ps. 79:4
The people of Judah all suffered from their enemies - Lam. 5:1-15
The crown was fallen from their king - Lam. 5:16

God had exalted the right hand of David's adversaries

All of Judah felt like they had been forgotten forever - Lam. 5:19-22

God made all of his enemies rejoice

Judah was forced to live among the nations - Lam. 4:20

3. Ethan said this caused his glory to cease - 89:43-44

God had turned back the edge of David's sword

Those who escaped were taken as captives to Babylon - 2 Chron. 36:20

God had not given David strength to stand in the battle

Jerusalem had all its leaders taken away - 2 Ki. 24:15-16
David knew the guilt of unconfessed sin - Ps. 32:3-5

God had made his splendor to cease

Jeremiah warned this judgment would come - Jer. 25:9-12

God had cast his throne down to the ground

David saw the child born to Bathsheba die - 2 Sam. 12:15-23
David knew his sin was against the Lord - 2 Sam. 12:13-14
David realized he needed a clean heart and a right spirit - Ps. 51:10

4. Ethan said the days of his youth are shortened - 89:45

God had shortened the days of David's youth

Ammon raped his sister to satisfy his lust - 2 Sam. 13:1-19
Absalom rebelled against his father and disgraced him - 2 Sam. 16:20-22
Joab killed Absalom as he hung by his hair - 2 Sam. 18:14-17

God had covered David with shame Selah

This was one of the results of his sin with Bathsheba - 2 Sam. 12:7-12
However, the Lord loved Solomon - 2 Sam. 12:24-25
The Lord included Solomon in the legal line of Christ - Matt -1:6

5. Ethan asked how long the Lord would wait to answer - 89:46-48

God was asked how long the Lord would make this last
God has promised that He will do a marvelous work for Israel - Is. 29:14

God was asked if He would hide Himself forever

Israel feels like God is hiding Himself from them - Isa. 45:15

God was asked if He would allow His wrath to burn like fire

The houses and the temple were burned with fire - 2 Ki. 25:9-10

God was asked to remember how short the king's time was

Even long life is only seventy to eighty years - Ps. 90:9-10

God was asked for what vanity He had created all the sons of men

The time of both the low and the high is short for all - Ps. 62:9

God was asked what man could live and not see death

Whether man or animal all will die in a short time - Eccl. 3:19

God asked if man could keep his life from the power of the grave

The Lord kills and the Lord brings to life - 1 Sam. 2:6

6. Ethan said the enemies had reproached the Lord's anointed - 89:49-51

The Lord was asked where His former lovingkindnesses were

God will one day restore the kingdom of David - Ezek. 34:23

Christ came from David's family and will rule forever - 2 Sam. 7:12-14

The Lord was reminded that He swore to David in His faithfulness

God said his throne would be established forever - 2 Sam. 7:15

The Lord was asked to remember the reproach of His servants

This reproach (disgrace) fell on Christ - John 2:17; Rom. 15:3

This disgrace was even worse at His trial - Luke 22:63-65

The Lord was told David bore in his bosom the reproach of many peoples

God knew the reproach, shame and dishonor David received - Ps. 69:19

The enemy scoffs and a foolish people reviles Your name - Ps. 74:18

The Lord was told His enemies had reproached Him

Christ experienced this reproach when He cleansed the temple - John 2:17

The Lord was told they reproached the footsteps of His anointed

God is reminded that the foolish scoff at Him all the day - Ps. 74:22

7. Ethan concluded by blessing the Lord - 89:52

Ethan said the Lord would be blessed forevermore

The Lord is blessed from everlasting to everlasting - Ps. 41:13

Ethan concluded by saying, "Amen and Amen"

Part 1 of Psalms ended with this same phrase - Ps. 41:13

Part 2 of Psalms has this phrase in its conclusion - Ps. 72:19-20

Part 4 of Psalms has all the people say "Amen" - Ps. 106:48