**The Book of Psalms**

**Psalm 1**

BOOK I

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| 1 | Blessed is the person  who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,  nor stands on the road of sinners,  nor sits in the seat of scoffers. |
| 2 | But his delight is in Yahweh’s law.  On his law he meditates day and night. |
| 3 | He will be like a tree planted by the streams of water  that brings forth its fruit in its season,  whose leaf also does not wither.  And in whatever he does, he prospers. |
| 4 | It is not so with the wicked,  because they are like the chaff  that the wind drives away. |
| 5 | Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. |
| 6 | For Yahweh knows the road of the righteous,  but the road of the wicked will perish. |

**Psalm 2**

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| 1 | Why do the nations rage and the peoples  plot a vain thing? |
| 2 | The kings of the earth take a stand,  and the rulers take counsel together  against Yahweh and against his Anointed One,[[1]](#footnote-11621) saying, |
| 3 | “Let’s break their restraints apart  and cast their cords from us.” |
| 4 | He who sits in the heavens laughs.  The Lord mocks them. |
| 5 | Then he will speak to them in his anger,  and terrify them in his wrath, saying, |
| 6 | “I have installed my king  on Zion, my holy mountain.” |
| 7 | I will proclaim the decree of Yahweh.  He said to me, “You are my son;  today I have become your father. |
| 8 | Ask of me,  and I will give the nations as your inheritance,  and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession. |
| 9 | You will break them with a rod of iron.  You will dash them in pieces *like* a potter’s vessel.” |
| 10 | So now, be wise, O kings;  accept correction, O judges of the earth. |
| 11 | Serve Yahweh with fear,  and rejoice with trembling. |
| 12 | Kiss the Son lest he be angry  and you perish on the road,  for his wrath will suddenly be kindled.  Blessed are all those who take refuge in him. |

**Psalm 3**

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

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| 1 | O Yahweh, how my adversaries are many!  Many are those who rise up against me. |
| 2 | Many there are who say of my soul,  “There is no salvation for him in God.” Selah. |
| 3 | But you, Yahweh, are a shield around me,  my glory, and the one who lifts up my head. |
| 4 | I cry out to Yahweh with my voice,  and he answers me from his holy mountain. Selah. |
| 5 | I laid down and slept.  I awoke, because Yahweh sustains me. |
| 6 | I will not be afraid of the multitudes of people  who have set themselves against me on every side. |
| 7 | Arise, O Yahweh!  Save me, O my God!  Oh that you might strike all of my enemies on the cheek.  Oh that you might shatter the teeth of the wicked. |
| 8 | The victory belongs to Yahweh.  May your blessing be on your people. Selah. |

**Psalm 4**

For the Musical Director;  
on stringed instruments.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | Answer me when I call,  O God of my righteousness.  Give me relief in my distress.  Be gracious to me and hear my prayer. |
| 2 | O children of highborn men, how long will my reputation be turned into shame?  *How long* will you love vanity? *How long* will you seek after falsehood? Selah. |
| 3 | But know that Yahweh has set apart the godly person for himself;  Yahweh will hear when I call to him. |
| 4 | *You can* be angry, but do not sin.  Speak in your heart on your bed,  and keep silent. Selah. |
| 5 | Sacrifice the sacrifices of righteousness,  and trust in Yahweh. |
| 6 | Many are saying, “Who will show us good?”  O Yahweh, lift up upon us the light of your face. |
| 7 | You have placed joy in my heart;  more *joy* than the season when their grain and new wine abound. |
| 8 | In peace I will both lie down and sleep,  for you alone, Yahweh,  make me live in safety. |

**Psalm 5**

For the Musical Director,  
with the flutes.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | Give ear to my words, O Yahweh.  Consider my sighing. |
| 2 | Pay attention to the sound of my cry  my King and my God,  for it is to you that I pray. |
| 3 | O Yahweh, in the morning you will hear my voice.  In the morning I will make preparations for you  and will carefully watch. |
| 4 | For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness.  Evil cannot sojourn with you. |
| 5 | The ones who boast cannot stand  before your eyes.  You hate all workers of wickedness. |
| 6 | You will destroy those who speak falsehood.  The man of bloodguilt and deceit Yahweh abhors. |
| 7 | But as for me, through the abundance of your covenant loyalty  I will enter into your house.  I will bow down toward your holy Temple in reverence of you. |
| 8 | Lead me, O Yahweh, in your righteousness  because of my enemies.  Make your road straight before my face. |
| 9 | For there is nothing trustworthy in their mouth.  Their inward part is destruction.  Their throat is an open grave.  They flatter with their tongue. |
| 10 | Declare them guilty, O God.  Let them fall by their own plans.  Drive them away because of the multitude of their transgressions,  for they have disobeyed you. |
| 11 | But let all those who seek refuge in you rejoice;  let them continually shout for joy.  And spread your protection over them  so that those who love your name may exalt in you. |
| 12 | For it is you who blesses the righteous person.  O Yahweh, you will surround him with favor like a large shield. |

**Psalm 6**

For the Musical Director;  
on stringed instruments, upon the eight-stringed lyre.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | O Yahweh, do not reprove me in your anger,  nor correct me in your wrath. |
| 2 | Show favor to me, O Yahweh, for I am frail.  Heal me, O Yahweh, for my bones are troubled. |
| 3 | My soul is also very troubled.  But you, O Yahweh, how long...? |
| 4 | Return, O Yahweh. Deliver my soul  and save me on account of your covenant faithfulness. |
| 5 | For in death no one remembers you.  In Sheol, who can give you praise? |
| 6 | I am weary with my groaning.  Every night I make my bed swim.  I flood my couch with my tears. |
| 7 | My eye wastes away because of grief.  It grows old because of all those who act hostile to me. |
| 8 | Depart from me, all you workers of wickedness,  because Yahweh has heard the voice of my weeping. |
| 9 | Yahweh has heard my supplication.  Yahweh accepts my prayer. |
| 10 | Let all my enemies be ashamed and very troubled.  May they turn back, *and* may they be suddenly ashamed. |

**Psalm 7**

A lament of David,  
which he sang to Yahweh,  
concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.

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| 1 | O Yahweh my God, I take refuge in you.  Save me from all those who pursue me, and deliver me, |
| 2 | lest they tear apart my soul like a lion,  tearing *me* apart while there is none to deliver. |
| 3 | O Yahweh, my God, if I have done this,  if there is injustice in my hands, |
| 4 | if I have done evil to him who was at peace with me  or if I have plundered my adversary without cause, |
| 5 | let the enemy pursue my soul and let him overtake *it*;  and let him tread my life down to the earth  and lay my glory in the dust. *Selah*. |
| 6 | Arise, O Yahweh, in your anger.  Lift up yourself against the fury of my adversaries.  Indeed, arouse yourself, my God.  You have commanded judgment. |
| 7 | Let the assembly of the peoples surround you.  Sit over them on high. |
| 8 | Yahweh judges the peoples.  Vindicate me, O Yahweh,  according to my righteousness, and according to my integrity, O Most High. |
| 9 | Now let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end,  but establish the righteous person;  indeed, the one who tests *the* hearts and kidneys  is a righteous God. |
| 10 | My shield is borne by God  who delivers the upright in heart. |
| 11 | God judges righteously,  and *he is* a God who has indignation every day. |
| 12 | If a person does not repent,  *God* will sharpen his sword;  he has bent his bow and prepared it. |
| 13 | He has also prepared for himself the instruments of death.  He makes ready his flaming arrows. |
| 14 | Behold, the *unrepentant person* is pregnant with iniquity.  Yes, he has conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. |
| 15 | He digs a hole and hollows it out,  but he falls into the pit that he made. |
| 16 | The trouble he causes will return to his own head.  Indeed, his violence will come down on the crown of his own head. |
| 17 | I will praise Yahweh according to his righteousness,  and will sing praise to the name of Yahweh Most High. |

**Psalm 8**

For the Musical Director;  
on an instrument of Gath.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | O Yahweh, our Lord,  how majestic is your name in all the earth.  You have set your glory above the heavens! |
| 2 | From the mouths of babies and infants  you have established strength  because of your adversaries,  to silence the enemy and the avenger. |
| 3 | When I look at your heavens,  the work of your fingers,  the moon and the stars  that you have established, |
| 4 | what is man, that you think of him,  and the son of man, that you visit him? |
| 5 | For you have made him a little lower than God,  and crowned him with glory and honor. |
| 6 | You made him ruler over the works of your hands.  You put all things under his feet: |
| 7 | all of the sheep and cattle,  and even the animals of the field, |
| 8 | the birds of the heavens,  the fish of the sea  and whatever passes through the paths of the seas. |
| 9 | O Yahweh, our Lord,  how majestic is your name in all the earth! |

**Psalm 9**

For the Musical Director  
Set to “Muth Labben.”  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | I will give thanks to Yahweh with my whole heart.  I will recount all your marvelous works. |
| 2 | I will rejoice and exult in you.  I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. |
| 3 | When my enemies turn back,  they will stumble and perish in your presence. |
| 4 | For you have upheld my justice and my just cause.  You sit on the throne judging *with* righteousness. |
| 5 | You have rebuked the nations.  You have destroyed the wicked.  You have blotted out their name forever and ever. |
| 6 | The enemy has come to an end in everlsting desolation.  And you have uprooted their cities;  the very memory of them has perished. |
| 7 | But Yahweh will sit *as king* forever.  He has established his throne for the judgment. |
| 8 | He will judge the world with righteousness;  with uprightness He will administer judgment to the peoples. |
| 9 | Yahweh will also be a high tower for the oppressed person,  a high tower in times of trouble. |
| 10 | Those who know your name will trust in you,  for you, O Yahweh, have not forsaken  those who seek you. |
| 11 | Sing praises to Yahweh who dwells in Zion,  declare among the people what he has done. |
| 12 | For he who avenges blood remembers them,  he does not forget the cry of the afflicted. |
| 13 | Have mercy on me, O Yahweh.  Look upon my affliction caused by those who hate me,  O God who lifts me up from the gates of death, |
| 14 | so that I may recount all your songs of praise.  In the gates of Daughter Zion,  I will rejoice in your deliverance. |
| 15 | The nations have sunk down in the pit that they made.  Their foot has been caught in the net that they hid. |
| 16 | Yahweh has made himself known.  He has executed judgment.  With the deeds of his hands  he strikes down the wicked person. Meditation. Selah. |
| 17 | The wicked will return to Sheol;  *even* all the nations that forgot God. |
| 18 | For the needy will not always be forgotten,  *nor* will the hope of the afflicted perish forever. |
| 19 | Arise, O Yahweh! Do not let humans prevail.  Let the nations be judged in your presence. |
| 20 | Put them in terror, O Yahweh.  Let the nations know that they are only human. Selah. |

**Psalm 10**

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| 1 | Why do you stand at a distance, O Yahweh?  *Why* do you hide yourself in times of trouble? |
| 2 | In arrogance, a wicked person hunts down an afflicted *person*.  They will be caught in the schemes that they devised. |
| 3 | For the wicked person boasts of his soul’s cravings.  He blesses the greedy *and* curses Yahweh. |
| 4 | The wicked person, in the pride of his face,  does not seek *God*. “There is no God” is in all his thoughts. |
| 5 | His roads are firm at all times.  *He is* haughty, and your judgments are far from him.  As for all his adversaries, he snorts at them. |
| 6 | He says in his heart, “I will not be shaken.  For generations *I will* have no trouble.” |
| 7 | His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression.  Under his tongue is trouble and wickedness. |
| 8 | He lies in ambush near the villages.  In the secret places he murders the innocent person.  His eyes lie in wait for the helpless. |
| 9 | He lies in wait in the secret place like a lion in its thicket.  He lies in wait to seize the afflicted person.  He seizes the afflicted person by drawing him into his net. |
| 10 | So the crushed one sinks down,  and the unfortunate ones fall under his might. |
| 11 | He says in his heart, “God has forgotten.  He hides his face. He never saw *it*.” |
| 12 | Arise, O Yahweh! O God, lift up your hand!  Do not forget the afflicted. |
| 13 | Why does the wicked person spurn God  *and* say in his heart, “You will not hold *me* accountable”? |
| 14 | On the contrary, you yourself see trouble and vexation.  You look at it to take it into your hand.  The afflicted person frees *himself* because of you.  You become a helper of the orphan. |
| 15 | Break the strength of the wicked person.  And *as for* the evil person, you will call his wickedness to account  until you find none. |
| 16 | Yahweh is King forever and ever!  The nations will perish from his land. |
| 17 | O Yahweh, you have listened to the desire of the afflicted.  You will prepare their heart.  You will cause your ear to attentively listen |
| 18 | in order to judge the orphan and the oppressed person  so that *the* man of the earth will terrorize them no longer. |

**Psalm 11**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | In Yahweh I have sought refuge.  How can you say to my soul,  “Flee like a bird to your mountain,” |
| 2 | for, behold, the wicked bend their bows.  They set their arrows on the strings  to shoot in the darkness at the upright in heart. |
| 3 | When the foundations are destroyed,  what can a righteous person do? |
| 4 | Yahweh is in his holy Temple.  Yahweh’s throne is in the heavens.  His eyes observe. His eyelids put people to the test. |
| 5 | Yahweh puts the righteous person to the test, but his soul hates the wicked person  and the one who loves violence. |
| 6 | He will rain down coals upon the wicked;  fire and sulfur and scorching wind will be the portion of their cup. |
| 7 | For Yahweh is righteous. He loves righteousness.  The upright person will see his face. |

**Psalm 12**

For the Musical Director;  
upon an eight-stringed lyre.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | Help, O Yahweh, for the godly person has come to an end.  For the faithful have vanished from among humankind. |
| 2 | They speak deceit, *each* person to his neighbor.  They speak with flattering lips and with a double heart. |
| 3 | O Yahweh, cut off all *the* flattering lips  and the tongue that speaks *boastful* things, |
| 4 | who have said, “With our tongue we will prevail.  Our lips are our own. Who is our master?” |
| 5 | “Because of the devastation of the afflicted,  *and* because of the groaning of the needy,  I will now arise,” says Yahweh;  “I will set *him* in safety from those who malign him.” |
| 6 | The words of Yahweh are pure words,  *like* silver refined in a clay furnace,  purified seven times. |
| 7 | You, O Yahweh, will cover them.  You will guard them from this generation forever. |
| 8 | The wicked strut about, back and forth,  when what is vile among humankind is exalted. |

**Psalm 13**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | How long, O Yahweh,  will you go on forgetting me?  How long will you hide your face from me? |
| 2 | How long must I be anxious in my soul,  *having* sorrow in my heart every day?  How long will my enemy be exalted over me? |
| 3 | Consider, *and* answer me, O Yahweh, my God.  Enlighten my eyes,  lest I sleep the sleep of death, |
| 4 | lest my enemy says, “I have prevailed over him,”  *lest* my adversaries rejoice when I am shaken. |
| 5 | But I trust in your covenant faithfulness.  My heart will rejoice in your salvation. |
| 6 | I will sing to Yahweh,  because he has dealt bountifully with me. |

**Psalm 14**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | The fool *has said* in his heart, “There is no God.”  They are corrupt. They have committed abominable acts.  There is no one who does good. |
| 2 | Yahweh looked down from the heavens upon humankind  to see if there were any who understand,  *any* who were seeking God. |
| 3 | They have all turned aside.  They have all alike become corrupt.  There is none who does good,  not even one. |
| 4 | Do any of the workers of wickedness understand?  They devour my people like they devour bread,  *and* they do not call on Yahweh. |
| 5 | There they are, overwhelmed with dread,  for God is with the generation of the righteous. |
| 6 | You *evildoers* frustrate the plan of the afflicted person,  but Yahweh is his refuge. |
| 7 | Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!  When Yahweh restores his captive people  Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad. |

**Psalm 15**

A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | O Yahweh, who can sojourn in your tent?  Who can live on your holy mountain? |
| 2 | He who walks blamelessly, and performs righteousness,  and speaks the truth from his heart; |
| 3 | who does not slander with his tongue,  nor does evil to his friend,  nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor; |
| 4 | who looks upon a vile person with contempt  but who honors those who fear Yahweh;  who keeps an oath even when it hurts,  and does not change *his mind*; |
| 5 | who does not lend his money with interest,  nor takes a bribe against the innocent.  He who does these things will never be shaken. |

**Psalm 16**

An inscribed poem of David.

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| 1 | Keep watch over me, O God, for I take refuge in you. |
| 2 | I say to Yahweh, “You are my Lord.  My welfare surely *rests* upon you.” |
| 3 | You have said to the holy ones who are in the land:  “they are also majestic;  all of my delight is in them.” |
| 4 | Those who have acquired *another* god,  their pains will be multiplied.  I will not offer their drink offerings of blood,  nor will I pronounce their names on my lips. |
| 5 | Yahweh is my assigned portion  and my cup.  You support my lot. |
| 6 | The lines have fallen to me  in pleasant places.  Yes, I have a beautiful inheritance. |
| 7 | I will bless Yahweh who has given me counsel.  Yes, my kidneys instruct me in the night seasons. |
| 8 | I have always kept Yahweh in my sight;  because he is at my right hand,  I will not be shaken. |
| 9 | Therefore my heart is glad  and my glory rejoices.  Yes, my body will also dwell in safety. |
| 10 | For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  nor will you allow your faithful one to see the pit. |
| 11 | You will make known to me the path of life.  In your presence is fullness of joy.  In your right hand there are pleasures forevermore. |

**Psalm 17**

A Prayer of David.

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| 1 | Hear, O Yahweh, *my* righteous *plea*;  Give attention to my lamenting cry.  Heed my prayer  that is not from deceitful lips. |
| 2 | Let my vindication come forth from your presence.  Let your eyes see upright things. |
| 3 | You have tested my heart.  You have visited *me* in the night.  You have tested me and not found anything.  I have resolved that my mouth will not disobey. |
| 4 | As for the works of people,  by the word of your lips  I have guarded myself  from the paths of the violent person. |
| 5 | My steps have held fast to your paths.  My feet were not shaken. |
| 6 | I have called on you,  because you will answer me, O God.  Incline your ear to me. Hear my plea. |
| 7 | Reveal the wonder of your covenant faithfulness,  O Savior of those who take refuge  at your right hand  from those who rise up against them. |
| 8 | Guard me as the pupil of your eye.  Hide me under the shadow of your wings, |
| 9 | from the presence of the wicked who oppress me,  my mortal enemies who surround me. |
| 10 | They have closed their own fat heart.  Their mouth speaks arrogantly. |
| 11 | They have now surrounded me in my steps.  They set their eyes  to cast me down to the earth. |
| 12 | His likeness is that of a lion longing to tear its prey,  yes, like a young lion crouching in hiding places. |
| 13 | Arise, O Yahweh,  confront his face. Bring him down low.  Deliver my soul from the wicked person by your sword, |
| 14 | from men by your hand, O Yahweh,  from men of the world  whose portion is among the living.  But your treasured people, you have filled their belly.  Your children are satisfied,  and they store up their excess for their children. |
| 15 | “I, with righteousness, will see your face.  I will be satisfied with seeing your form when I awake.” |

**Psalm 18**

For the Musical Director.  
Of David, the servant of Yahweh,  
who spoke to Yahweh the words of this song in the day that Yahweh delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. And he said...

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| 1 | “I love you, O Yahweh, my strength.” |
| 2 | Yahweh is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer;  my God, my rock, I will take refuge in him;  my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower. |
| 3 | I will call on Yahweh, who is worthy to be praised,  and I will be saved from my enemies. |
| 4 | The cords of death surrounded me.  The torrents of Belial made me afraid. |
| 5 | The cords of Sheol were around me.  The snares of death lay ahead of me. |
| 6 | In my distress, I called on Yahweh,  and I cried for help to my God.  He heard my voice out of his Temple,  and my cry to him came into his ears. |
| 7 | Then the earth shook and trembled.  The foundations also of the mountains quaked  and were shaken because he was angry. |
| 8 | Smoke arose from his nostrils.  Fire out of his mouth devoured.  Burning coals flamed forth from him. |
| 9 | He spread *apart* the heavens and came down.  A thick cloud was under his feet. |
| 10 | He rode on a cherub and flew.  Yes, he glided swiftly on the wings of the wind. |
| 11 | He made darkness his hiding place,  his canopy around him, the darkness of waters, the thick clouds of the skies. |
| 12 | From the brightness before him,  his thick clouds passed by with hail and coals of fire. |
| 13 | Yahweh also thundered in the heavens.  And the Most High gave forth his voice: hail and coals of fire. |
| 14 | He sent out his arrows and scattered them;  And he multiplied lightning bolts and confused them. |
| 15 | Then the sources of water appeared.  The foundations of the world were laid bare by your rebuke, O Yahweh,  at the blast of the breath of your nostrils. |
| 16 | He stretched out *his hand* from on high and took me;  he drew me out of mighty waters. |
| 17 | He delivered me from my strong enemy;  from those who hate me,  from those who were mightier than I. |
| 18 | They confronted me in the day of my calamity,  but Yahweh was my support. |
| 19 | He brought me out into an open space.  He delivered me because he delighted in me. |
| 20 | Yahweh rewarded me  according to my righteousness.  He paid me back  according to the purity of my hands. |
| 21 | For I have kept the ways of Yahweh  and have not wickedly departed from my God. |
| 22 | For all his laws are before me.  I have not turned aside from his statutes. |
| 23 | I was blameless with him.  I kept myself from my iniquity. |
| 24 | So Yahweh has rewarded me  according to my righteousness,  according to the purity of my hands in his eyes. |
| 25 | With the merciful[[2]](#footnote-18660)  you are merciful.  With the blameless man  you are blameless. |
| 26 | With the pure  you are pure.  With the crooked  you are shrewd. |
| 27 | For you will save the afflicted people,  but the haughty eyes you will bring down. |
| 28 | For you will light my lamp, O Yahweh.  And my God lightens my darkness. |
| 29 | For by you I can run against a troop.  By my God, I leap over a wall. |
| 30 | As for God, his way is perfect.  The word of Yahweh is tested.  He is a shield to all those who take refuge in him. |
| 31 | For who is God, except Yahweh?  Who is a rock besides our God, |
| 32 | the God who arms me with strength  and makes my way blameless? |
| 33 | He makes my feet like the does’ feet  and sets me on my high places. |
| 34 | He trains my hands for battle  so that my arms bend a bow of bronze. |
| 35 | You have given me the shield of your salvation.  And your right hand supports me.  And your gentleness has made me great. |
| 36 | You have enlarged my steps under me.  My feet have not slipped. |
| 37 | I will pursue my enemies and overtake them.  And I will not return until they are finished. |
| 38 | I will crush them  so that they cannot rise.  They will fall *dead* under my feet. |
| 39 | For you have armed me with strength for the battle.  You have subdued under me those who rose up against me. |
| 40 | You made my enemies turn their backs to me;  I destroyed those who hate me. |
| 41 | They cried out for help, but there was none to save;  to Yahweh, but he did not answer them. |
| 42 | Then I crushed them like dust before the wind.  I threw them out like the dirt of the streets. |
| 43 | You have delivered me from the strifes of people.  You have made me the head of nations.  A people whom I have not known will serve me. |
| 44 | As soon as their ears hear, they will obey me.  Foreigners will submit themselves to me. |
| 45 | Foreigners will lose courage  and will come trembling out of their strongholds. |
| 46 | Yahweh lives! Blessed be my rock!  Exalted be the God of my salvation. |
| 47 | the God who executes vengeance for me,  who subdues peoples under me, |
| 48 | who rescues me from my enemies.  Yes, you lift me up above those who rise up against me.  You deliver me from the violent person. |
| 49 | Therefore I will give thanks to you, Yahweh, among the nations,  and I will make music to your name. |
| 50 | He gives great salvation to his king  and shows covenant faithfulness to his anointed one,  to David and to his seed forevermore. |

**Psalm 19**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | The heavens declare the glory of God.  The expanse shows the works of his hands. |
| 2 | Day after day they pour forth speech,  and night after night they declare knowledge. |
| 3 | There is no speech and there are no words–  their voice is not heard. |
| 4 | Yet their measuring line has gone out through all the earth,  their words to the end of the world.  In them he has set a tent for the sun, |
| 5 | which comes out like a groom leaving his chamber,  like a strong man rejoicing to run his course. |
| 6 | His coming out is from the end of the heavens,  and his circuit is to their other end;  there is nothing hidden from its heat. |
| 7 | Yahweh’s law is perfect,  restoring the soul.  Yahweh’s testimony is sure,  making wise the simple. |
| 8 | Yahweh’s precepts are right,  rejoicing the heart.  Yahweh’s commandment is pure,  enlightening the eyes. |
| 9 | The fear of Yahweh is clean,  enduring forever.  Yahweh’s judgments are true,  and righteous altogether. |
| 10 | More to be desired are they than gold,  yes, than much fine gold;  sweeter also than honey  and the drippings of the honeycomb. |
| 11 | Moreover by them is your servant warned.  In keeping them there is great reward. |
| 12 | Who can discern his own errors?  Forgive me from hidden errors. |
| 13 | Keep back your servant also from arrogant ones.  Let them not have dominion over me.  Then I will be upright.  I will be blameless and innocent of great transgression. |
| 14 | Let the words of my mouth  and the meditation of my heart  be acceptable in your eyes,  O Yahweh, my rock and my redeemer. |

**Psalm 20**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | May Yahweh answer you in a time of distress.  May the name of the God of Jacob set you up on high. |
| 2 | May he send you help from the sanctuary  and may he grant you support from Zion. |
| 3 | May he remember all your offerings  and may he accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah. |
| 4 | May He grant you help according to your heart,  and may he fulfill all your plans. |
| 5 | We will shout for joy over your deliverance.  In the name of our God we will raise up a banner.  May Yahweh grant all your petitions. |
| 6 | Now I know that Yahweh delivers his anointed one.  He will answer him from his holy heavens,  with the delivering strength of his right hand. |
| 7 | Some trust in chariots, and some in horses,  but we remember the name of Yahweh our God. |
| 8 | They will bow down and fall,  but we will stand up and help one another up. |
| 9 | O Yahweh, save the king!  May he answer us when we call! |

**Psalm 21**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | The king rejoices in your strength, O Yahweh!  How greatly he rejoices in your deliverance! |
| 2 | You have given him his heart’s desire,  and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah. |
| 3 | For you meet him with the blessings of goodness.  You set a crown of fine gold on his head. |
| 4 | He asked you for life; you gave it to him,  even length of days forever and ever. |
| 5 | His glory is great through your deliverance.  You place splendor and majesty upon him. |
| 6 | For you grant him blessings forever.  You make him glad with joy by your presence. |
| 7 | For the king trusts in Yahweh.  And by the covenant faithfulness of the Most High,  he will not be shaken. |
| 8 | Your hand will find all of your enemies.  Your right hand will find those who hate you. |
| 9 | You will make them like a fiery furnace  at the time of your presence.  Yahweh will swallow them up in his anger.  The fire will devour them. |
| 10 | You will destroy their offspring from the earth,  and their seed from among the children of men. |
| 11 | For they intended evil against you.  They plotted wicked devices against you that will not succeed. |
| 12 | For you will make them turn their shoulder  when you aim drawn bows at their faces. |
| 13 | Be exalted, O Yahweh, in your strength,  we will sing and make music about your might |

**Psalm 22**

For the Musical Director;  
set to “The Doe of the Morning.”  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  *Why are you* far from my deliverance  *and from* the words of my groaning? |
| 2 | My God, I cry out in the daytime, but you do not answer,  and at night, but I find no rest. |
| 3 | But you are holy,  sitting enthroned *upon* the praises of Israel. |
| 4 | Our fathers trusted in you.  They trusted, and you delivered them. |
| 5 | They cried out to you and were delivered.  They trusted in you and were not disappointed. |
| 6 | But I am a worm and not a man;  scorned by humankind and despised by people. |
| 7 | All those who see me mock me.  They insult me with their lips. They shake their heads, *saying,* |
| 8 | “He trusts in Yahweh,  *so* let him deliver him.  Let him rescue him,  since he delights in him.” |
| 9 | But you brought me out of the womb.  You made me trust *even* at my mother’s breasts. |
| 10 | I was thrown on you from my mother’s womb.  You have been my God from my mother’s belly. |
| 11 | Do not be far from me, for trouble is near.  For there is no one to help. |
| 12 | Many bulls have surrounded me.  Mighty *bulls* of Bashan have encircled me. |
| 13 | They open their mouths wide against me,  *like* a lion tearing prey and roaring. |
| 14 | I am poured out like water.  All my bones are dislocated.  My heart is like wax;  it is melted within me. |
| 15 | My strength is dried up like a potsherd.  And my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.  And you lay me in the dust of death. |
| 16 | For dogs have surrounded me.  A company of evildoers have enclosed me.  They have pierced my hands and feet. |
| 17 | I can count out all of my bones.  They look, they stare at me. |
| 18 | They divide my garments among them.  They cast lots for my clothing. |
| 19 | But you, O Yahweh, do not be distant!  O my Strength, hurry to help me. |
| 20 | Deliver my soul from the sword,  my only *life* from the power of the dog. |
| 21 | Deliver me from the lion’s mouth!  Yes, from the horns of the wild oxen,  you have answered me. |
| 22 | I will declare your name to my brothers.  In the midst of the assembly, I will praise you. |
| 23 | You who fear Yahweh, praise him!  All you descendants of Jacob, glorify him!  Tremble before him, all you descendants of Israel! |
| 24 | For he has not despised or ignored  the affliction of the afflicted person,  nor has he hidden his face from him;  but when he cried out to him, he heard. |
| 25 | From you *comes* my praise in the great assembly.  I will fulfill my vows before those who fear him. |
| 26 | The afflicted will eat and be satisfied.  Those who seek Yahweh will praise him.  May your hearts live forever. |
| 27 | All the ends of the earth will remember  and turn to Yahweh.  All the families of the nations  will bow down[[3]](#footnote-17113) in your presence. |
| 28 | For the kingship is Yahweh’s.  And he rules over the nations. |
| 29 | All the prosperous of the earth will eat and worship.  All those who go down to the dust  will kneel before his face,  even the one who cannot keep his soul alive. |
| 30 | Offspring will serve him.  The *next* generation will be told about the Lord. |
| 31 | They will come and will declare his righteousness  to a people that will be born,  for he has done *it*. |

**Psalm 23**

A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | Yahweh is my shepherd,  I will not lack. |
| 2 | He makes me lie down in green pastures.  He leads me beside still waters. |
| 3 | He restores my soul.  He guides me in the paths of righteousness  for his name’s sake. |
| 4 | Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  I will fear no evil,  for you are with me.  Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. |
| 5 | You prepare a table before me  in the presence of my enemies.  You anoint my head with oil.  My cup overflows. |
| 6 | Surely goodness and covenant faithfulness will pursue me  all the days of my life,  and I will dwell in Yahweh’s house  for *my* length of days. |

**Psalm 24**

A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | The earth is Yahweh’s, and all it contains;  the world, and those who dwell in it. |
| 2 | For he has founded it on the seas  and established it on the rivers. |
| 3 | Who may ascend to the mountain of Yahweh?  And who may stand in his holy place? |
| 4 | He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  who has not lifted up his soul to what is false  and has not sworn deceitfully. |
| 5 | He will receive a blessing from Yahweh,  even righteousness from the God of his salvation. |
| 6 | This is the generation of those who seek Him,  who seek your face, *O God of* Jacob. Selah. |
| 7 | Lift up your heads, O gates!  Yes, be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  and the King of glory will enter. |
| 8 | Who is this King of glory?  Yahweh, strong and mighty,  Yahweh, mighty in battle. |
| 9 | Lift up your heads, O gates;  yes, lift them up, O everlasting doors,  and the King of glory will enter. |
| 10 | Who is he, this King of glory?  Yahweh of Armies—  He is the King of glory. Selah. |

**Psalm 25**

Of David.

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| 1 | To you, O Yahweh, I lift up my soul. |
| 2 | O my God, I have trusted in you.  Do not let me be ashamed.  Do not let my enemies exult over me. |
| 3 | Indeed, all of those who wait for you  will not be ashamed.  Those acting unfaithfully without reason  will be ashamed. |
| 4 | Declare to me your ways, O Yahweh!  Teach me your paths! |
| 5 | Lead me in your truth and teach me,  for you are the God of my salvation;  I wait for you all day long. |
| 6 | O Yahweh, remember your tender mercies  and your covenant faithfulness,  for they are from ancient times. |
| 7 | Do not remember the sins of my youth,  nor my transgressions.  Remember me according to your covenant faithfulness,  for your goodness’ sake, O Yahweh. |
| 8 | Yahweh is good and upright,  therefore he will teach sinners in the way. |
| 9 | He will lead the afflicted in justice.  Indeed, he will teach the afflicted his way. |
| 10 | All the paths of Yahweh are covenant faithfulness and truth  for those who are keeping his covenant and his laws. |
| 11 | For your name’s sake, O Yahweh,  you forgave my iniquity, for it is great. |
| 12 | What is the person who fears Yahweh?  He will teach him in the way that he should choose. |
| 13 | His soul will spend the night in well-being.  And his seed will inherit the land. |
| 14 | The counsel of Yahweh is for those who fear him.  He will show them his covenant. |
| 15 | My eyes are continually on Yahweh,  for he will remove my feet out of the net. |
| 16 | Turn to me and show me favor,  for I am all alone and afflicted. |
| 17 | The troubles of my heart have been enlarged.  Oh bring me out of my distresses. |
| 18 | Look upon my affliction and my trouble,  and take *away* all my sins. |
| 19 | Look upon my enemies, for they are many.  They hate me with violent hatred. |
| 20 | Keep watch over my soul and deliver me.  Do not let me be ashamed,  for I have sought refuge in you. |
| 21 | May integrity and uprightness  guard me,  for I have waited for you. |
| 22 | Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles. |

**Psalm 26**

Of David.

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| 1 | Judge me, O Yahweh,  for I have walked in my integrity.  Yes, I have trusted in Yahweh. I have not wavered. |
| 2 | Examine me, O Yahweh, and try me.  Test my kidneys and my heart. |
| 3 | For your covenant faithfulness is before my eyes.  Yes, I have walked around continually in your faithfulness. |
| 4 | I do not sit with deceitful people,  nor will I go in with hypocrites. |
| 5 | I hate the assembly of evildoers,  and will not sit with the wicked. |
| 6 | I will wash my hands in innocence;  and I will walk around your altar, O Yahweh, |
| 7 | to hear the sound of thanksgiving  and to recount all your wondrous works. |
| 8 | O Yahweh, I love that you dwell in your house,  yes, the place where your glory abides. |
| 9 | Do not gather up my soul with sinners,  nor my life with bloodthirsty people |
| 10 | in whose hands is wickedness,  yes, their right hand is full of bribery. |
| 11 | But as for me, I will walk in my integrity.  Redeem me and show me favor. |
| 12 | My foot stands on level ground.  In the assemblies I will bless Yahweh |

**Psalm 27**

Of David.

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| 1 | Yahweh is my light and my salvation.  Whom should I fear?  Yahweh is the stronghold of my life.  Whom should I dread? |
| 2 | When evildoers approached me to devour my flesh,  my adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and fell. |
| 3 | If an army encamps against me,  my heart will not fear.  Though war should rise against me,  even then I will be trusting. |
| 4 | One thing I have asked of Yahweh,  that I will seek:  to dwell in the house of Yahweh  all the days of my life,  to see Yahweh’s beauty  and to inquire in his Temple. |
| 5 | For in the day of trouble  he will hide me in his place of refuge,  he will hide me under the cover of his tent.  He will raise me upon a rock. |
| 6 | So now my head will be lifted up above  my enemies around me.  I will offer sacrifices in his tent with a joyful shout.  I will sing, yes, I will make music to Yahweh. |
| 7 | Hear, O Yahweh, my voice when I call.  Show me favor, and answer me. |
| 8 | When you said, “Seek my face,”  my heart said to you,  “I will seek your face, O Yahweh.” |
| 9 | Do not hide your face from me.  Do not turn your servant away in anger.  You have been my help.  Do not forsake me, nor leave me,  O God of my salvation. |
| 10 | For if my father and my mother forsake me,  then Yahweh will receive me. |
| 11 | Teach me your way, O Yahweh.  Yes, lead me in the level path  because of my enemies. |
| 12 | Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries,  for false witnesses have risen up against me  and *they* violently witness *against me*. |
| 13 | Surely I still believe:  I will see the goodness of Yahweh  in the land of the living. |
| 14 | Wait for Yahweh.  Be strong and let your heart take courage.  Yes, wait for Yahweh. |

**Psalm 28**

Of David.

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| 1 | To you, O Yahweh, I call.  My rock, do not be deaf to me;  lest, if you are silent to me,  I would become like those who go down into the pit. |
| 2 | Hear the voice of my petitions  when I cry out to you for help,  when I lift up my hands  toward your most holy place. |
| 3 | Do not draw me away with the wicked,  Even with the workers of wickedness  who speak peace with their neighbors  when evil is in their hearts. |
| 4 | Give to them according to their work  and according to the wickedness of their deeds.  Give to them according to the work of their hands.  Repay them what they deserve. |
| 5 | Because they do not understand  the works of Yahweh,  nor the deeds of his hands,  he will break them down and not build them up. |
| 6 | Blessed be Yahweh,  because he has heard the voice of my petitions. |
| 7 | Yahweh is my strength and my shield.  My heart has trusted in him, and I am helped.  Therefore my heart rejoices.  I will praise him with my song. |
| 8 | Yahweh is the strength of his people.  Yes, he is a stronghold of salvation to his anointed one. |
| 9 | Deliver your people and bless your inheritance.  Be their shepherd also, and carry them forever. |

**Psalm 29**

A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | Render to Yahweh, you sons of God,  render to Yahweh glory and strength. |
| 2 | Render to Yahweh the glory due to his name.  Worship Yahweh in holy attire. |
| 3 | Yahweh’s voice is on the waters.  The God of glory thunders,  Yahweh is on many waters. |
| 4 | Yahweh’s voice is powerful.  Yahweh’s voice is full of majesty. |
| 5 | The voice of Yahweh breaks the cedars.  Yes, Yahweh breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. |
| 6 | Yes, he makes Lebanon skip like a calf;  and Sirion *skip* like a young wild ox. |
| 7 | Yahweh’s voice strikes with flames of fire. |
| 8 | Yahweh’s voice causes the wilderness to tremble.  Yahweh causes the wilderness of Kadesh to tremble. |
| 9 | Yahweh’s voice makes the trees writhe,  and strips the forests bare.  But in his Temple everything says, “Glory!” |
| 10 | Yahweh sat enthroned at the flood.  Yes, Yahweh is sitting enthroned as king forever. |
| 11 | Yahweh will give strength to his people.  Yahweh will bless his people with peace. |

**Psalm 30**

A Psalm.  
A Dedication Song of the Temple.  
Of David.

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| 1 | I will extol you, O Yahweh,  for you have drawn me up  and have not made my foes  to rejoice over me. |
| 2 | O Yahweh my God,  I cried out to you for help, and you have healed me. |
| 3 | O Yahweh, you have brought up my soul from Sheol.  You have kept me alive,  that I should not go down to the pit. |
| 4 | Sing praise to Yahweh, O you faithful ones of his.  Yes, give thanks to his holy name. |
| 5 | For his anger is but for a moment.  His favor is for a lifetime.  Weeping may last through the night,  but joy comes in the morning. |
| 6 | As for me, I said in my tranquility,  “I will never be shaken.” |
| 7 | O Yahweh, when you favored me,  you made my mountain stand strong;  *but* when you hid your face, I was dismayed. |
| 8 | I cried out to you, O Yahweh.  Yes, to the Lord I sought favor: |
| 9 | “What profit is there in my blood[[4]](#footnote-26714)  if I go down to the pit?  Will the dust praise you?  Will it declare your faithfulness? |
| 10 | Hear, O Yahweh, and show me favor.  O Yahweh, be my helper.” |
| 11 | You have turned my mourning into dancing for me.  You have unwrapped my sackcloth  and wrapped my waist with gladness, |
| 12 | in order that my glory will make music to you and will not be silent  O Yahweh my God, I will give thanks to you forever! |

**Psalm 31**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | In you, O Yahweh, I seek refuge;  may I never be ashamed.  Deliver me by your righteousness. |
| 2 | Turn your ear to me. Deliver me quickly.  Be to me a rock of protection,  a stronghold to deliver me. |
| 3 | For you are my rock and my fortress,  therefore for your name’s sake  you will guide me and lead me. |
| 4 | Rescue me out of the net  that they have secretly set for me,  for you are my protection. |
| 5 | Into your hand I entrust my spirit.  You redeem me, O Yahweh, God of faithfulness |
| 6 | I hate those who are devoted to worthless idols,  but I trust in Yahweh. |
| 7 | I will be glad and rejoice in your covenant faithfulness,  for you have seen my affliction.  You know the distresses of my soul. |
| 8 | You have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy.  You have set my feet in a large place. |
| 9 | Have favor on me, O Yahweh,  for I am in distress.  My eye is wasted away in grief; my soul, even my body. |
| 10 | For my life is spent with sorrow,  And my years with groaning.  My strength fails  because of my iniquity.  My bones are wasted away. |
| 11 | Because of all my adversaries  I have become a disgrace,  even much more to my neighbors,  and a fear to those who know me.  Those who saw me on the street fled from me. |
| 12 | I have been forgotten from their hearts  like a dead man. I am like a broken vessel. |
| 13 | For I have heard the slander of many—terror is on every side!—  as they conspire together against me,  as they plot to take away my soul. |
| 14 | But I trust in you, O Yahweh.  I said, “You are my God.” |
| 15 | My times are in your hand.  Deliver me from the hand of my enemies  and from those pursuing me. |
| 16 | Make your face to shine on your servant.  Deliver me because of your covenant faithfulness! |
| 17 | Let me not be ashamed, O Yahweh, for I have called on you.  Let the wicked be ashamed!  Let them be silent in Sheol. |
| 18 | Let the deceptive lips become mute,  those that speak arrogantly against a righteous person  with pride and contempt. |
| 19 | How great is your goodness  that you have stored up for those who fear you,  that you have done for those  who have sought refuge in you in the presence of the sons of men! |
| 20 | In the covering of your presence  you will hide them from the plotting of man.  You will shelter them secretly in a dwelling place  away from the strife of tongues. |
| 21 | Blessed be Yahweh,  for he has marvelously performed his covenant faithfulness to me  in a city under siege. |
| 22 | As for me, I said in my alarm,  “I am cut off from before your eyes.”  *Yet* surely you have heard  the sound of my petitions  when I cried out to you for help. |
| 23 | Love Yahweh, all you his faithful ones!  Yahweh watches over the loyal  and fully repays the person who acts with pride. |
| 24 | Be strong and let your heart take courage,  all you who wait for Yahweh. |

**Psalm 32**

Of David.  
A meditation.

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| 1 | Blessed is the person  whose transgression is forgiven,  whose sin is covered. |
| 2 | Blessed is the person  to whom Yahweh does not count iniquity,  and in whose spirit there is no deceit. |
| 3 | When I kept silent, my bones wore out  because of my groaning all day long. |
| 4 | For day and night your hand was heavy on me.  My vitality was turned  *as* in the heat of summer. Selah. |
| 5 | I declared my sin to you.  I did not cover up my iniquity.  I said,  “I will confess my transgressions to Yahweh,”  and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. |
| 6 | For this, may everyone who is faithful pray to you  in a time when you may be found.  Surely *if there is* a flood of mighty waters,  they will not reach him. |
| 7 | You are a covering for me.  You will guard me from distress.  You will surround me with ringing cries of deliverance. Selah. |
| 8 | I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you are to walk.  I will counsel you with my eye upon you. |
| 9 | Do not be like a horse *or* like a mule,  which do not understand,  which are controlled by bit and bridle  or else they will not come near to you. |
| 10 | Many pains belong to the wicked person,  but covenant faithfulness will surround the one  who trusts in Yahweh. |
| 11 | Be glad in Yahweh and rejoice,  O you righteous ones!  Yes, shout for joy,  all you who are upright in heart! |

**Psalm 33**

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| 1 | Exult in Yahweh, O you righteous ones!  Praise is fitting for the upright. |
| 2 | Offer praise to Yahweh with a harp.  Sing praises to him with a lyre of ten strings. |
| 3 | Sing to him a new song.  String skillfully accompanied with a shout of joy! |
| 4 | For the word of Yahweh is upright.  Yes, each of his works is done in faithfulness. |
| 5 | He loves righteousness and justice.  The earth is full of the covenant faithfulness of Yahweh. |
| 6 | By the word of Yahweh, the heavens were made;  Yes, by the breath of his mouth, all their armies. |
| 7 | He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap.  He places the depths into storehouses. |
| 8 | Let all the earth fear Yahweh.  Let all the inhabitants of the earth stand in awe of him. |
| 9 | For he spoke, and it was done.  He commanded, and it stood firm. |
| 10 | Yahweh crushes the counsel of the nations.  He frustrates the plans of the peoples. |
| 11 | The counsel of Yahweh will stand forever;  the plans of his heart to all generations. |
| 12 | Blessed is the nation whose God is Yahweh;  the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance. |
| 13 | Yahweh looks from heaven.  He sees all the children of men. |
| 14 | From the place of his habitation  he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, |
| 15 | The creator of their hearts;  he understands all of their works. |
| 16 | There is no king saved by the multitude of an army.  A mighty man is not delivered by great strength. |
| 17 | A horse is a deceptive thing for *one’s* deliverance,  neither can it rescue any by its great power. |
| 18 | Behold, Yahweh’s eye *looks* toward those who fear him,  on those who hope in his covenant faithfulness |
| 19 | to deliver their soul from death,  and to keep them alive in the famine. |
| 20 | Our soul has waited for Yahweh.  He is our help and our shield. |
| 21 | For our heart rejoices in him,  because we have trusted in his sacred name. |
| 22 | Let your covenant faithfulness  be on us, O Yahweh,  since we have hoped in you. |

**Psalm 34**

Of David;  
when he altered his senses before Abimelech[[5]](#footnote-27592),  
who drove him away, and he departed.

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| 1 | I will bless Yahweh at all times.  His song of praise will always be in my mouth. |
| 2 | My soul will boast in Yahweh.  May the afflicted hear it and may they rejoice! |
| 3 | Oh magnify Yahweh with me!  Let’s exalt his name together! |
| 4 | I sought Yahweh, and he answered me,  yes, he delivered me from all my fears. |
| 5 | Look to him and be radiant.  Then their faces will never be ashamed. |
| 6 | This afflicted person cried out and Yahweh heard *him*,  and delivered him out of all his distress. |
| 7 | The angel of Yahweh encamps  around those who fear him, and delivers them. |
| 8 | Oh taste and see that Yahweh is good.  Blessed is the person who seeks refuge in him. |
| 9 | Fear Yahweh, O you his holy ones,  for those who fear him have no lack. |
| 10 | The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger,  but those who seek Yahweh  will not lack any good thing. |
| 11 | Come, you children, listen to me.  I will teach you the fear of Yahweh. |
| 12 | Who is the person who desires life,  loving *many* days to see good? |
| 13 | Guard your tongue from evil  and your lips from speaking deceit. |
| 14 | Turn away from evil and do good.  Seek peace, and pursue it. |
| 15 | Yahweh’s eyes are toward the righteous.  Yes, his ears *listen* to their cry for help. |
| 16 | Yahweh’s face is against those who do evil,  to destroy the memory of them from the earth. |
| 17 | *The righteous* cry out and Yahweh hears,  and delivers them out of all their distresses. |
| 18 | Yahweh is near to those who have a broken heart  and he delivers those who have a crushed spirit. |
| 19 | Many evils *happen to* a righteous person,  but Yahweh delivers him out of them all. |
| 20 | He keeps watch over all of his bones.  Not one of them is broken. |
| 21 | Evil will kill a wicked person.  Yes, those who hate a righteous person  will suffer punishment. |
| 22 | Yahweh redeems the soul of his servants.  Indeed, none of those who seek refuge in him  will suffer punishment. |

**Psalm 35**

Of David.

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| 1 | Contend, O Yahweh, with those who contend with me.  Fight against those who fight against me. |
| 2 | Take hold of shield and buckler  and rise up as my help. |
| 3 | And draw the spear and lance to meet  those who pursue me.  Tell my soul, “I am your salvation.” |
| 4 | Let those who seek after my soul  be ashamed and humiliated.  Let those who devise evil against me  be turned back and ashamed. |
| 5 | Let them become like chaff before the wind,  when the angel of Yahweh drives *them* away. |
| 6 | Let their road be dark and slippery,  with the angel of Yahweh pursuing them. |
| 7 | For without cause they have hidden their net in a pit for me;  without cause they have dug *a pit* for my soul. |
| 8 | Let destruction unexpectedly come on him.  Yes, let his own net that he has hidden capture him.  Let him fall into that very destruction. |
| 9 | Then my soul will be joyful in Yahweh.  It will rejoice in his salvation. |
| 10 | All my bones will say,  “Yahweh, who is like you,  who delivers the afflicted person from the one who is too strong for him;  yes, the afflicted person and the needy from the one who robs him?” |
| 11 | Violent witnesses rise up.  They interrogate me about things of which I am unaware. |
| 12 | They repay me evil instead of good  to the bereavement of my soul. |
| 13 | But as for me, when they were sick,  my clothing was sackcloth.  I humbled my soul with fasting,  But my prayer returned into my own bosom. |
| 14 | I walked to and fro as though he had been a friend *or* a brother to me.  I bowed down, dressed in dark clothing  like the mourning for a mother. |
| 15 | But at my stumbling they rejoiced  and assembled together.  Oppressors I did not know gathered themselves together against me  They slandered me and did not cease. |
| 16 | With godless *and* relentless mocking,  they gnashed their teeth at me. |
| 17 | O Lord, how long will you look on?  Rescue my soul from their ravages,  my only *life* from young lions. |
| 18 | I will give you thanks in the great assembly.  I will praise you among many people. |
| 19 | Do not let those who are my deceitful enemies rejoice over me;  neither let those who hate me without a cause  wink their eyes. |
| 20 | For they do not speak peace,  but they devise deceitful words  against those who are quiet in the land. |
| 21 | Yes, they opened their mouth wide against me.  They said, “Aha! Aha! Our eyes have seen it!” |
| 22 | You have seen it, O Yahweh. Do not keep silent!  O Lord, do not be far away from me. |
| 23 | Rouse yourself! Yes, rise up to my defense, O my God!  Yes, O Lord, *rouse yourself* on behalf of my dispute. |
| 24 | Judge me, O Yahweh my God,  according to your righteousness.  And do not let them rejoice over me. |
| 25 | Do not let them say in their heart,  “Aha! Our desire!”  Do not let them say,  “We have swallowed him up!” |
| 26 | Let them be ashamed and humiliated together;  those who rejoiced at my misfortune.  Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor  who magnify themselves against me. |
| 27 | Let them shout for joy and be glad  those who delight in my righteousness.  Yes, let them say continually,  “Let Yahweh be magnified,  who delights in the well-being of his servant!” |
| 28 | And my tongue will proclaim your righteousness,  *singing* a song of praise all day long. |

**Psalm 36**

For the Musical Director.  
Of David, the servant of Yahweh.

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| 1 | An inspired utterance is within my heart  about the transgression of the wicked person:  “There is no fear of God before his eyes.” |
| 2 | For he flatters himself in his own eyes;  *unable* to detect his iniquity and come to hate *it*. |
| 3 | The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit.  He has ceased to be wise *and* to do good. |
| 4 | He plots wickedness *while lying* upon his bed.  He sets himself on a road that is not good.  He does not reject evil. |
| 5 | Your covenant faithfulness, O Yahweh, is in the heavens.  Your faithfulness reaches the clouds. |
| 6 | Your righteousness is like the mountains of God.  Your judgments are like *the* great depths.  O Yahweh, you will deliver man and animal. |
| 7 | How precious is your covenant faithfulness, O God!  Yes, the children of men seek refuge under the shadow of your wings. |
| 8 | They will drink from the abundance of your house.  Yes, you will give them to drink from the river of your Eden. |
| 9 | For with you is the fountain of life.  In your light will we see light. |
| 10 | Oh extend your covenant faithfulness to those who know you,  yes, your righteousness to the upright in heart. |
| 11 | Do not let the foot of pride come against me.  Do not let the hand of the wicked drive me away. |
| 12 | The workers of iniquity are there; fallen.  They are thrust down and are not able to rise. |

**Psalm 37**

Of David.

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| 1 | Do not be agitated because of evildoers,  nor be envious against those who work injustice. |
| 2 | For they will wither quickly like the grass  and they will wilt like the green herb. |
| 3 | Trust in Yahweh and do good.  Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. |
| 4 | Yes, delight yourself in Yahweh,  and he will give you the petitions of your heart. |
| 5 | Commit your way to Yahweh.  Yes, trust in him, and he will do it: |
| 6 | he will bring forth your righteousness like the light,  and your vindication as the noonday sun. |
| 7 | Keep quiet before Yahweh and wait patiently for him.  Do not be agitated because of the person who makes his road prosper,  because of the person who carries out wicked plans. |
| 8 | Cease from anger and forsake wrath.  Do not be agitated, it leads to evildoing. |
| 9 | For evildoers will be cut off,  but those who wait for Yahweh  will inherit the land. |
| 10 | Yet a little while and the wicked will be no more.  Yes, though you look all over for his place, yet he will not be. |
| 11 | But the humble will inherit the land,  and will delight themselves in the abundance of peace. |
| 12 | A wicked person is against the righteous person,  and gnashes at him with his teeth. |
| 13 | The Lord laughs at him,  for he sees that his day is coming. |
| 14 | The wicked have drawn out a sword, and have bent their bow  to cause the afflicted person and poor person to fall;  to slaughter those who are upright in *their* way. |
| 15 | Their sword will enter into their own heart.  And their bows will be broken. |
| 16 | Better is a little that the righteous person has  than the abundance of many wicked people. |
| 17 | For the arms of the wicked will be broken,  but Yahweh supports the righteous. |
| 18 | Yahweh knows the days of the blameless.  Their inheritance will be forever. |
| 19 | They will not be ashamed in an evil time.  Yes, in times of famine they will be satisfied. |
| 20 | For the wicked will perish.  Yes, the enemies of Yahweh will be like the beauty of the fields,  they will vanish—  vanish like the smoke. |
| 21 | A wicked person borrows and does not repay,  but a righteous person shows favor and gives. |
| 22 | For those who are blessed by him will inherit the land.  But those who are cursed by him will be cut off. |
| 23 | A man’s steps are established by Yahweh.  He delights in his roadway. |
| 24 | If he falls, he will not be hurled down,  for Yahweh supports his hand. |
| 25 | I have been young and now am old,  yet I have not seen a righteous person forsaken,  nor his offspring begging for bread. |
| 26 | All day long he shows favor and lends.  And his offspring is blessed. |
| 27 | Turn from evil, and do good.  Then live forever. |
| 28 | For Yahweh loves justice,  and does not forsake his faithful ones.  They are guarded forever,  but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off. |
| 29 | The righteous will inherit the land  and live in it forever. |
| 30 | The mouth of a righteous person utters wisdom.  Yes, his tongue speaks justice. |
| 31 | The law of his God is in his heart.  His steps will not waver. |
| 32 | A wicked person spies upon the righteous person  and seeks to kill him. |
| 33 | Yahweh will not leave the righteous[[6]](#footnote-25386) in his hand,  nor condemn him when he is brought to trial. |
| 34 | Wait for Yahweh and keep watch over his road,  and he will raise you up to inherit the land.  When the wicked are cut off, you will see *it*. |
| 35 | I have seen a wicked person acting violently,  flourishing like a luxurious tree in its native soil. |
| 36 | But I passed by, and behold, he was not.  Yes, I sought him, but he could not be found. |
| 37 | Watch a blameless person and see the upright,  for there is a future for a person of peace. |
| 38 | But those who rebel, they will be destroyed together.  The future of the wicked will be cut off. |
| 39 | But the salvation of the righteous is from Yahweh.  He is their mountain stronghold in a time of distress. |
| 40 | Yes, Yahweh will help them and deliver them.  He will deliver them from the wicked and save them,  because they have sought refuge in him. |

**Psalm 38**

A Psalm of David,  
for a remembrance.

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| 1 | O Yahweh, do not reprove me in your wrath,  nor correct me in your burning anger. |
| 2 | For your arrows have pierced me,  your hand presses hard on me. |
| 3 | There is no soundness in my flesh  because of your indignation.  There is no wholeness in my bones  because of my sin. |
| 4 | For my iniquities have overpowered me.  Like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. |
| 5 | My wounds stink and have festered  because of my foolishness. |
| 6 | I am bent over and bowed down greatly.  I walk about wearing mourner’s clothing all day long. |
| 7 | For my loins are filled with burning.  There is no soundness in my flesh. |
| 8 | I am numb and severely crushed.  I roar due to the groaning of my heart. |
| 9 | O Lord, all my desire is before you.  And my groaning is not hidden from you. |
| 10 | My heart throbs. My strength has left me.  And the light of my eyes, even that is not with me. |
| 11 | My loved ones and my friends stand back from my plague.  My relatives stand far away. |
| 12 | Those who seek after my soul lay down traps.  Those who seek my injury speak destructive things,  and they say deceitful things all day long. |
| 13 | But I, like a deaf man, do not listen.  I am like a mute man  who does not open his mouth. |
| 14 | Yes, I have become like a man who does not hear,  yes, in his mouth are no reproofs. |
| 15 | Because in you, O Yahweh, I do hope.  You will answer, O Lord my God. |
| 16 | For I said, “Do not let them rejoice over me.”  They magnified themselves over me when my foot slipped. |
| 17 | For I am ready to fall.  Yes, my pain is continually with me. |
| 18 | For I will declare my iniquity.  I am anxious concerning my sin. |
| 19 | But my enemies are alive and mighty.  Those treacherous people who hate me are numerous. |
| 20 | Those who repay evil for good are my adversaries,  because I pursue what is good. |
| 21 | Do not forsake me, O Yahweh.  My God, do not be far from me. |
| 22 | Hurry to help me,  O Lord, my salvation. |

**Psalm 39**

For the Musical Director.  
For Jeduthun.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | I said, “I will watch my ways  so that I do not sin with my tongue.  I will keep my mouth with a bridle  while the wicked is before me.” |
| 2 | I was mute and quiet.  I kept silent, even from good,  but my pain was stirred up. |
| 3 | My heart was hot within me.  While I meditated, the fire burned,  *then* I spoke with my tongue: |
| 4 | “O Yahweh, show me my end,  what is the measure of my days.  Let me know how frail I am. |
| 5 | Behold, you have made my days *a few* handbreadths.  My lifetime is as nothing before you.  Surely every man stands as a *mere* breath.” Selah. |
| 6 | “Surely every person walks like a shadow.  Surely they busy themselves in vain.  He heaps up and does not know who will gather. |
| 7 | Now, O Lord, what do I wait for?  My hope is in you. |
| 8 | Deliver me from all my transgressions.  Do not make me the reproach of the foolish. |
| 9 | I was mute. I did not open my mouth,  because you did it. |
| 10 | Remove your scourge away from me.  I am overcome by the blow of your hand. |
| 11 | When you rebuke and correct man for *his* guilt,  You consume his wealth like a moth.  Surely every man is but a breath.” Selah. |
| 12 | “Hear my prayer, O Yahweh,  and give ear to my cry.  Do not be silent at my tears.  For I am a stranger with you,  a foreigner, as all my fathers were. |
| 13 | Oh spare me, that I may recover strength,  before I go away and exist no more.” |

**Psalm 40**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | I waited patiently for Yahweh.  He turned to me and heard my cry. |
| 2 | He brought me up also out of a desolate pit,  out of the miry clay.  He set my feet on a rock;  and gave me a firm place to stand. |
| 3 | He has put a new song in my mouth,  even praise to our God.  Many will see *that* and fear,  and will trust in Yahweh. |
| 4 | Blessed is the person  who makes Yahweh his trust  and does not respect the proud,  nor *those who* turn aside to lies. |
| 5 | Many, O Yahweh my God, are the wonderful works that you have done,  and your thoughts that are toward us.  Nothing can be declared back to you.  If I would declare and speak of them,  they are more than can be numbered. |
| 6 | Sacrifice and offering you did not desire.  You have opened my ears.  You have not required burnt offering and sin offering. |
| 7 | Then I said, “Behold, I have come.  It is written about me in the book in the scroll. |
| 8 | I delight to do your will, O my God.  Yes, your law is inside my heart.” |
| 9 | I have proclaimed glad news of righteousness in the great assembly.  Behold, I will not seal my lips,  O Yahweh, you know. |
| 10 | I have not hidden your righteousness inside my heart.  I have declared your faithfulness and your salvation.  I have not concealed your loving kindness  and your truth from the great assembly. |
| 11 | Do not withhold your tender mercies from me, O Yahweh.  Let your loving kindness and your truth continually preserve me. |
| 12 | For innumerable evils have surrounded me.  My iniquities have overtaken me so that I am not able to look up.  They are more than the hairs of my head.  My heart has failed me. |
| 13 | Be pleased, O Yahweh, to deliver me.  Hurry to help me, O Yahweh. |
| 14 | Let them be disappointed and confounded together  who seek after my soul to destroy it.  Let them be turned backward and humiliated  who delight in my hurt. |
| 15 | Let those who say to me, “Aha! Aha!” be appalled because of their shame! |
| 16 | Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.  Let such as love your salvation say continually,  “Let Yahweh be exalted!” |
| 17 | But I am poor and needy.  May the Lord think about me.  You are my help and my deliverer.  Do not delay, O my God. |

**Psalm 41**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | Blessed is he who considers the weak.  Yahweh will deliver him in a time of distress. |
| 2 | Yahweh will keep watch over and preserve his life.  He will bless him in the land.  And will not give him over to the desire of his enemies. |
| 3 | Yahweh will support him on his sickbed,  you restore his entire bed in his illness. |
| 4 | I said, “O Yahweh, be gracious to me!  Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.” |
| 5 | My enemies speak evil against me:  “When will he die and his name perish?” |
| 6 | And even if one comes to see *me*, he speaks empty *words*.  His heart gathers wickedness to itself.  When he goes outside, he tells *it*. |
| 7 | All who hate me whisper together against me.  They devise injury for me. |
| 8 | *They say*, “A word from Belial is poured out upon him.  Now that he lies he will rise up no more.” |
| 9 | Even my close friend whom I trusted,  who ate my bread,  has lifted up his heel against me. |
| 10 | But you, O Yahweh, *please* show me favor,  and raise me up that I may repay them. |
| 11 | By this I know that you delight in me,  because my enemy does not raise a shout *of triumph* over me. |
| 12 | As for me, you support me in my blamelessness,  and cause me to stand in your presence forever. |
| 13 | Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel,  from everlasting and to everlasting!  Amen and amen. |

**Psalm 42**

BOOK II  
  
For the Musical Director.  
A meditation of the sons of Korah.

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| 1 | As the deer pants for the streams of water,  so my soul pants for you, O God. |
| 2 | My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  When can I come and appear before God? |
| 3 | My tears have been my food day and night  while the people ask me all day long,  “Where is your God?” |
| 4 | These things I remember, and pour out my soul within me:  for I used to go along with the multitude  and led them *in a procession* to the house of God  with the voice of joy and thanksgiving,  a crowd keeping the festival. |
| 5 | Why are you in despair, O my soul?  Why are you disturbed within me?  Hope in God! For I will still praise him  *for the* salvation of his presence. |
| 6 | O my God, my soul is in despair within me.  Therefore I remember you from the land of the Jordan,  the heights of Hermon, from the mountain of Mizar. |
| 7 | The depths call to the depths at the sound of your waterfalls.  All your surf and your waves have swept over me. |
| 8 | Yahweh will command his covenant faithfulness in the daytime.  In the night his song will be with me,  a prayer to my living God. |
| 9 | I will say to God, my rock,  “Why have you forgotten me?  Why do I go walking in mourner’s clothing  because of the oppression from an enemy?” |
| 10 | As a shattering in my bones,  my adversaries reproach me  while they say to me all day long,  “Where is your God?” |
| 11 | Why are you in despair, O my soul?  Why are you disturbed within me?  Hope in God! For I will still praise him,  *he is the* salvation of my face, and my God. |

**Psalm 43**

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| 1 | Judge me, O God, and plead my cause  against an unfaithful people.  Deliver me from the deceitful and unjust person! |
| 2 | For you are the God of my mountain stronghold.  Why have you rejected me?  Why do I go about in mourner’s clothing  because of the oppression of *the* enemy? |
| 3 | Send out your light and your truth. Let them lead me.  Let them bring me to your holy mountain,  to your dwelling place. |
| 4 | Then I will go to the altar of God,  to the God of my exceeding joy.  I will praise you on the harp,  O God, my God. |
| 5 | Why are you in despair, O my soul?  Why are you disturbed within me?  Hope in God! For I will still praise him,  *he is the* salvation of my face, and my God. |

**Psalm 44**

For the Musical Director.  
Of the sons of Korah.  
A meditation.

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| 1 | We have heard with our ears,  O God, our fathers have told us  what work you did in their days,  in the days of old. |
| 2 | You drove out the nations with your hand,  but you planted them.  You afflicted the peoples,  but you spread them abroad. |
| 3 | For they did not get the land in *their* possession by their own sword,  nor did their own arm save them;  but your right hand and your arm,  and the light of your face,  because you were favorable to them. |
| 4 | You are my King, O God.  Command victories for Jacob! |
| 5 | Through you will we push down our adversaries.  Through your name will we tread them under who rise up against us. |
| 6 | For I will not trust in my bow,  neither does my sword save me. |
| 7 | But you have saved us from our adversaries  and have shamed those who hate us. |
| 8 | In God we have made our boast all day long;  we will give thanks to your name forever. Selah. |
| 9 | But now you rejected us and brought us to dishonor  and don’t go out with our armies. |
| 10 | You make us turn back from the adversary.  Those who hate us take spoil for themselves. |
| 11 | You have made us like sheep to be eaten,  and have scattered us among the nations. |
| 12 | You sell your people for nothing,  and have gained nothing from their sale. |
| 13 | You make us a reproach to our neighbors,  a scoffing and a derision to those who are around us. |
| 14 | You make us a byword among the nations,  a shaking of the head among the peoples. |
| 15 | All day long my disgrace is before me,  and shame covers my face |
| 16 | Because of the taunt of one who reproaches and verbally abuses,  because of the enemy and the avenger. |
| 17 | All this has come on us,  yet have we not forgotten you,  neither have we been false to your covenant. |
| 18 | Our heart has not turned back,  neither have our steps strayed from your path, |
| 19 | though you have crushed us in the haunt of jackals  and covered us with the shadow of death. |
| 20 | If we have forgotten the name of our God  or spread out our hands to a strange god, |
| 21 | won’t God search this out?  For he knows the secrets of the heart. |
| 22 | Yes, for your sake we are killed all day long.  We are regarded as sheep for the slaughter. |
| 23 | Wake up! Why do you sleep, O Lord?  Arise! Do not reject us forever. |
| 24 | Why do you hide your face  and forget our affliction and our oppression? |
| 25 | For our soul is bowed down to the dust.  Our body clings to the earth. |
| 26 | Rise up to help us.  Redeem us for your loving kindness’ sake. |

**Psalm 45**

For the Musical Director.  
Set to “The Lilies.”  
A meditation of the sons of Korah.  
A love song.

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| 1 | My heart is stirred up with a noble theme.  I recite my deeds for the king.  My tongue is the pen of a skilled scribe. |
| 2 | You are the most beautiful of the sons of men.  Grace has been poured upon your lips,  therefore God has blessed you forever. |
| 3 | Strap your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,  in your splendor and your majesty. |
| 4 | Yes, in your majesty ride forth victoriously  on behalf of faithfulness, humility, and righteousness.  And let your right hand teach you awesome deeds. |
| 5 | Your arrows have been sharpened—  let nations fall under you—  *piercing* the heart of the king’s enemies. |
| 6 | Your throne is God forever and ever.  A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. |
| 7 | You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.  Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of exultation  above your peers. |
| 8 | All your garments *smell* of myrrh and aloes *and* cassia.  Out of ivory palaces, stringed instruments have made you glad. |
| 9 | The daughters of kings are among your honorable women.  At your right hand the queen stands *adorned* in gold of Ophir. |
| 10 | Listen, O daughter; and consider and turn your ear.  And forget your own people and also your father’s house, |
| 11 | and let the king desire your beauty.  Bow down to him, for he is your lord. |
| 12 | The daughter of Tyre *will come* with a gift.  The rich among the people will entreat *your favor*. |
| 13 | The King’s daughter is all glorious within *her chambers*.  Her clothing is interwoven with gold. |
| 14 | She will be led to the king in colorful garments.  The virgins, her friends who follow her, will be brought to you. |
| 15 | With gladness and rejoicing they are to be led.  Yes, they will enter into the king’s palace. |
| 16 | Your sons will take the place of your fathers.  You will set them up as leaders in all the earth. |
| 17 | I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations.  Therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever. |

**Psalm 46**

For the Musical Director.  
Of the sons of Korah.  
According to young women, a song.

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| 1 | God is our refuge and protection,  a very present help in distressful *times*. |
| 2 | Therefore we will not fear,  though the earth changes,  though the mountains are shaken  into the heart of the seas, |
| 3 | though its waters roar and foam,  though the mountains quake at its swelling. Selah. |
| 4 | *There is* a river,  the streams of which make the city of God glad,  the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High. |
| 5 | God is in its midst. *The city* will not be moved.  God will help it at dawn. |
| 6 | The nations roar. The kingdoms are shaken.  He gave forth his voice and the earth melted. |
| 7 | Yahweh of Armies is with us.  The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. |
| 8 | Come! See Yahweh’s works,  what desolations he has made on the earth. |
| 9 | He causes wars to cease to the end of the earth.  He shatters the bow and chops off the spear.  He burns the carts in the fire. |
| 10 | “Stop! And know that I am God.  I will be exalted among the nations.  I will be exalted in the earth.” |
| 11 | Yahweh of Armies is with us.  The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. |

**Psalm 47**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

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| 1 | Oh clap your hands, all you nations.  Shout to God with the voice of triumph! |
| 2 | For Yahweh Most High is awesome.  He is a great King over all the earth. |
| 3 | He subdues nations under us,  and peoples under our feet. |
| 4 | He chooses our inheritance for us,  the glory of Jacob whom he loved. Selah. |
| 5 | God has gone up with a shout,  Yahweh, *along* with the sound of a shofar. |
| 6 | Sing praise to God, sing praises.  Sing praises to our King, sing praises. |
| 7 | For God is the King of all the earth.  Sing praises with understanding. |
| 8 | God reigns over the nations.  God sits on his holy throne. |
| 9 | The nobles of the peoples are gathered together,  the people of the God of Abraham.  For the shields of the earth belong to God.  He is greatly exalted! |

**Psalm 48**

A Song.  
A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

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| 1 | Great is Yahweh, and greatly to be praised,  in the city of our God. His holy mountain, |
| 2 | beautiful in elevation,  is the joy of the whole earth. Mount Zion,  the heights of *Mount* Zaphon,  is the city of the great King. |
| 3 | God has shown himself  in her citadels as a refuge. |
| 4 | For, behold, the kings assembled themselves,  they passed by together. |
| 5 | They saw it, then they were amazed.  They were dismayed. They hurried away. |
| 6 | Trembling took hold of them there,  pain, as of a woman in travail. |
| 7 | With the east wind  you break the ships of Tarshish. |
| 8 | As we have heard, so we have seen  in the city of Yahweh of Armies,  in the city of our God.  God will establish it forever. Selah. |
| 9 | We have thought about your covenant faithfulness, O God,  in the midst of your Temple. |
| 10 | As is your name, O God,  so is your praise to the ends of the earth.  Your right hand is full of righteousness. |
| 11 | Let Mount Zion be glad!  Let the daughters of Judah rejoice  because of your judgments. |
| 12 | Walk about Zion, and go around her.  Number its towers. |
| 13 | Mark well her bulwarks. Consider her palaces,  so that you can tell it to the next generation. |
| 14 | For this God is our God forever and ever.  He will be our guide even to death. |

**Psalm 49**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

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| 1 | Hear this, all you peoples.  Listen, all you inhabitants of the world, |
| 2 | both low and high,  rich and poor together. |
| 3 | My mouth will speak words of wisdom.  My heart will utter understanding. |
| 4 | I will incline my ear to a proverb.  I will open my riddle on the harp. |
| 5 | Why should I fear in the days of evil,  when the iniquity of those who deceive me surrounds me? |
| 6 | Those who trust in their wealth,  and boast in the multitude of their riches— |
| 7 | none of them can by any means redeem his brother,  nor give God a ransom for him. |
| 8 | For the redemption of their life is costly;  no payment is ever enough, |
| 9 | so that he could live on forever;  so that he would not see the pit. |
| 10 | For he sees that wise men die;  likewise the fool and the senseless perish,  and leave their wealth to others. |
| 11 | Their inward thought is that their houses will endure forever,  and their dwelling places to all generations,  *although* they had named their lands after themselves. |
| 12 | But man, despite his riches, does not endure.  He is like the animals that perish. |
| 13 | This is the destiny of those who are foolish  and of those who approve their sayings. Selah. |
| 14 | They are appointed as a flock for Sheol.  Death will be their shepherd.  The upright will have dominion over them in the morning.  Their beauty will decay in Sheol,  *far* from *God’s* lofty habitation. |
| 15 | But God will redeem my soul  from the power of Sheol,  for he will take me *from the grave.* Selah. |
| 16 | Do not be afraid when a man is made rich,  when the glory of his house is increased. |
| 17 | For when he dies he will carry nothing away.  His glory will not descend after him. |
| 18 | Though while he lived he blessed his soul—  and *people* praise you when you do well for yourself— |
| 19 | he will go to the generation of his fathers.  They will never see the light. |
| 20 | A man who has riches  without understanding,  is like the animals that perish. |

**Psalm 50**

A Psalm of Asaph.

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| 1 | The Mighty One, God, Yahweh, spoke,  and he summons the earth from the rising to the setting *of the sun*. |
| 2 | Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  God has shone forth. |
| 3 | May our God come and not keep silent.  A fire devours before him.  And a raging tempest is around him. |
| 4 | He calls to the heavens above, and to the earth,  to judge his people: |
| 5 | “Gather my faithful ones together to me,  those who have cut a covenant with me with a sacrifice.” |
| 6 | And the heavens will declare his righteousness,  for God himself judges. Selah. |
| 7 | “Hear, my people, and I will speak;  and I will testify against you, O Israel.  I am God, your God. |
| 8 | I do not reprove you for your sacrifices.  And your burnt offerings are continually before me. |
| 9 | I will not take a young bull from your house,  nor male goats from your folds. |
| 10 | For every living thing in the forest is mine,  *and the* cattle on 1,000 hills. |
| 11 | I know every bird of the mountains.  And everything that moves in the field is mine. |
| 12 | If I were hungry, I would not tell you;  for the world is mine, and all its fullness. |
| 13 | Will I eat the flesh of bulls,  or drink the blood of male goats? |
| 14 | Sacrifice to God thanksgiving!  And fulfill your vows to the Most High. |
| 15 | And call on me in times of distress.  I will deliver you, and you will honor me.” |
| 16 | But to the wicked person, God says,  “What right do you have to recite my statutes,  and to take up my covenant in your mouth? |
| 17 | For you hate instruction  and throw my words behind you. |
| 18 | When you saw a thief,  you were pleased with him,  and you shared company with adulterers. |
| 19 | You harness your tongue to evil.  Your tongue frames deceit. |
| 20 | You sit and speak against your brother.  You even slander your own mother’s son. |
| 21 | You have done these things, and I kept silent.  You thought that I was just like you.  I will reprove you  and make *my legal* case in front of your eyes. |
| 22 | Now discern this, *all* you who forget God,  lest I tear *you* into pieces  and there be no one to deliver. |
| 23 | The one who sacrifices thanksgiving honors me,  and prepares *his* way.  I will show him the salvation of God.” |

**Psalm 51**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of David,  
when Nathan the prophet came to him after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

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| 1 | Show favor to me, O God,  according to your covenant faithfulness.  According to the multitude of your tender mercies,  blot out my transgressions. |
| 2 | Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  and cleanse me from my sin. |
| 3 | For I know my transgressions.  And my sin is constantly before me. |
| 4 | Against you, you alone, I have sinned,  and done what is evil in your eyes;  so that you may be justified when you speak  and pure when you judge. |
| 5 | Behold, I was brought forth in guilt.  And in sin my mother conceived me. |
| 6 | Behold, you desire faithfulness in the inward parts.  And you declare wisdom to me secretly. |
| 7 | Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean.  Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. |
| 8 | Let me hear joy and gladness,  that the bones that you have crushed may rejoice. |
| 9 | Hide your face from my sins,  and blot out all of my guilt. |
| 10 | Create in me a pure heart, O God.  And renew a steadfast spirit within me. |
| 11 | Do not cast me away from your presence  and do not take your holy spirit from me. |
| 12 | Restore to me the joy of your salvation.  And support me with a willing spirit. |
| 13 | I will teach transgressors your ways.  Then sinners will turn to you. |
| 14 | Deliver me from bloodguilt, O God,  the God of my salvation.  My tongue will shout with joy concerning your righteousness. |
| 15 | O Lord, open my lips.  Then my mouth will declare your praise. |
| 16 | For you do not delight in sacrifice, or else I would give it.  You have no pleasure in a burnt offering. |
| 17 | My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit.  A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. |
| 18 | Do good in your favor to Zion.  Rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. |
| 19 | Then you will delight in the sacrifices of *my* righteousness;  a burnt offering and a whole burnt offering.  Then they will offer bulls on your altar. |

**Psalm 52**

For the Musical Director.  
A meditation of David,  
when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, “David has come to Abimelech's house.”

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| 1 | Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man?  God’s covenant faithfulness *endures* all day long. |
| 2 | Your tongue plots destruction  like a sharpened razor,  O worker of deceit. |
| 3 | You love evil more than good,  deception rather than speaking righteous things. Selah. |
| 4 | You love all words that devour,  O tongue of deceit. |
| 5 | Therefore God will bring you to ruin forever.  He will snatch you up and tear you out of your tent,  and uproot you out of the land of the living. Selah. |
| 6 | Then the righteous will see *it*, and fear,  and they will laugh at him, saying, |
| 7 | “Behold the person  who did not set God as his mountain stronghold!  Instead he trusted in the abundance of his riches;  *and* he strengthened *himself* in his *evil* desire.” |
| 8 | But as for me, I am like a flourishing olive tree  in the house of God.  I trust in God’s covenant faithfulness forever and ever. |
| 9 | I will praise you forever, because you have done *this.*  Yes, I will hope in your name, for it is good,  in the presence of your faithful people. |

**Psalm 53**

For the Musical Director.  
To the tune of “Mahalath.”  
A meditation of David.

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| 1 | The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”  They are corrupt and have done abominable iniquity.  There is no one who does good. |
| 2 | God looks down from heaven on the children of men,  to see if there are any who understood,  who seek after God. |
| 3 | Every one of them has gone back.  They have become filthy together.  There is no one who does good,  no, not one. |
| 4 | Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge,  who eat up my people as they eat bread,  and do not call upon God? |
| 5 | There they were in great fear,  where no fear was,  for God has scattered  the bones of him who encamps against you.  You have put them to shame  because God has rejected them. |
| 6 | Oh that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!  When God brings back his people from captivity,  then Jacob will rejoice, and Israel will be glad. |

**Psalm 54**

For the Musical Director.  
On stringed instruments.  
A meditation of David, when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, “Isn't David hiding himself among us?”

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| 1 | Save me, O God, by your name.  Vindicate me in your might. |
| 2 | O God, hear my prayer.  Listen to the words of my mouth. |
| 3 | For strangers have risen up against me.  Violent men have sought after my soul.  They have not set God before them. Selah. |
| 4 | Behold, God is my helper.  The Lord is the one who sustains my soul. |
| 5 | He will repay the evil to my enemies.  Destroy them in your truth. |
| 6 | With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you.  I will give thanks to your name, O Yahweh,  for it is good. |
| 7 | For he has delivered me out of all trouble.  My eye has seen triumph over my enemies. |

**Psalm 55**

For the Musical Director.  
On stringed instruments.  
A meditation of David.

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| 1 | Listen to my prayer, O God.  Do not hide yourself from my supplication. |
| 2 | Attend to me and answer me.  I am restless in my complaint, and moan |
| 3 | because of the voice of the enemy,  because of the oppression of the wicked.  For they bring suffering on me.  In anger they hold a grudge against me. |
| 4 | My heart is severely pained within me.  The terrors of death have fallen on me. |
| 5 | Fearfulness and trembling have come on me.  Horror has overwhelmed me. |
| 6 | I said, “Oh that I had wings like a dove!  Then I would fly away and be at rest. |
| 7 | Behold, then I would wander far off.  I would lodge in the wilderness.” Selah. |
| 8 | “I would hurry to a shelter  from the stormy wind and storm.” |
| 9 | Confuse them, O Lord, and confound their language,  for I have seen violence and strife in the city. |
| 10 | Day and night they prowl around on its walls.  Malice and abuse are also inside her. |
| 11 | Destructive forces are inside her.  Threats and lies don’t depart from her streets. |
| 12 | For it was not an enemy who insulted me;  then I could have endured it.  Neither was it he who hated me who raised himself up against me;  then I would have hidden myself from him. |
| 13 | But it was you, a man like me,  my companion and my familiar friend. |
| 14 | We took sweet fellowship together.  We walked in God’s house with company. |
| 15 | Let death come suddenly on them.  Let them go down alive into Sheol.  For wickedness is in their dwelling, in their midst. |
| 16 | As for me, I will call on God.  Yahweh will save me. |
| 17 | Evening, morning and at noon, I will cry out in distress.  He will hear my voice. |
| 18 | He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me,  although there are many who oppose me. |
| 19 | God, who is enthroned forever,  will hear and answer them. Selah.  They never change,  *those* who do not fear God. |
| 20 | He raises his hands against his friends.  He has violated his covenant. |
| 21 | His mouth was smooth as butter,  but his heart was war.  His words were softer than oil,  yet they were drawn swords. |
| 22 | Cast your burden on Yahweh,  and he will sustain you.  He will never allow the righteous to be moved. |
| 23 | But you, O God, will bring them down  into the pit of destruction.  Bloodthirsty and deceitful men  will not live out half their days,  but I will trust in you. |

**Psalm 56**

For the Musical Director.  
To the tune of “Silent Dove in Distant Lands.”  
An inscribed poem of David when the Philistines seized him in Gath.

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| 1 | Be merciful to me, O God, for man wants to swallow me.  All day long, he attacks and oppresses me. |
| 2 | My enemies want to swallow me up all day long,  for they are many who fight proudly against me. |
| 3 | When I am afraid,  I will put my trust in you. |
| 4 | In God I praise his word.  In God I put my trust. I will not be afraid.  What can flesh do to me? |
| 5 | All day long they twist my words.  All their thoughts are against me for evil. |
| 6 | They conspire and lurk;  watching my steps,  they are eager to take my life. |
| 7 | Will they escape by iniquity?  In anger, cast down the peoples, O God. |
| 8 | You number my wanderings.  You put my tears into your bottle.  Are they not in your scroll? |
| 9 | Then my enemies will turn back in the day that I call.  I know this: that God is for me. |
| 10 | In God I will praise his word.  In Yahweh I will praise his word. |
| 11 | I have put my trust in God. I will not be afraid.  What can man do to me? |
| 12 | Your vows are on me, O God.  I will give thank offerings to you. |
| 13 | For you have delivered my soul from death,  and prevented my feet from falling,  that I may walk before God in the light of the living. |

**Psalm 57**

For the Musical Director.  
To the tune of “Do Not ruin.”  
An inscribed poem of David, when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

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| 1 | Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  for my soul takes refuge in you.  Yes, in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge  until disaster has passed. |
| 2 | I cry out to God Most High,  to God who accomplishes my requests for me. |
| 3 | He will send from heaven and save me;  he rebukes the one who is pursuing me. Selah.  God will send out his loving kindness and his truth. |
| 4 | My soul is among lions.  I lie among those who are set on fire,  even the sons of men whose teeth are spears and arrows,  and their tongue a sharp sword. |
| 5 | Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  Let your glory be above all the earth! |
| 6 | They have prepared a net for my steps.  My soul is bowed down *in distress*.  They dig a pit ahead of me;  *but* they fall into its middle themselves! Selah. |
| 7 | My heart is steadfast, God, my heart is steadfast.  I will sing, yes, I will sing praises. |
| 8 | Wake up, my glory!  Wake up, lyre and harp!  I will wake up the dawn. |
| 9 | I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples.  I will sing praises to you among the nations. |
| 10 | For your great loving kindness reaches to the heavens,  and your truth to the skies. |
| 11 | Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.  Let your glory be over all the earth. |

**Psalm 58**

For the Musical Director  
To the tune of “Do Not Ruin.”  
An inscribed poem of David.

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| 1 | Do you truly speak righteousness, O gods?  Do you judge uprightly, O children of men? |
| 2 | No, in your heart you commit injustices.  You deal out the violence of your hands into the land. |
| 3 | The wicked turn aside from the womb.  They wander off from *the time of their* birth, speaking lies. |
| 4 | Their poison is like the poison of a serpent;  like a deaf cobra that closes its ear, |
| 5 | which does not listen to the voice of snake charmers;  that of a clever chanter of spells. |
| 6 | O God, break their teeth in their mouth.  Break out the young lion’s fangs, O Yahweh. |
| 7 | *Let them* float away as water that flows away.  When he draws the bow, let his arrows be cut off, as though they were without *arrow*heads. |
| 8 | Let them be like a snail that melts as it passes by,  like miscarriages of a woman  that never see the sun. |
| 9 | Before your pots feel *the* thorns,  the Living One will sweep them away with burning anger. |
| 10 | The righteous person will rejoice  when he sees *God’s* vengeance.  He will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked person |
| 11 | so that people will say,  “Surely there is a reward for the righteous person.  Surely there is a God who judges the earth.” |

**Psalm 59**

For the Musical Director.  
To the tune of “Do Not Ruin.”  
An inscribed poem of David, when Saul sent men and they watched the house to kill him.

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| 1 | Deliver me from my enemies, my God.  Set me on high from those who rise up against me. |
| 2 | Deliver me from the workers of wickedness.  Yes, save me from the men of bloodshed. |
| 3 | For, behold, they lie in wait for my soul.  The mighty attack me,  not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Yahweh. |
| 4 | I am without iniquity;  they run and have determined themselves.  Rouse yourself to meet me and look! |
| 5 | And you, O Yahweh God of Hosts, the God of Israel,  rouse yourself to punish the nations.  Do not show favor to all who act unfaithfully in wickedness. Selah. |
| 6 | They return at evening, growling like dogs,  and they walk around the city. |
| 7 | Behold, they pour out from their mouth.  Swords are on their lips;  “For who hears us?” |
| 8 | But you, O Yahweh, laugh at them.  You mock all the nations. |
| 9 | Oh my Strength, I keep watch for you,  for God is my stronghold. |
| 10 | My God will meet me *in* his covenant faithfulness.  God will let me look *in triumph* over my enemies. |
| 11 | Do not kill them, lest my people forget.  Shake them with your power  and bring them down, O Lord, our shield. |
| 12 | The sin of their mouth and the speech of their lips,  let them be captured by their pride,  for the curses and lies that they tell. |
| 13 | Consume them in heat!  Consume them and they will be no more.  Let them know that God rules in Jacob  to the ends of the earth. Selah. |
| 14 | They return again at evening,  growling like dogs and walking around the city. |
| 15 | They roam about for food.  They will stay until they are satisfied. |
| 16 | But as for me, I will sing of your strength.  Yes, I will shout with joy of your covenant faithfulness in the morning.  For you have been a stronghold for me,  a refuge in my time of distress. |
| 17 | O my Strength, I will make music to you.  For God is my stronghold,  the God who shows me covenant faithfulness. |

**Psalm 60**

For the Musical Director;  
To the tune of The Lily of the Testimony.  
An inscribed poem of David, when he fought with Aram Naharaim and with Aram Zobah, and Joab returned and he smote 12,000 of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

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| 1 | O God, you have rejected us.  You have broken us.  You have been angry. Return to us. |
| 2 | You have made the land quake. You have split it open.  Heal its fractures, for it shakes. |
| 3 | You have made your people experience hardship.  You have made us drink the wine  that makes us stagger. |
| 4 | You have given a banner to those who fear you,  to be displayed for the sake of truth. Selah. |
| 5 | So that your beloved *people* may be delivered,  save with your right hand and answer us. |
| 6 | God has spoken from his sanctuary:  “I will triumph. I will divide up Shechem,  and measure out the Valley of Sukkoth. |
| 7 | Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine.  Ephraim also is the protection of my head.  Judah is my scepter. |
| 8 | Moab is my wash pot.  I will throw my sandal toward Edom.  O Philistia, shout *in jubilation* because of me!” |
| 9 | Who will bring me into a fortified city?  Who will lead me to Edom? |
| 10 | O God, have you not rejected us?  And will you not go out with our armies, O God? |
| 11 | Give us help against *our* foe,  for the deliverance of man is worthless. |
| 12 | Through God we will do a mighty *work*,  for it is he who will trample down our foes. |

**Psalm 61**

For the Musical Director.  
Upon a stringed instrument.  
Of David.

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| 1 | Hear my lamenting cry, O God.  Give attention to my prayer. |
| 2 | From the end of the earth I will call to you,  when my heart is weak.  Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. |
| 3 | For you have been a refuge for me,  a tower of strength against *the* enemy. |
| 4 | O that I might sojourn in your tent forever.  I will seek refuge under the covering of your wings. Selah. |
| 5 | For you, O God, have heard my vows.  You have given me the inheritance  of those who fear your name. |
| 6 | You will add days to the king’s life;  *may* his years be from generation to generation. |
| 7 | He will sit *enthroned* in God’s presence forever.  Appoint your covenant faithfulness and truth that they may watch over him! |
| 8 | So I will make music to your name forever,  so that I may fulfill my vows day by day. |

**Psalm 62**

For the Musical Director.  
To Jeduthan.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | Surely, my soul is quiet for God.  My salvation is from him. |
| 2 | Surely, he is my rock and my salvation,  my stronghold; I will never be greatly shaken. |
| 3 | How long will you *people* attack a man?  All of you *seek* to crush *him*  like a leaning wall would, like a tottering fence? |
| 4 | Surely, they have counseled to throw him down  from his lofty position.  They delight in falsehood.  They bless with their mouth,  but they curse inwardly. Selah. |
| 5 | Surely, O my soul, be quiet for God,  for my hope comes from him. |
| 6 | Surely, he is my rock and my salvation,  my stronghold. I will not be shaken. |
| 7 | With God is my deliverance and my honor.  The rock of my strength; my refuge is in God. |
| 8 | Trust in him at all times, O people.  Pour out your heart before him.  God is a refuge for us. Selah. |
| 9 | Surely, men of low degree are *just* a breath,  and men of high degree are a lie.  In the balances they will go up.  They are together lighter than a breath. |
| 10 | Do not trust in oppression.  And do not put confidence in robbery.  If wealth bears fruit,  do not set your heart *on it.* |
| 11 | God has spoken once;  twice I have heard this,  that strength belongs to God. |
| 12 | Also to you, O Lord, belongs covenant faithfulness,  for you will repay a person according to his work. |

**Psalm 63**

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

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| 1 | O God, you are my God. I will earnestly seek you.  My soul thirsts for you.  My flesh yearns for you,  in a dry and weary land where there is no water. |
| 2 | Yes, I have seen you in the sanctuary;  seeing your power and your glory. |
| 3 | For your covenant faithfulness is better than life,  *so* my lips will praise you. |
| 4 | Yes, I will bless you while I live.  I will lift up my hands in your name. |
| 5 | My soul will be satisfied as with marrow and fat.  My mouth will praise you with joyful lips |
| 6 | when I remember you on my bed;  I will meditate on you in the night watches. |
| 7 | For you have been my help.  Yes, I will shout for joy in the shadow of your wings. |
| 8 | My soul clings to you.  Your right hand supports me. |
| 9 | But those who seek my soul to destroy *it*  will go into the lower parts of the earth. |
| 10 | They will be given over to the power of the sword.  They will be *the* prey of jackals. |
| 11 | But the king will rejoice in God.  Everyone who swears by him will boast *of him*,  for the mouth of those who speak lies will be stopped. |

**Psalm 64**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint.  Guard my life from the terror of the enemy. |
| 2 | Hide me from the counsel of evildoers,  from the mob of those committing wickedness; |
| 3 | who sharpen their tongue like a sword,  and aim bitter speech *like* their arrows, |
| 4 | to shoot at the blameless person from a hiding place.  Suddenly they shoot him and they do not fear. |
| 5 | They encourage themselves with *their* evil speech.  They report about hiding snares.  They say, “Who will see them?” |
| 6 | They devise injustices, *saying,*  “We have completed a well-planned plot.”  Yes, man’s inward parts and heart are deep. |
| 7 | But God will shoot an arrow at them.  Suddenly they will be wounded. |
| 8 | Their tongue will cause them to fall.  Everyone who sees them will shake their heads. |
| 9 | Then every person will fear.  And they will declare the work of God,  yes, they will wisely ponder the things he has done. |
| 10 | Let the righteous person rejoice in Yahweh,  and seek refuge in him.  Let all the upright in heart  boast *in him*! |

**Psalm 65**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of David.  
A song.

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| 1 | To you silence is praise,  O God, in Zion.  Yes, to you a vow will be performed. |
| 2 | O you who hear prayer,  to you all flesh will come. |
| 3 | Sinful matters have overwhelmed me,  as for our transgressions, you have covered them. |
| 4 | Blessed is one whom you choose and bring near,  that he may dwell in your courts.  We will be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  your holy Temple. |
| 5 | In awesome deeds of righteousness  you answer us,  O God of our salvation;  *you are the* confidence of all the ends of the earth  of those who are far away on the farthest sea; |
| 6 | who by his power prepared the mountains,  having strength wrapped around your waist, |
| 7 | who stills the roaring of the seas,  the roaring of their waves,  yes, the turmoil of the peoples. |
| 8 | So those that dwell at the ends *of the earth* fear your signs.  You make the comings of the morning and evening shout for joy. |
| 9 | You visit the earth and cause it to overflow.  You greatly enrich it.  The river of God is full of water.  You prepared grain,  for so you have prepared *the earth*. |
| 10 | You drench *the land’s* furrows. You level its ridges.  You soften it with abundant showers. You bless its growth. |
| 11 | You have crowned the year with your bounty.  Yes, your paths drip with fatness. |
| 12 | The grazing places in the wilderness drip *with fatness*.  The hills wrap themselves with joy. |
| 13 | The pastures are clothed with flocks.  And the valleys are covered with grain.  They shout for joy! Yes, they sing. |

**Psalm 66**

For the Musical Director.  
A song.  
A Psalm.

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| 1 | Raise a joyful shout to God,  all the earth! |
| 2 | Make music about the glory of his name!  Offer glorious praise to him! |
| 3 | Say to God, “How awesome are your works!  Through the greatness of your power  your enemies come to you trembling. |
| 4 | All the earth will worship you  and will make music to you;  they will make music to your name.” Selah. |
| 5 | Come and see the things that God has done;  an awesome work on behalf of the children of men. |
| 6 | He turned the sea into dry land.  They passed through the river on foot.  Let’s rejoice in him there! |
| 7 | He rules by his might forever.  His eyes keep watch over the nations.  Do not let the stubborn rise up against him! Selah. |
| 8 | Bless our God, O you peoples!  Make the sound of his praise heard, |
| 9 | *he* who preserves our soul among the living,  and does not allow our foot to slip. |
| 10 | For you, O God, have put us to the test.  You have refined us as silver is refined. |
| 11 | You brought us into the net.  You laid affliction upon our backs. |
| 12 | You caused men to ride *their chariots* over our heads.  We went through fire and through water,  but you brought us to the place of overflowing *abundance*. |
| 13 | I will come into your house with burnt offerings.  I will pay my vows to you, |
| 14 | about which I opened my lips  and my mouth spoke when I was in distress. |
| 15 | I will offer to you burnt offerings of fat sheep  with the incense of rams;  I will make *an offering of* bulls with male goats. Selah. |
| 16 | Come! Hear, all you who fear God!  and I will recount what he has done for my soul. |
| 17 | I called out to him with my mouth.  Yes, he was extolled with my tongue. |
| 18 | If I saw wickedness in my heart,  the Lord would not have listened. |
| 19 | *But* surely God has listened.  He has given attention to the voice of my prayer. |
| 20 | Blessed be God,  who has not turned away my prayer,  nor his covenant faithfulness from me. |

**Psalm 67**

For the Musical Director.  
With stringed instruments.  
A Psalm.  
A song.

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| 1 | May God show us favor and bless us,  *and* cause his face to shine upon us. Selah. |
| 2 | Let your way be known on the earth;  your salvation among all nations. |
| 3 | Let the peoples praise you, O God.  Let all the peoples praise you. |
| 4 | Let the peoples rejoice and be glad,  for you will judge the peoples with equity  and you will guide the peoples of the earth. Selah. |
| 5 | Let the peoples praise you, O God.  Let all the peoples praise you. |
| 6 | The earth has yielded its produce.  God, our God, will bless us. |
| 7 | God will bless us  and all the ends of the earth will fear him. |

**Psalm 68**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of David.  
A song.

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| 1 | God will arise! His enemies will be scattered!  Those who hate him will flee from his presence. |
| 2 | As smoke is driven away,  *so* you will drive them away.  As wax melts before a fire,  *so* the wicked will perish in the presence of God. |
| 3 | But the righteous will rejoice.  They will exalt in the presence of God.  Yes, they will celebrate with joy. |
| 4 | Sing to God! Make music to his name!  Exalt him who rides on the clouds,  by *saying* “Yah is his name!” Yes, rejoice in his presence! |
| 5 | A father of orphans  and a judge of widows  is God in his holy habitation. |
| 6 | God causes the lonely to live in a household.  He brings out the prisoners into the prosperous *land*,  Surely the stubborn live in a sun-scorched land. |
| 7 | O God, when you went out before your people,  when you marched through the wilderness… Selah. |
| 8 | The earth quaked. Yea, the heavens dropped *rain*  at the presence of God, the One at Sinai,  at the presence of God, the God of Israel. |
| 9 | You caused the rain to fall plentifully, O God.  You established your inheritance when it was weary. |
| 10 | Your creatures dwelt in it.  You prepared, O God, your goodness for the poor. |
| 11 | The Lord gives the command.  The women proclaiming good news are a great army: |
| 12 | “Kings of armies flee! They flee!”  She who waits at home will divide the spoil |
| 13 | while you sleep among the sheepfolds.  The wings of a dove are covered with silver,  her feathers are shining with gold. |
| 14 | When *El* Shaddai[[7]](#footnote-15874) scattered kings in *the land*,  it snowed on Zalmon. |
| 15 | A mountain of God[[8]](#footnote-14217) is the mountain of Bashan,  a mountain with many peaks is the mountain of Bashan. |
| 16 | Why do you look in envy, O mountains with many peaks,  at the mountain where God chooses to dwell?  Yea, Yahweh will dwell there forever. |
| 17 | The chariots of God are ten thousands;  repetitions of thousands.  The Lord is among them,  *at* Sinai in the holy place. |
| 18 | You have ascended on high. You have taken captives.  You have received tribute from men,  yes, even *from* the rebellious  that Yah, God, might dwell *there*. |
| 19 | Blessed be the Lord.  Day after day he carries *our burdens*,  the God of our salvation. Selah. |
| 20 | God is to us a God of saving acts.  Yes, the ways to escape death belong to Yahweh the Lord. |
| 21 | Surely God will smite the head of his enemies,  the hairy crown of the one who walks around in his guilt. |
| 22 | The Lord said, “I will bring you back from Bashan,  I will bring you again from the depths of the sea, |
| 23 | so that your foot may bathe in blood,  *that* the tongues of your dogs may have their portion  from the enemies.” |
| 24 | They have seen your processions, O God,  the processions of my God,  my King, into the holy place. |
| 25 | The singers went in front,  the players of stringed instruments followed after,  in the middle of the young women  beating tambourines: |
| 26 | “Bless God in the congregations,  O Yahweh, the source of Israel!” |
| 27 | There is Benjamin, the youngest, ruling them,  the princes of Judah, *their* speakers,  the princes of Zebulun *and* the princes of Naphtali. |
| 28 | Your God has commanded your strength.  Show your strength, O God  who has acted on our behalf. |
| 29 | Because of your Temple at Jerusalem,  kings will bring gifts to you. |
| 30 | Rebuke the *wild* animals of the reeds,  the herd of the bulls among the calves of the peoples;  trampling underfoot the pieces of silver,  he scattered the peoples who delight in wars. |
| 31 | Ambassadors will come from Egypt.  Ethiopia will quickly lift up her hands to God *with tribute*. |
| 32 | Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth!  Make music to the Lord! Selah. |
| 33 | To him who rides on the heaven of heavens, which are ancient;  behold, he speaks forth with his voice, a mighty voice. |
| 34 | Ascribe strength to God!  His majesty is over Israel,  yes, his strength is in the clouds. |
| 35 | You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary.  The God of Israel himself gives strength and power to his people.  Blessed be God! |

**Psalm 69**

For the Musical Director.  
To the tune of “Lilies”  
Of David.

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| 1 | Deliver me, O God,  for the waters have come up to my neck! |
| 2 | I have sunk in deep mire and there is no foothold.  I have come into deep waters  and a flood has swept over me. |
| 3 | I have grown weary from my calling out.  My throat is dry.  My eyes fail while I wait for my God. |
| 4 | Those who hate me without a cause  are more numerous than the hairs of my head.  Those who want to put an end to me are mighty,  my lying enemies.  What I did not steal, I must now restore. |
| 5 | O God, it is you who knows my foolishness.  And my wrongdoings are not hidden from you. |
| 6 | Let not those who hope in you  be put to shame because of me,  O Lord, Yahweh of Armies.  Let not those who seek you  be dishonored because of me,  O God of Israel. |
| 7 | For it is for your sake I bear reproach.  Shame has covered my face. |
| 8 | I have become estranged from my brothers,  yes, a foreigner to my mother’s sons. |
| 9 | For the zeal for your house has consumed me.  The reproaches of those who reproach you  have fallen on me. |
| 10 | When I wept and my soul fasted,  then *my zeal* became my reproach. |
| 11 | When I made sackcloth my clothing,  then I became a mockery to them. |
| 12 | Those who sit in the gate taunt me.  And I am the songs of the drunkards. |
| 13 | But as for me,  my prayer is to you, O Yahweh,  *for* a favorable time.  O God, in the abundance of your covenant faithfulness,  answer me with your faithful deliverance! |
| 14 | Deliver me out of the mire and do not let me sink.  Let me be delivered from those who hate me,  yes, from the deep waters. |
| 15 | Do not let a flood of water engulf me,  nor let the deep swallow me.  And do not let the pit close its mouth on me. |
| 16 | Answer me, O Yahweh,  for your covenant faithfulness is good.  According to the greatness of your tender mercies,  turn to me! |
| 17 | And do not hide your face from your servant,  for I am in distress.  Answer me quickly! |
| 18 | Draw near to my soul and redeem it.  Ransom me because of my enemies! |
| 19 | You know my reproach,  my shame and my dishonor.  All my adversaries are before you. |
| 20 | Reproach has broken my heart,  and I am sick.  I looked for some to show sympathy,  but there was none;  and for comforters, but I found none. |
| 21 | They even put poison in my food.  And for my thirst,  they gave me vinegar to drink. |
| 22 | Let their table before them become a snare.  And a trap for their close friends. |
| 23 | Let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see.  Let their loins tremble continuously. |
| 24 | Pour out your indignation on them.  Let your burning anger overtake them. |
| 25 | Let their camp be desolate.  Let no one dwell in their tents. |
| 26 | For they persecute *those whom* you have struck.  They tell of the pain of those whom you have wounded. |
| 27 | Add punishment upon their punishment.  And do not let them come into your righteousness. |
| 28 | May they be blotted out of the scroll of life,  and let them not be written with the righteous. |
| 29 | But I am afflicted and in pain.  Let your salvation, O God, set me *securely* up high. |
| 30 | I will praise the name of God with a song  and will magnify him with thanksgiving. |
| 31 | And it will please Yahweh more than *sacrificing* an ox;  *more than* a young bull that has horns and hoofs. |
| 32 | The humble have seen *it* and are glad.  You who seek after God, may your heart live! |
| 33 | For Yahweh hears the needy,  and he does not despise prisoners who belong to him. |
| 34 | Let heaven and earth praise him;  the seas, and everything that moves in them! |
| 35 | For God will deliver Zion  and rebuild the cities of Judah.  Yes, they will live there and inherit it. |
| 36 | Yes, the offspring of his servants will inherit it.  Yes, those who love his name will remain in it. |

**Psalm 70**

For the Musical Director.  
Of David.  
For a remembrance.

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| 1 | O God, *come quickly* to deliver me.  O Yahweh, come quickly to help me! |
| 2 | Let those who seek my soul  be put to shame and humiliated.  Let those who delight in my distress  be turned back in dishonor. |
| 3 | Let them be turned because of their shame  who say, “Aha! Aha!” |
| 4 | Let all those who seek you celebrate and rejoice in you.  Yes, let those who love your salvation  continually say, “Let God be magnified!” |
| 5 | But I am afflicted and needy.  Come to me quickly, O God.  You are my help and my deliverer.  O Yahweh, do not delay! |

**Psalm 71**

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| 1 | In you, O Yahweh, I have sought refuge.  Let me never be put to shame. |
| 2 | Deliver me in your righteousness and rescue me!  Incline your ear to me and save me. |
| 3 | Become for me a rock of refuge  to which I may continually go.  You have given the command to deliver me,  for you are my cliff and my stronghold. |
| 4 | O God, deliver me from the hand of the wicked person,  from the grip of the wrongdoer and ruthless person. |
| 5 | For you are my hope, O Lord Yahweh,  my confidence from my youth. |
| 6 | I have been supported by you from *my* birth.  You are he who cut *my naval cord* from my mother’s womb.  My song of praise will continually be about you. |
| 7 | I have become an omen to many,  but you are my strong refuge. |
| 8 | My mouth will be filled with your praise,  with your splendor all day long. |
| 9 | Do not cast me off in my old age.  Do not forsake me when my strength fails. |
| 10 | For my enemies talk about me.  Yes, those who keep watch for my soul have consulted together, |
| 11 | saying, “God has forsaken him.  Pursue and seize him,  for there is no one to deliver *him*.” |
| 12 | O God, do not be far from me.  O my God, come quickly to me help! |
| 13 | Let the adversaries of my soul be put to shame *and* be consumed  Let those who seek my injury be wrapped in reproach and dishonor. |
| 14 | But I will continually hope,  and will praise you yet more and more. |
| 15 | My mouth will announce your righteousness;  your deliverance all day long,  though I do not know its full extent. |
| 16 | I will come with the mighty works of the Lord Yahweh.  I will make your righteousness known, yours alone. |
| 17 | O God, you have taught me from my youth.  And I still declare your wondrous works. |
| 18 | Yes, even when I am old and advanced in age,  O God, do not forsake me,  until I have declared your strength  to the *next* generation,  your might to everyone who is to come. |
| 19 | Yes, your righteousness, O God,  reaches to the heights *of heaven*;  you have done great things.  O God, who is like you? |
| 20 | You who have shown us great distresses and evil things,  you will return,  you will revive us, you will bring me up again  from the depths of the earth. |
| 21 | Increase my greatness  and return *to* comfort me! |
| 22 | Yes, I will praise you with stringed instruments,  *praising* your faithfulness, O my God.  I make music to you with the harp,  O Holy One of Israel. |
| 23 | My lips will shout for joy when I make music to you;  yes, my soul that you have ransomed. |
| 24 | Yea, my tongue will proclaim your righteousness all day long,  because those who sought my injury  have been put to shame and humiliated. |

**Psalm 72**

Of Solomon.

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| 1 | O God, give the king your justice;  yes, your righteousness to the king’s son. |
| 2 | He will judge your people with righteousness  and your poor with justice. |
| 3 | The mountains will bring prosperity to the people,  and the hills *will bring* righteousness. |
| 4 | He will judge the poor of the people.  He will deliver the children of the needy,  and he will crush the oppressive person. |
| 5 | They will fear you as long as the sun *endures*  and in the sight of the moon throughout all generations. |
| 6 | He will come down like rain on the mown grass,  as abundant showers drip upon the earth. |
| 7 | The righteous person will flourish in *the king’s* days,  and *there will be* an abundance of peace  until the moon is no more. |
| 8 | Yes, he will rule from sea to sea,  from the River *Euphrates*  to the ends of the earth. |
| 9 | Those who dwell in the desert will bow before him.  Yes, his enemies will lick the dust. |
| 10 | The kings of Tarshish  and of the islands will bring tribute.  The kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts. |
| 11 | Yes, all kings will bow down before him.  All nations will serve him. |
| 12 | For he will deliver the needy person when he cries for help,  and the afflicted person who has no helper. |
| 13 | He will have pity on the poor and needy person.  And he will deliver the souls of the needy. |
| 14 | He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence.  Their blood will be precious in his sight. |
| 15 | May he live *long*,  and may the gold of Sheba be given to him.  And may prayer be made for him continually.  May one bless him all day long. |
| 16 | May there be an abundance of grain throughout the land,  *even* on the top of mountains!  May its fruits thrive like *the cedars of* Lebanon.  And may those from the city flourish  like the vegetation of the earth. |
| 17 | May his name endure forever.  May his name flourish as long as the sun.  May people be blessed through him.  May all nations pronounce him blessed. |
| 18 | Blessed be Yahweh God, the God of Israel,  who alone does wondrous things. |
| 19 | Yes, blessed be his glorious name forever!  Yes, let the whole earth be filled with his glory!  Amen and amen. |
| 20 | The prayers by David, son of Jesse, have concluded. |

**Psalm 73**

BOOK III  
  
A Psalm of Asaph.

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| 1 | Surely God is good to Israel,  to those who are pure in heart. |
| 2 | But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling.  Yes, my steps had nearly slipped. |
| 3 | For I was envious of the arrogant  when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. |
| 4 | For there are no pains in their death,  and their belly is fat. |
| 5 | The troubles of *other* humans are not theirs,  nor are they afflicted like other people. |
| 6 | Therefore pride is their necklace.  A garment of violence covers them. |
| 7 | Their eyes bulge out because of *their* fatness.  Their heart overflows with delusions. |
| 8 | They mock and speak evil.  With arrogance they threaten oppression. |
| 9 | They have set their mouth against the heavens.  And their tongue walks through the earth. |
| 10 | Therefore *God’s* people turn to them here  and slurp up waters of abundance. |
| 11 | And they say, “How does God know?”  And, “Is there knowledge with the Most High?” |
| 12 | Behold, these are the wicked!  Being always at ease,  they increase in wealth. |
| 13 | Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure,  and washed my hands in innocence, |
| 14 | For all day long I have been afflicted,  and my reproof *came* every morning. |
| 15 | *But* if I had said, “I will speak like *they do*,” behold,  I would have betrayed the generation of your children. |
| 16 | When I tried to understand this,  it was troubling to me |
| 17 | until I entered God’s sanctuary;  *then* I perceived their end. |
| 18 | Surely you set them in slippery places.  You will cast them down in *their* deception. |
| 19 | How they will become desolate in a moment!  They come to an end—they will perish by terrible *events*. |
| 20 | *They will be* like a dream when one wakes up;  O Lord, when you arouse yourself you will have contempt for their *mere* shadow. |
| 21 | When my heart was embittered  and my kidneys felt pierced, |
| 22 | I was stupid and ignorant.  I became like a *senseless* animal before you. |
| 23 | Nevertheless I am continually with you.  You have taken hold of my right hand. |
| 24 | You will guide me with your counsel,  and afterward you will lead me to *a position of* honor. |
| 25 | Whom do I have in the heavens?  And there is no one on earth whom I desire besides you. |
| 26 | My flesh and my heart grow weak,  but God is the rock of my heart  and my portion forever. |
| 27 | For behold, those who depart from you will perish.  You will destroy all those who act like a prostitute toward you. |
| 28 | But as for me, the nearness of God is good for me.[[9]](#footnote-22290)  I have made the Lord Yahweh my refuge,  now I recount all your works. |

**Psalm 74**

A meditation of Asaph.

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| 1 | O God, why have you rejected us forever?  Why does your anger smoke  against the sheep of your pasture? |
| 2 | Remember your congregation  that you purchased of old,  that you have redeemed to be the tribe of your inheritance;  Mount Zion, where you have resided. |
| 3 | Pick up your feet toward the perpetual ruins,  an enemy has damaged everything in the sanctuary. |
| 4 | Your adversaries have roared in the midst of your meeting place.  They have set up their own standards as signs. |
| 5 | It seems like one lifted up axes  in a thicket of the forest. |
| 6 | Now they smashed all of the *Temple’s* engraved wall panels  with hatchet and hammers. |
| 7 | They set your sanctuary on fire.  They polluted the dwelling place of your name,  *bringing it* to the ground. |
| 8 | They said in their heart,  “Let’s oppress them altogether!”  They have burned up all the meeting places of God in the land. |
| 9 | We do not see any signs for us.  There is no longer any prophet,  nor is there among us any who knows for how long. |
| 10 | How long, O God, will the adversary reproach?  Will the enemy blaspheme your name forever? |
| 11 | Why do you draw back your hand, even your right hand?  Take it out of your pocket and consume them! |
| 12 | Yet God is my King of old,  working salvation in the midst of the earth. |
| 13 | You divided the sea by your strength.  You broke the heads of the sea monsters in the waters. |
| 14 | You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces.  You gave him as food to people and desert souls. |
| 15 | You opened up spring and stream.  You dried up mighty rivers. |
| 16 | The day is yours, the night is also yours.  You have prepared the light and the sun. |
| 17 | You have set all the boundaries of the earth.  You have made summer and winter. |
| 18 | Remember this, that the enemy has mocked you, O Yahweh.  Foolish people have blasphemed your name. |
| 19 | Do not deliver the soul of your dove to wild beasts.  Do not forget the life of your poor forever. |
| 20 | Honor your covenant,  for haunts of violence fill the dark places of the earth. |
| 21 | Do not let the oppressed return ashamed.  Let the poor and needy praise your name. |
| 22 | Arise, O God! Plead your own cause.  Remember how the foolish man  mocks you all day long. |
| 23 | Do not forget the voice of your adversaries.  The tumult of those who rise up against you ascends continually. |

**Psalm 75**

For the Musical Director.  
To the tune of “Do Not Ruin”  
A Psalm of Asaph  
A song.

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| 1 | We give thanks to you, God.  We give thanks, for your Name is near.  Men tell about your wondrous works. |
| 2 | When I choose the appointed time,  I will judge with equity. |
| 3 | *When* the earth and all its inhabitants quake  it is I who firmly hold its pillars. Selah. |
| 4 | I said to the arrogant, “Do not boast!”  I said to the wicked, “Do not lift up *your* horn. |
| 5 | Do not lift up your horn against heaven.  Do not speak with an arrogant neck.” |
| 6 | For neither from the east nor from the west,  nor yet from wilderness, comes exaltation, |
| 7 | for God is the judge.  He puts down one and lifts up another. |
| 8 | For in the hand of Yahweh there is a cup  full of foaming wine mixed with spices.  He pours it out.  Indeed the wicked of the earth drink  and drink it to its very dregs. |
| 9 | But I will declare *it* forever;  I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. |
| 10 | I will cut off all the horns of the wicked,  but the horns of the righteous will be lifted up. |

**Psalm 76**

For the Musical Director.  
On stringed instruments.  
A Psalm of Asaph.  
A song.

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| 1 | God is known in Judah.  His name is great in Israel. |
| 2 | Yes, his lair came to be in Salem;  yes, his den is in Zion. |
| 3 | There he has shattered the flaming *arrows* of the bow,  the shield, and the sword, and war. Selah. |
| 4 | You are glorious,  the Majestic One *coming* down from the mountains of prey. |
| 5 | The stouthearted were plundered,  they sank into sleep.  And all of the powerful men cannot find their hands. |
| 6 | At your rebuke, O God of Jacob,  both charioteer and horse are *cast into a* deep sleep. |
| 7 | You, even you, are to be feared.  So who can stand in your presence when you are angry? |
| 8 | You caused judgment to be heard from heaven.  The earth feared and was silent |
| 9 | when God arose for judgment,  to deliver all the afflicted of the earth. Selah. |
| 10 | For your wrath against humankind will bring you praise.  You will wrap yourself with the rest of your wrath. |
| 11 | Make vows to Yahweh your God,  and fulfill *them*!  Let all who are around him bring tribute  to him who is to be feared. |
| 12 | He will humble the spirit of princes.  He is feared by the kings of the earth. |

**Psalm 77**

For the Musical Director.  
To Jeduthun.  
A Psalm of Asaph.

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| 1 | My voice *rises* to God;  indeed, I cry out; my voice *rises* to God that he will listen to me. |
| 2 | In the day of my distress I sought the Lord.  My hand was stretched out in the night  and did not grow weary.  My soul refused to be comforted. |
| 3 | I remember God, and I groan.  I ponder, and my spirit grows faint. Selah. |
| 4 | You held my eyelids *open*.  I am so troubled that I cannot speak. |
| 5 | I have considered the days of old,  the years of long ago. |
| 6 | I remember my music in the night.  I ponder in my own heart; my spirit diligently searches, |
| 7 | “Will the Lord reject us forever?  And will he never be favorable again? |
| 8 | Has his covenant faithfulness ceased forever?  Has his word ended for generation after generation? |
| 9 | Has God forgotten to show compassion?  Has he, in anger, shut *the door on* his tender mercies?” Selah. |
| 10 | Then I said, “This is my grief:  the right hand of the Most High has changed.” |
| 11 | I will remember Yah’s deeds,  indeed I will remember your wonders of old. |
| 12 | Yes, I will meditate on all your work  and ponder your deeds. |
| 13 | Your way, O God, is holy.  What god is great like Elohim? |
| 14 | You are the God who does wonders.  You have made your strength known among the peoples. |
| 15 | You have redeemed your people with your arm,  the children of Jacob and Joseph. Selah. |
| 16 | The waters saw you, O God.  The waters saw you, and they trembled;  Yes, the deeps quaked. |
| 17 | The clouds poured out water.  The skies gave forth a sound.  Your arrows went forth to and fro. |
| 18 | The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind.  The lightning bolts lit up the world.  The earth quaked and shook. |
| 19 | Your road *went* through the sea;  yes, your paths *went* through the great waters;  but your footsteps were not known. |
| 20 | You led your people like a flock,  by the hand of Moses and Aaron. |

**Psalm 78**

A meditation of Asaph.

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| 1 | Listen to my instruction, O my people.  Turn your ear to the words of my mouth. |
| 2 | I will open my mouth in a proverb.  I will pour forth riddles of old |
| 3 | that we have heard and known,  and our fathers have told us. |
| 4 | We will not hide *them* from their children,  recounting *them* to the generation to come  the songs of praise about Yahweh,  even his strength and his wondrous works  that he has done. |
| 5 | For he established a testimony in Jacob,  yes, he placed a law in Israel,  which he commanded our fathers,  that they should declare them to their children; |
| 6 | in order that the generation to come might know;  children to be born,  who should arise and recount to their children, |
| 7 | that they might place their confidence in God  and not forget the works of God,  but keep his commandments, |
| 8 | and might not be as their fathers,  a stubborn and disobedient generation,  a generation that did not prepare its heart,  and whose spirit was not faithful toward God. |
| 9 | The children of Ephraim,  being well-equipped archers,  turned back in the day of battle. |
| 10 | They did not keep the covenant of God,  and they refused to walk according to his law. |
| 11 | They forgot his deeds,  even his wondrous acts that he had shown them. |
| 12 | He performed a miracle in the sight of their fathers,  in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. |
| 13 | He split the sea and caused them to pass through.  He made the waters stand up like a heap. |
| 14 | He led them with a cloud by day,  and all night with a light of fire. |
| 15 | He split rocks in the wilderness,  and gave them abundant water to drink like the deeps. |
| 16 | He brought streams also out of the rock  and caused waters to run down like rivers. |
| 17 | But they continued to sin even further against him,  to rebel against the Most High in the dry land. |
| 18 | They even tested God in their heart  by asking for food according to their desire. |
| 19 | Then they spoke against God. They said,  “Can God prepare a table in the wilderness? |
| 20 | Behold, he struck a rock  and waters gushed out and streams overflowed.  Can he give food also?  Will he prepare meat for his people?” |
| 21 | Therefore Yahweh heard, and he was infuriated.  Then a fire was kindled against Jacob,  yes, anger also went up against Israel, |
| 22 | because they did not believe in God,  and did not trust in his deliverance. |
| 23 | Yet he commanded the clouds from above,  and opened the *two* doors of heaven. |
| 24 | He rained down manna upon them to eat,  yes, he gave them grain from heaven. |
| 25 | Man ate the food of the mighty.  He sent them provisions in abundance. |
| 26 | He caused the east wind to break forth in the heavens.  And with his strength he made the south wind blow. |
| 27 | When he rained down meat upon them like the dust,  winged birds as the sand of the seas, |
| 28 | then he let *it* fall in the midst of their camp  around their dwellings. |
| 29 | So they ate and were very satisfied.  Yes, he brought to them their own desire. |
| 30 | They did not turn from their desire.  Their food was still in their mouth |
| 31 | when the anger of God went up against them,  yes, he killed some of their nobles,  and he laid low the youth of Israel. |
| 32 | Despite all of this, they still sinned,  and they did not believe in his wondrous deeds. |
| 33 | So he ended their days in futility  and their years with a sudden ruin. |
| 34 | When he killed them,  then they sought him.  They repented and desired God. |
| 35 | Yes, they remembered that God was their rock,  yes, the Most High God, their redeemer. |
| 36 | But they *attempted to* flatter him with their mouth,  and lied to him with their tongue. |
| 37 | For their heart was not steadfast toward him,  nor were they faithful in his covenant. |
| 38 | But he, being compassionate,  forgave *their* punishment and did not exterminate them.  Yes, many times he held back his anger  and did not arouse all his wrath. |
| 39 | He remembered that they were but flesh,  a wind that moves along and does not return. |
| 40 | How often they rebelled against him  in the wilderness  yes, they hurt his feelings in the desert! |
| 41 | Yes, they turned and tested God,  and they hurt the Holy One of Israel. |
| 42 | They did not remember his hand,  on the day that he redeemed them from *their* enemy; |
| 43 | when he displayed his signs in Egypt,  and his wonders in the field of Zoan; |
| 44 | and he turned the rivers of the Nile into blood,  so they could not drink from their streams. |
| 45 | He sent among them a swarm *of insects* that devoured them,  and frogs that destroyed them. |
| 46 | He also gave their produce over to the grasshopper,  and their product of their toil to the locust. |
| 47 | He destroyed their vines with hail,  their sycamore fig trees with a devastating flood. |
| 48 | He gave over their livestock also to the hail  and their flocks to plagues. |
| 49 | He set upon them his burning anger,  fury and indignation and distress,  a detachment of harmful angels. |
| 50 | He leveled a path for his anger.  He did not spare their soul from death,  but he delivered their life over to the pestilence |
| 51 | and struck dead all the firstborn in Egypt,  the firstfruits of *their* vigor in the tents of Ham. |
| 52 | But he led his own people out like sheep,  and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. |
| 53 | He led them safely so that they were not afraid,  but the sea covered their enemies. |
| 54 | He brought them to his holy territory,  to this mountain that his right hand had acquired. |
| 55 | He also drove out the nations before them,  and apportioned for them a measured territory as an inheritance,  and settled the tribes of Israel in their tents. |
| 56 | Yet they tested and rebelled against the Most High God  and they did not keep his testimonies, |
| 57 | but they turned aside and acted unfaithfully like their fathers.  They, like a slack bow, failed to function. |
| 58 | For they made him angry by their *pagan* shrines  and made him jealous by their carved images. |
| 59 | God heard and was filled with anger,  then he utterly rejected Israel, |
| 60 | so he rejected the dwelling place at Shiloh,  the tent that he pitched among human beings, |
| 61 | and he gave up his strength to captivity,  and his beauty into the foe’s hand. |
| 62 | He also delivered his people over to the sword  and was filled with anger at his inheritance. |
| 63 | Fire devoured his young men,  and his virgins were not praised. |
| 64 | His priests fell by the sword  and his widows could not weep. |
| 65 | Then the Lord awoke as if from sleep,  like a mighty man overcome by wine. |
| 66 | He struck his foes on the rear.  He gave to them a perpetual reproach. |
| 67 | He even rejected the tent of Joseph,  and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim, |
| 68 | But chose the tribe of Judah,  Mount Zion that he loved. |
| 69 | He built his sanctuary like the heights *of heaven*,  like the earth that he has established to *last* forever. |
| 70 | He also chose David his servant,  and took him from the sheepfolds; |
| 71 | He brought him from tending ewes  to shepherd Jacob, his people,  and Israel, his inheritance. |
| 72 | So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart,  and guided them by the discernment of his hands. |

**Psalm 79**

A Psalm of Asaph.

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| 1 | O God, the nations have invaded your inheritance.  They have defiled your holy Temple.  They have laid Jerusalem in ruins. |
| 2 | They have given the corpses of your servants  as food for the birds of the heavens,  the flesh of your faithful ones  to the animals of the earth. |
| 3 | They have poured out their blood  like water all around Jerusalem.  And there was no one to bury *them*. |
| 4 | We have become a reproach  to our neighbors;  a mockery and derision  to those around us. |
| 5 | How long, O Yahweh? Will you be angry forever?  Will your jealousy burn like fire? |
| 6 | Pour out your wrath on the nations  that do not know you,  yes, upon the kingdoms that do not call upon your name! |
| 7 | For they have devoured Jacob  and ravaged his settlement. |
| 8 | Do not remember against us the guilt of our ancestors.  Let your tender mercies quickly meet us,  for we have become very weak. |
| 9 | Help us, O God of our deliverance,  for the glory of your name.  Yes, deliver us and cover our sins,  for your name’s sake. |
| 10 | Why should the nations say,  “Where is their God?”  Let it be known among the nations,  before our eyes;  vengeance for your servants’ blood that has been poured out. |
| 11 | Let the groaning of the prisoner come before you.  According to the greatness of your strength,  spare those who are children of death. |
| 12 | And return to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom  their reproach with which they have reproached you, O Lord. |
| 13 | So we, your people and sheep of your pasture,  will praise you forever.  We will recount your songs of praise  to all generations. |

**Psalm 80**

For the Musical Director.  
To the tune of “The Lilies.”  
  
A testimony.  
A Psalm of Asaph.

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| 1 | Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  you who lead Joseph like a flock,  you who sits *enthroned* *between* the cherubim,  shine forth! |
| 2 | In the presence of Ephraim  and Benjamin and Manasseh,  rouse your strength and come for our salvation! |
| 3 | Restore us, O God.  And make your face shine  that we may be delivered! |
| 4 | O Yahweh God *of* Armies,  how long will you fume in *anger*  against the prayer of your people? |
| 5 | You have fed them with the bread of tears  and given them tears to drink in threefold measure. |
| 6 | You make us an object of contention to our neighbors.  Yes, our enemies ridicule *us* among themselves. |
| 7 | Restore us, O God *of* Armies.  And make your face shine  that we may be delivered! |
| 8 | You uprooted a vine out of Egypt.  You drove out the nations and replanted it. |
| 9 | You cleared *the ground* before it.  Then it took deep root and filled the land. |
| 10 | The mountains were covered with its shadow.  And its branches *resembled* the cedars of God. |
| 11 | It sent out its branches to the sea  and its shoots to the River *Euphrates*. |
| 12 | Why have you broken down its walls,  so that all who pass by the road may pluck from it? |
| 13 | A boar from the forest ravages it.  And a beast from the field feeds on it. |
| 14 | Please restore us, O God *of* Armies.  Look down from heaven and see,  and visit this vine, |
| 15 | yes, the shoot that your right hand planted,  and on the son that you made strong for yourself. |
| 16 | It is burned with fire. It is cut down.  Let them perish from the rebuke of your presence! |
| 17 | Let your hand be on the man of your right hand,  on the son of man whom you made strong for yourself. |
| 18 | Then we will not turn away from you.  Revive us, and we will call upon your name. |
| 19 | Restore us, O Yahweh God *of* Armies.  Make your face shine  that we may be delivered! |

**Psalm 81**

For the Musical Director.  
On an instrument of Gath.  
Of Asaph.

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| 1 | Sing aloud to God, our strength!  Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob! |
| 2 | Lift up a song and bring forth a tambourine,  a sweet-sounding harp *along* with the lyre. |
| 3 | Blow the shofar at the New Moon,  at the full moon, on the day of our festival. |
| 4 | For it is a statute for Israel,  a mandate from the God of Jacob. |
| 5 | He set it up in Joseph as a testimony;  when he went out against the land of Egypt,  I heard speech that I did not know. |
| 6 | “I removed his shoulder from the burden.  His hands were freed from the basket. |
| 7 | You called in distress, and I delivered you.  I answered you in the secret place of thunder.  I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah. |
| 8 | “Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you,  O Israel, if you would only hear me! |
| 9 | There must be no strange god among you,  nor should you bow down to[[10]](#footnote-31570) any foreign god. |
| 10 | I am Yahweh your God,  the one who brought you up from the land of Egypt.  Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. |
| 11 | But my people did not listen to my voice,  and Israel did not want me. |
| 12 | So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,  they walked according to their own plans. |
| 13 | Oh that my people would listen to me,  that Israel would walk in my ways! |
| 14 | I would quickly humble their enemies  and turn my hand against their foes. |
| 15 | Those who hate Yahweh will come to him trembling,  and may the time of their *humiliation* be perpetual. |
| 16 | But *Yahweh* would feed *Israel* with the fat of the wheat.  Yes, I will satisfy you with honey out of the rock.” |

**Psalm 82**

A Psalm of Asaph.

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| 1 | God takes his stand in his own assembly.  He judges in the midst of the gods. |
| 2 | “How long will you judge unjustly,  and show partiality to the wicked?” Selah. |
| 3 | “Judge the weak person and the fatherless.  Justify the afflicted person and the poor person. |
| 4 | Deliver the weak person and needy person.  Snatch *them* out of the hand of the wicked.” |
| 5 | They do not know, nor do they understand.  They walk to and fro in darkness.  All the foundations of the earth are shaken. |
| 6 | I said, “You are gods,  all of you are children of the Most High. |
| 7 | Nevertheless you will die like *mere* men  and you will fall like *any* one of the rulers.” |
| 8 | Arise, O God, judge the earth!  For it is you who possesses all of the nations. |

**Psalm 83**

A song.  
A Psalm of Asaph.

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| 1 | O God, do not rest.  Do not keep silent, and do not be still, O God. |
| 2 | For behold, your enemies roar.  Yes, those who hate you have lifted up *their* head. |
| 3 | They plot a crafty plan against your people.  Yes, they conspire against those whom you protect. |
| 4 | They said, “Come, and let’s wipe them out as a nation,  that the name of Israel will no longer be remembered.” |
| 5 | For they have conspired together with *one* heart.  They make a covenant against you: |
| 6 | The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites;  Moab, and the Hagrites; |
| 7 | Gebal and Ammon and Amalek;  Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; |
| 8 | Moreover, Assyria has joined with them.  They have become the arm to the children of Lot. Selah. |
| 9 | Do to them as *you did to* Midian,  as to Sisera,  as to Jabin with the brook Kishon; |
| 10 | who were destroyed at En-dor,  they became dung for the earth. |
| 11 | Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb;  yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna, |
| 12 | who said, “Let’s possess for ourselves the pastures of God.” |
| 13 | O my God, make them like whirling dust,  like stubble before the wind! |
| 14 | Like a fire that burns a forest,  and like a flame that sets the mountains on fire, |
| 15 | so you will pursue them with your tempest,  and you will terrify them with your storm. |
| 16 | Fill their faces with dishonor,  that they may seek your name, O Yahweh. |
| 17 | Let them be put to shame and terrified forever.  Yes, let them be ashamed and perish, |
| 18 | that they may know that you alone,  whose name is Yahweh,  are the Most High over all the earth. |

**Psalm 84**

For the Musical Director.  
On an instrument of Gath.  
A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

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| 1 | How lovely is your dwelling place,  O Yahweh of Armies! |
| 2 | My soul has longed and has even fainted  for the courts of Yahweh.  My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. |
| 3 | Even the bird has found a home,  and the swallow a nest for herself  where she may lay her young,  near your altars, O Yahweh of Armies,  my King and my God. |
| 4 | Blessed are those who dwell in your house.  They are continually praising you. Selah. |
| 5 | Blessed is the person whose strength is in you,  who *have* pilgrimages in their heart. |
| 6 | Those passing through the Valley of Baka,  will make it a place of springs.  Even the early rain covers *the valley* with blessings. |
| 7 | They go from strength to strength.  *Every one of them* appears before God in Zion. |
| 8 | O Yahweh, God of Armies, hear my prayer!  Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah. |
| 9 | Behold, O God our shield,  and look upon the face of your anointed one! |
| 10 | How much better is a day in your courts  than a thousand *others*.  I would rather stand at the entrance of the house of my God  than dwell in the tents of wickedness. |
| 11 | For Yahweh God is a sun and a shield.  Yahweh gives grace and glory.  He withholds no good thing  from those who walk blamelessly. |
| 12 | O Yahweh of Armies,  blessed is the person who trusts in you. |

**Psalm 85**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

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| 1 | O Yahweh, you have taken pleasure in your land.  You have restored the fortunes of Jacob. |
| 2 | You have forgiven the iniquity of your people.  You have covered all their sin. Selah. |
| 3 | You have withdrawn all your anger.  You have turned away from your burning anger. |
| 4 | Restore us, O God of our salvation,  and break off your anger with us! |
| 5 | Will you be angry with us forever?  Will you prolong your anger from generation to generation? |
| 6 | Will you not revive us again,  that your people may rejoice in you? |
| 7 | Show us your covenant faithfulness, O Yahweh.  Yes, grant unto us your deliverance! |
| 8 | I will hear what the God, Yahweh, will speak,  for he will speak peace  to his people, yes, to his faithful ones;  but let them not turn back to folly. |
| 9 | Surely his deliverance is near those who fear him,  that glory may dwell in our land. |
| 10 | Covenant faithfulness and truth have met together.  Righteousness and peace have kissed each other. |
| 11 | Truth springs out of the earth.  Righteousness has looked down from heaven. |
| 12 | Yea, Yahweh will give what is good,  and our land will yield its produce. |
| 13 | Righteousness will walk before him  and prepares the road for his steps. |

**Psalm 86**

A Prayer of David.

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| 1 | Incline your ear, O Yahweh, and answer me,  for I am afflicted and in need. |
| 2 | Watch over my soul, for I am faithful.  You, O my God, deliver your servant who trusts in you! |
| 3 | Show favor to me, O Lord,  for I call to you all day long. |
| 4 | Make the soul of your servant glad,  for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. |
| 5 | For you, O Lord, are good and ready to forgive,  yes, abundant in covenant faithfulness to all who call on you. |
| 6 | Give ear, O Yahweh, to my prayer.  Yes, give attention to the voice of my supplications! |
| 7 | In the time of my distress I will call on you,  for you will answer me. |
| 8 | There is no one like you among the gods, O Lord,  nor are there any works like yours. |
| 9 | All nations you have made will come and bow down before you,[[11]](#footnote-26270) O Lord.  Yes, they will give honor to your name. |
| 10 | For you are great and do wondrous things.  You alone are God. |
| 11 | Teach me, O Yahweh, your truth!  I will walk in your faithfulness.  Unite my heart so *that I can* fear your name. |
| 12 | I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart.  I will give honor to your name forevermore. |
| 13 | For great is your covenant faithfulness toward me,  in that you will deliver my soul from the depths of Sheol. |
| 14 | O God, the insolent have risen up against me.  Yes, a band of ruthless people seek after my soul,  and they have not set you before them. |
| 15 | But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,  slow to anger and abundant in covenant faithfulness and truth. |
| 16 | Turn to me and show me favor!  Give your strength to your servant,  and deliver the son of your servant girl. |
| 17 | Show me a good sign,  that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,  because you, O Yahweh, have helped me and comforted me. |

**Psalm 87**

A Psalm of the sons of Korah;  
a Song.

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| 1 | His foundation is in the holy mountains. |
| 2 | Yahweh loves the gates of Zion  more than all the dwellings of Jacob. |
| 3 | Glorious things are spoken in you,  O city of God. Selah. |
| 4 | I will mention Rahab and Babylon among those who know me.  Behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia:  “This one was born there.” |
| 5 | Yes, of Zion it will be said,  “Every individual was born in her,”  the Most High himself will establish her. |
| 6 | Yahweh will count,  when he registers the peoples,  “This one was born there.” Selah. |
| 7 | Then those who sing while they dance *will say*,  “All my springs are in you.” |

**Psalm 88**

A Song.  
A Psalm of the sons of Korah.  
For the Musical Director.  
To be sung in a depressed voice.  
A contemplation of Heman the Ezrahite.

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| 1 | O Yahweh, the God of my salvation,  I have cried out by day and in the night before you. |
| 2 | Let my prayer enter into your presence.  Turn your ear to my cry! |
| 3 | For my soul is full of distress.  And my life is on the brink of Sheol. |
| 4 | I am counted with those who go down into the pit.  I have become like a man who has no help, |
| 5 | set free among the dead,  like the slain who lie in the grave  whom you no longer remember.  Yes, these have been cut off from your hand. |
| 6 | You have laid me in the lowest pit,  in the dark places, in the depths. |
| 7 | Your wrath has fallen upon me.  You have afflicted me with all your waves. Selah. |
| 8 | You have put my close friends far from me.  You have put me *as* an abomination to them.  I am shut up and I cannot escape. |
| 9 | My eyes have wasted away because of affliction.  I have called on you every day, O Yahweh.  I have stretched out my hands to you. |
| 10 | Will you work a wonder for the dead?  Will the deceased stand up and praise you? Selah. |
| 11 | Will your covenant faithfulness be declared in the grave;  your truth in Abaddon? |
| 12 | Will your wonder be made known in the dark?  Or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? |
| 13 | But I, O Yahweh, have cried out for help to you.  Yes, in the morning my prayer meets you. |
| 14 | Why, O Yahweh, do you reject my soul?  *Why* do you hide your face from me? |
| 15 | I am afflicted and close to death from my youth;  I bore your terrors, I am helpless. |
| 16 | Your burning anger has passed over me.  Your terrors have destroyed me. |
| 17 | They have surrounded me like water all day long.  They completely engulfed me. |
| 18 | You have put loved one and friend far from me;  my close friends—*I’m in* darkness! |

**Psalm 89**

A contemplation of Ethan the Ezrahite.

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| 1 | I will sing of Yahweh’s covenant faithfulness forever.  From generation to generation I will make your fidelity known with my mouth. |
| 2 | For I have said,  “Covenant faithfulness will be built up forever.  As for the heavens, you will establish your faithfulness in them.” |
| 3 | “I have cut a covenant with my chosen one,  I have sworn to David my servant, |
| 4 | ‘I will establish your seed forever,  and build your throne to all generations.’” Selah. |
| 5 | The heavens praise your wonder,  O Yahweh, yea, your fidelity  in the assembly of the holy ones. |
| 6 | For who in the clouds is equal to Yahweh?  Who among the sons of God is like Yahweh, |
| 7 | a God who is feared in the council of the holy ones,  great and awesome above all those who are around him? |
| 8 | O Yahweh, God of Armies,  who is like you, O mighty Yah?  Even your fidelity is *all* around you. |
| 9 | You yourself rule the surging of the sea.  When its waves rise up, you yourself calm them. |
| 10 | You yourself crushed Rahab like one of the slain.  You have scattered your enemies with your strong arm. |
| 11 | The heavens are yours. Yes, the earth is yours;  the world and its fullness. You yourself have founded them. |
| 12 | The north and the south, you yourself created them.  Tabor and Hermon shout for joy in your name. |
| 13 | You have a mighty arm;  your hand is strong;  your right hand reaches high. |
| 14 | Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.  Covenant faithfulness and truth meet in your presence. |
| 15 | Blessed are the people who know your joyful shout;  they walk in the light of your face, O Yahweh. |
| 16 | In your name they rejoice all day long.  In your righteousness they are exalted. |
| 17 | For you are the splendor of their strength.  Yes, by your favor you will lift up our horn. |
| 18 | For our shield belongs to Yahweh,  and our king to the Holy One of Israel. |
| 19 | Once you spoke in vision to your faithful people and you said,  “I have bestowed help upon one who is mighty.  I have exalted one who is chosen from the people. |
| 20 | I have found David, my servant.  I have anointed him with my holy oil |
| 21 | with him my hand will be established;  yea, my arm will strengthen him. |
| 22 | No enemy will get the better of him,  nor will a son of wickedness afflict him. |
| 23 | And I will crush his adversaries before him  and strike those who hate him. |
| 24 | Yes, my fidelity and my covenant faithfulness will be with him.  And in my name his horn will be exalted. |
| 25 | I will set his hand also on the sea,  and his right hand on the rivers. |
| 26 | He will call to me, ‘You are my Father,  my God, and the rock of my salvation!’ |
| 27 | Yes, I will set him *as* firstborn,  the highest of the kings of the earth. |
| 28 | I will keep my covenant faithfulness for him forevermore.  Yes, my covenant will be confirmed to him. |
| 29 | So I will establish his seed forever,  and his throne as the days of heaven. |
| 30 | If his children forsake my law,  and do not walk in my ordinances, |
| 31 | if they violate my statutes,  and do not keep my commandments, |
| 32 | then I will visit their transgression with a rod,  and their guilt with plagues. |
| 33 | But I will not break off  my covenant faithfulness from him,  nor will I betray my fidelity. |
| 34 | I will not profane my covenant,  nor alter the pronouncement of my lips. |
| 35 | One thing I have sworn by my holiness,  I will not lie to David. |
| 36 | His seed will endure forever,  his throne like the sun before me. |
| 37 | It will be established forever like the moon,  and the witness in the sky can be trusted.” Selah. |
| 38 | But you, you have rejected and refused;  you have become enraged with your anointed one. |
| 39 | You have renounced the covenant of your servant.  You have defiled his crown to the ground. |
| 40 | You have broken through all his walls.  You have laid his strongholds in ruin. |
| 41 | All who pass along the road plunder him.  He has become a reproach to his neighbors. |
| 42 | You have exalted the right hand of his foes.  You have made all of his enemies rejoice. |
| 43 | Yea, you turn back the edge of his sword,  and have not supported him in the battle. |
| 44 | You have brought an end to his splendor  and cast his throne down to the ground. |
| 45 | You have shortened the days of his youth.  You have covered him with shame. Selah. |
| 46 | How long, O Yahweh? Will you hide yourself forever?  Will your rage burn like fire? |
| 47 | Remember how short my lifespan is!  For what futility have you created all the children of men? |
| 48 | What man can live and not see death?  Can he deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? Selah. |
| 49 | Where is your former covenant faithfulness, O Lord,  which you swore to David in your fidelity? |
| 50 | Remember, O Lord, the reproach against your servants,  *which* I bear in my bosom *from* all the many peoples, |
| 51 | with which your enemies have reproached, O Yahweh,  with which they have reproached the heels of your anointed one. |
| 52 | Blessed be Yahweh forevermore.  Amen and Amen. |

**Psalm 90**

BOOK IV  
  
A Prayer of Moses,  
the man of God.

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| 1 | O Lord, you have been our refuge from generation to generation. |
| 2 | Before the mountains were born,  and *before* you bore the earth and the world,  even from everlasting to everlasting, you are God. |
| 3 | You return man to dust, and you say,  “Return, O children of man!” |
| 4 | For a thousand years in your eyes  are just like yesterday when it passes by,  and *like* a watch in the night. |
| 5 | You wash them away. They sleep.  In the morning *humanity* sprouts up like green grass. |
| 6 | In the morning it flourishes and sprouts.  Toward evening it withers and dries up. |
| 7 | For we have come to an end in your anger;  and we are terrified by your rage. |
| 8 | You have set our iniquities before you,  our secret *sins* in the light of your presence. |
| 9 | For all our days have dwindled in your wrath.  We have finished our years like a sigh. |
| 10 | The days of our years, in them, are 70 years,  or even with strength, 80 years;  yet their pride is labor and sorrow,  for it is gone quickly and we fly away. |
| 11 | Who knows the strength of your anger and your wrath,  according to the fear that is due to you? |
| 12 | So teach us to number our days,  that we may obtain a heart of wisdom. |
| 13 | Turn back, O Yahweh! How long?  Show sorrow for your servants! |
| 14 | Satisfy us in the morning with your covenant faithfulness,  that we may shout for joy and be glad all our days. |
| 15 | Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  for the years we have seen evil. |
| 16 | Let your deeds appear to your servants;  and your splendor to their children. |
| 17 | Yes, let the kindness of the Lord our God be on us;  and establish the work of our hands for us;  yes, establish the work of our hands! |

**Psalm 91**

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| 1 | He who dwells under the protection of the Most High  will rest in the shadow of *El* Shaddai. |
| 2 | I will say of Yahweh, “He is my refuge and my fortress;  my God, in whom I trust.” |
| 3 | For he himself will deliver you from the trap of the fowler  and from the destructive pestilence. |
| 4 | He will cover you with his pinions.  Yes, you will find refuge under his wings.  His faithfulness is a shield and a protective wall. |
| 5 | You will not fear the terror by night,  the arrow that flies by day, |
| 6 | nor the pestilence that walks in darkness,  *or* the destruction that destroys at noon. |
| 7 | A thousand may fall at your side,  and 10,000 at your right hand,  *but death* will not come near you. |
| 8 | Surely with your eyes you will look  and see the recompense of the wicked. |
| 9 | For you, O Yahweh, are my refuge.  You have made the Most High your habitation; |
| 10 | no evil will come upon you,  nor will any plague come near your tent. |
| 11 | For he will command his angels concerning you  to keep watch over you on all your roads. |
| 12 | They will bear you up in their hands,  *so* that you will not strike your foot against a stone. |
| 13 | You will tread on the lion and cobra.  You will trample down the young lion and the serpent. |
| 14 | “Because he has devoted himself to me,  so I will deliver him.  I will set him on high because he has known my name. |
| 15 | He will call on me and I will answer him.  I will be with him in distress.  I will deliver him and honor him. |
| 16 | I will satisfy him with length of days,  yes, I will show him my salvation.” |

**Psalm 92**

A Psalm.  
A song for the Sabbath day.

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| 1 | It is a good thing to praise Yahweh,  to make music to your name, O Most High; |
| 2 | to declare your covenant faithfulness in the morning  and your fidelity at night, |
| 3 | with the ten-stringed instrument, with the lyre,  with resounding music upon the harp. |
| 4 | For you have made me glad, O Yahweh,  by your deeds.  I will shout with joy at the works of your hands. |
| 5 | How great are your works, O Yahweh!  *How* deep are your plans! |
| 6 | *Only* a stupid person does not know,  and *only* a fool does not understand this: |
| 7 | though the wicked sprout up like grass,  and all who do wickedness flourish,  they will be destroyed for ever and ever. |
| 8 | But you, O Yahweh, are on high forever. |
| 9 | For, behold, your enemies, O Yahweh,  for, behold, your enemies will perish.  All the evildoers will be scattered. |
| 10 | But you have exalted my horn  like *that of* the wild ox.  I have rubbed *it* with fresh oil. |
| 11 | And my eye has looked upon my enemies.  My ears hear of evildoers who rise up against me. |
| 12 | The righteous person will flourish like the palm tree.  He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. |
| 13 | They are planted in the house of Yahweh.  They will greatly flourish in the courts of our God. |
| 14 | They will continue to bear fruit in old age.  They will be fat and fresh, |
| 15 | showing that Yahweh is upright—  my Rock, in whom there is no injustice. |

**Psalm 93**

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| 1 | Yahweh reigns! He is clothed with majesty.  Yahweh is clothed; he has wrapped himself with strength.  Yea, the world is established,  it will not be shaken. |
| 2 | Your throne is established  from of old.  You are from everlasting. |
| 3 | The *great* deep has lifted up, O Yahweh,  the depths have lifted up their voice.  The depths lift up their pounding waves. |
| 4 | More than the voices of many waters,  *more than* the mighty surfs of the sea,  Yahweh on high is mighty. |
| 5 | Your testimonies are very reliable.  Holiness decorates your house,  O Yahweh, for length of days. |

**Psalm 94**

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| 1 | O God of vengeance, O Yahweh,  O God of vengeance, shine forth! |
| 2 | Rise up, O Judge of the earth.  Repay the proud what they deserve! |
| 3 | How long will the wicked, O Yahweh,  how long will the wicked triumph? |
| 4 | They spew forth arrogance when they speak.  All who work wickedness boast. |
| 5 | They crush your people, O Yahweh,  and they afflict your inheritance. |
| 6 | They kill the widow and the foreigner,  and they murder the orphans. |
| 7 | And they say, “Yah does not see,  nor does the God of Jacob pay attention.” |
| 8 | Pay attention, you stupid ones among the people;  yes, you fools, when will you comprehend? |
| 9 | He who planted the ear, does he not hear?  He who created the eye, does he not see? |
| 10 | He who disciplines the nations;  who teaches knowledge to humankind;  will he not punish? |
| 11 | Yahweh knows the thoughts of humankind,  that they are pointless. |
| 12 | Blessed is the person whom you correct, O Yah,  and whom you teach from your law, |
| 13 | that you may give him peace from evil days  until a pit is dug for the wicked person. |
| 14 | For Yahweh will not abandon his people,  nor will he forsake his inheritance. |
| 15 | For justice will return to the righteous person,  and all who are upright in heart will follow it. |
| 16 | Who will rise up for me against evildoers?  Who will stand up for me against those who do wickedness? |
| 17 | Unless Yahweh had been my help,  my soul would have soon dwelt in silence. |
| 18 | When I said, “My foot is slipping,”  your covenant faithfulness, O Yahweh, supported me. |
| 19 | When my anxious thoughts were many within me,  your consolations delighted my soul. |
| 20 | Can the throne of destruction  be allied with you;  he who created trouble by decree? |
| 21 | They band together against the soul of the righteous person  and condemn innocent blood. |
| 22 | But Yahweh has been my stronghold,  yes, my God, the rock of my refuge. |
| 23 | He will return their wickedness upon them  and he will annihilate them in their evil.  Yahweh our God will annihilate them. |

**Psalm 95**

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| 1 | O come, let’s shout with joy to Yahweh!  Let’s shout aloud to the rock of our salvation! |
| 2 | Let’s come into his presence with thanksgiving.  Let’s raise a shout to him with songs! |
| 3 | For Yahweh is a great God,  and a great king above all gods. |
| 4 | In his hand are the depths of the earth.  The peaks of the mountains are also his. |
| 5 | The sea is his, and he himself made it.  And his hands created the dry land. |
| 6 | O enter! Let’s bow down and kneel;  let’s kneel before Yahweh, our creator. |
| 7 | For he is our God,  and we are the people of his pasture,  and the sheep of his hand.  Oh, that today you would listen to his voice! |
| 8 | Do not harden your heart, as at Meribah,  as in the day of Massah in the wilderness, |
| 9 | when your fathers tested me,  they tried me, though they had seen my work. |
| 10 | *For* 40 years I was disgusted at *that* generation and said,  “They are a people whose heart wanders astray.  And they do not know my roads.” |
| 11 | Therefore I swore in my anger,  “They will never enter into my rest.” |

**Psalm 96**

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| 1 | Sing to Yahweh a new song!  Sing to Yahweh, all the earth! |
| 2 | Sing to Yahweh! Bless his name!  Proclaim his salvation from day to day! |
| 3 | Make known among the nations his glory;  his wonderful deeds among all the peoples. |
| 4 | For Yahweh is great, and greatly to be praised!  He is to be feared above all gods. |
| 5 | For all the gods of the peoples are idols,[[12]](#footnote-10773)  but Yahweh made the heavens. |
| 6 | Splendor and majesty are before him.  Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. |
| 7 | Ascribe to Yahweh, O families of the peoples,  ascribe to Yahweh honor and strength! |
| 8 | Ascribe to Yahweh the honor due to his name.  Bring an offering and come into his courts. |
| 9 | Worship Yahweh in holy attire.  Tremble before his face, all the earth. |
| 10 | Say among the nations, “Yahweh reigns!”  Indeed, the world is established *so that* it will not be moved.  He will judge the peoples with equity. |
| 11 | Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice.  Let the sea roar, and all its fullness! |
| 12 | Let the field and all that is in it celebrate!  Then all the trees of the forest will shout for joy |
| 13 | in the presence of Yahweh, for he is coming,  for he is coming to judge the earth.  He will judge the world with righteousness,  yes, the peoples in his faithfulness. |

**Psalm 97**

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| 1 | Yahweh reigns! Let the earth rejoice!  Let the many islands be glad! |
| 2 | Clouds and thick darkness are around him.  Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. |
| 3 | Fire goes before him  and it burns up his adversaries on every side. |
| 4 | His lightning bolts lit up the world.  The earth saw and trembled. |
| 5 | The mountains melted like wax  at the presence of Yahweh,  at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. |
| 6 | The heavens declare his righteousness.  Yes, all the peoples have seen his glory. |
| 7 | Let all who serve carved images be put to shame;  those who boast in their idols.  Bow down to him,[[13]](#footnote-16337) all you gods! |
| 8 | Zion heard and was glad.  And the daughters of Judah rejoiced  because of your judgments, O Yahweh. |
| 9 | For you are Yahweh Most High  above all the earth.  You are greatly exalted above all gods. |
| 10 | Those who love Yahweh, hate evil!  He keeps watch over the souls of his faithful people.  He delivers them from the hand of the wicked. |
| 11 | Light is sown for the righteous,  and joy for the upright in heart. |
| 12 | Rejoice in Yahweh, you righteous people!  Yes, give thanks at the recalling of his holiness. |

**Psalm 98**

A Psalm.

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| 1 | Sing to Yahweh a new song,  for he has done wonderful things!  His right hand and his holy arm  have worked salvation for him. |
| 2 | Yahweh has made known his salvation.  He has uncovered his righteousness  in the eyes of the nations. |
| 3 | He has remembered his covenant faithfulness  and his fidelity toward the house of Israel.  All the ends of the earth  have seen the salvation of our God. |
| 4 | Raise a shout to Yahweh, all the earth!  Break forth and shout for joy and make music! |
| 5 | Make music to Yahweh with the lyre,  with the lyre and the sound of melody. |
| 6 | With trumpets and the sound of a shofar,  raise a shout in the presence of the King, Yahweh. |
| 7 | Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  the world and those who live in it. |
| 8 | Let the rivers clap their hands.  Let the mountains shout together for joy |
| 9 | in the presence of Yahweh,  for he is coming to judge the earth.  He will judge the world with righteousness  and the peoples with equity. |

**Psalm 99**

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| 1 | Yahweh reigns! Let the peoples tremble!  He is sitting *enthroned* *between* the cherubim.  Let the earth shake. |
| 2 | Yahweh is great in Zion.  And he is exalted above all the peoples. |
| 3 | Let them praise your great  and awesome name.  He is Holy! |
| 4 | And the strength of the king loves justice.  You have established equity.  You have executed justice  and righteousness in Jacob. |
| 5 | Exalt Yahweh our God  and worship at his footstool!  He is Holy! |
| 6 | Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  and Samuel was among those who called upon his name;  they *repeatedly* called upon Yahweh and he answered them. |
| 7 | He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud.  They kept his testimonies and the statute he gave them. |
| 8 | O Yahweh our God, you answered them;  You are a forgiving God to them,  but an avenger upon their deeds. |
| 9 | Exalt Yahweh our God!  Yes, worship at his holy hill,  for Yahweh our God is holy. |

**Psalm 100**

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

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| 1 | Raise a shout to Yahweh, all the earth! |
| 2 | Serve Yahweh with joy!  Enter into the presence with a ringing cry! |
| 3 | Know that Yahweh, he himself is God.  He himself made us, and we are his.  *We are* his people and the sheep of his pasture. |
| 4 | Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,  *into* his courts with a song of praise.  Praise him! Bless his name! |
| 5 | For Yahweh is good. His covenant faithfulness is everlasting;  yes, his fidelity is from generation to generation. |

**Psalm 101**

A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | I will sing of covenant faithfulness and justice.  To you, O Yahweh, I will make music. |
| 2 | I will carefully ponder the way that is blameless.  When will you come to me?  I will walk around inside my house with a heart of integrity. |
| 3 | I will not place an object of Belial before my eyes—  I hate the deeds of faithless men—  it will not cling to me. |
| 4 | A twisted heart will depart from me.  I will not know evil. |
| 5 | Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, I will destroy.  I will not endure one who has proud eyes and an arrogant heart. |
| 6 | My eyes are upon the faithful of the land,  that they may dwell with me.  He who walks on the road of blamelessness  will himself minister to me. |
| 7 | He who practices deceit  will not dwell inside my house.  He who speaks lies  will not continue before my eyes. |
| 8 | Every morning I will destroy  all the wicked of the land,  to cut off all the workers of wickedness from the city of Yahweh. |

**Psalm 102**

A Prayer of the afflicted,  
when he is powerless and he pours out his complaint before Yahweh.

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| 1 | O Yahweh, hear my prayer!  Yes, let my cry for help come to you! |
| 2 | Do not hide your face from me in my time of distress.  Incline your ear to me.  Answer me quickly at the time when I call. |
| 3 | For my days have vanished in smoke.  And my bones have been scorched like a hearth. |
| 4 | My heart has been struck dead like grass and it has withered away,  indeed, I forgot to eat my bread. |
| 5 | Because of the sound of my groaning,  my bones cling to my flesh. |
| 6 | I resemble a desert owl in the wilderness.  I have become like an owl of the waste places. |
| 7 | I lie awake,  and have become like a lonely bird on the housetop. |
| 8 | My enemies reproach me all day long.  Those who have made a mockery of me use my name as a curse. |
| 9 | For I have eaten ashes like bread,  and mixed my drink with weeping |
| 10 | because of your indignation and your wrath,  for you have taken me up and cast me away. |
| 11 | My days are like a lengthened shadow  and I wither away like grass. |
| 12 | But you, O Yahweh, will remain forever;  and you will be mentioned from generation to generation. |
| 13 | You will arise *and* have compassion on Zion;  for it is time to show favor to her,  for the appointed time has come. |
| 14 | For your servants take pleasure in her stones  and have compassion on her dust. |
| 15 | So the nations will fear the name of Yahweh,  yes, all the kings of the earth *will fear* your glory. |
| 16 | For Yahweh has built up Zion.  He has appeared in his glory. |
| 17 | He has turned toward the prayer of the destitute person  and has not despised their prayer. |
| 18 | Let this be written for the generation to come,  that a people who will be created will praise Yah. |
| 19 | For he has looked down from his holy height;  from heaven Yahweh looked over the earth, |
| 20 | to hear the groaning of the prisoner;  to free the children of death, |
| 21 | that they may declare  the name of Yahweh in Zion  and his praise in Jerusalem, |
| 22 | when the peoples are gathered together,  yes, the kingdoms, to serve Yahweh. |
| 23 | He weakened my strength on the road;  he shortened my days. |
| 24 | I say, “My God, do not cut me off  in the midst of my days.  Your years are throughout all generations. |
| 25 | Of old you established the earth.  And the heavens are the work of your hands. |
| 26 | They will perish, but you will endure.  Yes, all of them will wear out like a garment.  You will change them like clothing,  and they will pass on. |
| 27 | But you are the same.  And your years will not come to an end. |
| 28 | The children of your servants will live *on*,  yes, their seed will be established before you.” |

**Psalm 103**

Of David.

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| 1 | Bless Yahweh, O my soul!  And all my inmost parts, *bless* his holy name! |
| 2 | Bless Yahweh, O my soul,  and do not forget all his benefits; |
| 3 | the one who forgives your every iniquity,  the one who heals all your sicknesses, |
| 4 | the one who redeems your life from the pit,  the one who crowns you with covenant faithfulness and tender mercies, |
| 5 | the one who satisfies your existence with good things  *so that* your youth is renewed like the eagle. |
| 6 | Yahweh performs righteous acts  and judgment for all who are oppressed. |
| 7 | He declared his ways to Moses,  his deeds to the children of Israel. |
| 8 | Yahweh is merciful and gracious,  slow to anger and abundant in covenant faithfulness. |
| 9 | He will not always accuse,  nor will he keep *his anger* forever. |
| 10 | He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  nor repaid us according to our iniquities. |
| 11 | For as the heavens are high above the earth,  so mighty is his covenant faithfulness  upon those who fear him. |
| 12 | As far as the east is from the west,  so far has he removed  our transgressions from us. |
| 13 | Like a father has compassion on his children,  so Yahweh has compassion on those who fear him. |
| 14 | For he himself knows our makeup.  He remembers that we are dust. |
| 15 | As for a person, his days are like grass.  As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. |
| 16 | When the wind passes over it, then it is no more.  And its place no longer remembers it. |
| 17 | But the covenant faithfulness of Yahweh is from everlasting to everlasting  upon those who fear him,  yes, his righteousness to children’s children; |
| 18 | to those who keep his covenant,  yes, to those who remember to obey his instructions. |
| 19 | Yahweh has established his throne in the heavens,  and his kingdom rules over all. |
| 20 | Bless Yahweh,  you angels of his, mighty in strength,  who do his word,  listening to the voice of his word. |
| 21 | Bless Yahweh, all you armies of his,  you servants of his who do his will. |
| 22 | Praise Yahweh, all you works of his,  in all places of his realm.  Bless Yahweh, O my soul! |

**Psalm 104**

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| 1 | Bless Yahweh, O my soul!  O Yahweh my God, you are very great.  You are clothed with splendor and majesty, |
| 2 | covering yourself with light like a cloak,  stretching out the heavens like a tent; |
| 3 | who lays the beams of his upper chambers  on the waters;  who makes the dark clouds his chariot;  who travels on the wings of the wind; |
| 4 | who makes the winds his messengers,  flaming fires his ministers. |
| 5 | He established the earth upon its foundations,  it will not be shaken forever. |
| 6 | You covered it with the deep  like a garment.  The waters stood above the mountains. |
| 7 | At your rebuke they fled,  at the sound of your thunder they hurried away. |
| 8 | The mountains rose, the valleys sank  down to the place that you established for them. |
| 9 | You have set a boundary that they may not pass over;  they will not return to cover the earth. |
| 10 | He sends forth springs into the valleys;  they flow between the mountains; |
| 11 | they give drink to every animal of the field;  the wild donkeys quench their thirst. |
| 12 | The birds of the heavens dwell above them.  They lift their voices among the branches. |
| 13 | He waters the mountains from his upper chambers.  The earth is satisfied with the fruit of your works. |
| 14 | He causes the grass to grow for the cattle  and plants for man to tend,  so that he may bring forth food from the earth; |
| 15 | wine that makes glad the heart of man,  oil to make his face to shine,  and food that strengthens the heart of man. |
| 16 | The trees of Yahweh are satisfied,  the cedars of Lebanon that he has planted, |
| 17 | where the birds nest,  *even* the stork whose home is in the firs. |
| 18 | The high mountains are for the wild goats;  the cliffs are a refuge for the hyraxes. |
| 19 | He made the moon for seasons;  the sun knows the place of its setting. |
| 20 | You make darkness and it becomes night,  when all the forest animals prowl. |
| 21 | The young lions roar after their prey  and seek their food from God. |
| 22 | The sun rises and they withdraw  and lie down in their dens. |
| 23 | Man goes forth to his work  and to his labor until the evening. |
| 24 | O Yahweh, how many are your works!  By wisdom have you made them all;  the earth is full of your possessions. |
| 25 | There is the sea, great and spread out,  in which are innumerable swarms,  both small and large animals. |
| 26 | There the ships sail,  *and* Leviathan, which you created in order to play with him. |
| 27 | These all look to you  to give them their food in due season. |
| 28 | You give *it* to them,  they gather *it up*;  you open your hand,  they are satisfied with good. |
| 29 | You hide your face,  they are terrified;  you take away their breath:  they die and they return to the dust. |
| 30 | You send forth your spirit:  they are created;  and you renew the face of the ground. |
| 31 | May the glory of Yahweh endure forever;  may Yahweh rejoice in his works! |
| 32 | He looks at the earth and it trembles.  He touches the mountains  and they smoke. |
| 33 | I will sing to Yahweh as long as I live.  I will make music to my God while I have any being. |
| 34 | May my meditation be pleasing to him.  I will rejoice in Yahweh. |
| 35 | May sinners perish from the earth  and may the wicked be no more.  Bless Yahweh, O my soul.  Praise Yah! |

**Psalm 105**

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| 1 | Give thanks to Yahweh! Call on his name!  Make known his deeds among the peoples! |
| 2 | Sing to him! Sing praises to him!  Tell of all his marvelous works! |
| 3 | Boast about his holy name!  Let the heart of those who seek Yahweh rejoice. |
| 4 | Seek Yahweh and his strength!  Seek his face continually! |
| 5 | Remember his marvelous works that he has done,  his signs and the judgments of his mouth. |
| 6 | The seed of Abraham is his servant,  the children of Jacob are his chosen ones! |
| 7 | He is Yahweh our God.  His judgments are in all the earth. |
| 8 | He remembers his covenant forever,  the word that he commanded  to 1,000 generations, |
| 9 | which he cut with Abraham,  and his oath to Isaac, |
| 10 | And he confirmed it to Jacob as a statute;  to Israel as an everlasting covenant, |
| 11 | saying, “I will give you the land of Canaan,  as your allotted inheritance.” |
| 12 | When they were only a few in number,  very few, and were foreigners in it, |
| 13 | they walked to and fro from nation to nation,  from one kingdom to another people, |
| 14 | he allowed no one to oppress them,  and he rebuked kings for their sakes, *saying,* |
| 15 | “Do not touch my anointed ones!  Do my prophets no harm!” |
| 16 | He called for a famine on the land.  He broke the whole staff of bread. |
| 17 | He sent a man before them,  Joseph was sold as a slave. |
| 18 | They afflicted his feet with fetters,  His neck was put in irons; |
| 19 | until the time that his word came to pass,  and Yahweh’s word refined him. |
| 20 | The king sent and freed him,  the ruler of people, and he set him free. |
| 21 | He made him lord of his house  and ruler of all of his possessions, |
| 22 | to obligate his princes to himself  and teach wisdom to his elders. |
| 23 | Then Israel came into Egypt,  and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham. |
| 24 | He caused his people to be very fruitful  and made them stronger than their foes. |
| 25 | He turned their heart to hate his people,  to behave cunningly against his servants. |
| 26 | He sent Moses his servant,  *and* Aaron, whom he had chosen. |
| 27 | They performed words of his signs among them,  and wonders in the land of Ham. |
| 28 | He sent darkness and made it dark.  And they were not disobedient to his words. |
| 29 | He turned their waters into blood  and killed their fish. |
| 30 | Their land swarmed with frogs,  *even* in the chambers of their rulers. |
| 31 | He spoke, and a swarm *of insects* came,  and gnats *came* throughout their territory. |
| 32 | He gave them hail for rain,  flaming fire in their land. |
| 33 | He even struck their vines and their fig trees  and shattered the trees of their territory. |
| 34 | He spoke, and the locusts came,  yes, locusts without number, |
| 35 | and they ate up every plant in their land  and ate up the fruit of their ground. |
| 36 | And he struck down all the firstborn in their land,  the firstfruits of all their vigor. |
| 37 | He brought them out with silver and gold.  And no one among his tribes stumbled. |
| 38 | Egypt rejoiced when they departed,  for the fear of them had fallen upon them. |
| 39 | He spread a cloud for a covering,  and fire to illumine in the night. |
| 40 | He asked, and he brought quail  and he satisfied them with the bread from heaven. |
| 41 | He opened the rock and water gushed out.  It flowed *as* a river in the dry places. |
| 42 | For he remembered his holy word  *spoken* with Abraham his servant. |
| 43 | He brought his people out with joy,  his chosen with a cry of jubilation. |
| 44 | He gave to them the lands of the nations,  and they inherited the *fruit of* the people’s toil, |
| 45 | so that they might keep his statutes  and observe his law.  Praise Yah! |

**Psalm 106**

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| 1 | Praise Yah!  Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting. |
| 2 | Who can tell of Yahweh’s mighty deeds  or fully declare all his praise? |
| 3 | Blessed are those who maintain justice,  who practice righteousness at all times. |
| 4 | Remember me, O Yahweh,  in *your* favor toward your people;  visit me with your deliverance, |
| 5 | so that I can see the prosperity of your chosen people,  so that I can rejoice in the gladness of your nation,  so that I can celebrate with your inheritance. |
| 6 | We have sinned, just like our fathers.  We have committed iniquity. We are guilty. |
| 7 | Our fathers in Egypt failed to understand  your wonderful acts.  They did not remember the greatness of your covenant faithfulness,  but were rebellious at the sea, at the Sea of Reeds. |
| 8 | Yet he delivered them for the sake of his name,  so that he might make his strength known. |
| 9 | And he rebuked the Sea of Reeds, and it dried up,  so he led them through the deeps as through a wilderness. |
| 10 | So he delivered them from the hand of him who hated them,  yes, he redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. |
| 11 | The waters covered their foes.  There was not a single one left. |
| 12 | Then they believed in his words.  They sang his praise. |
| 13 | *But* they quickly forgot his works.  They did not wait for his counsel, |
| 14 | but gave in to an overwhelming desire in the wilderness,  and tested God in the desert. |
| 15 | So he gave them their request,  but sent a consuming disease into their souls. |
| 16 | When they became jealous of Moses in the camp,  and Aaron, *who was* the holy one of Yahweh. |
| 17 | The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,  and it engulfed Abiram’s group. |
| 18 | And a fire burned their group;  a flame set ablaze the wicked. |
| 19 | They made a calf at Horeb  and they bowed down to[[14]](#footnote-20631) a cast *metal* image. |
| 20 | Thus they exchanged their Glory  for a representation of a grass-eating ox. |
| 21 | They forgot God their Savior,  the one who had done great things in Egypt, |
| 22 | wondrous works in the land of Ham  and awesome things by the Sea of Reeds. |
| 23 | Therefore he said that he would destroy them,  had not Moses, his chosen one,  stood in the gap before him to turn away his rage  from destroying *the people*. |
| 24 | Then they refused the pleasant land.  They did not believe his word, |
| 25 | but they grumbled in their tents  and did not listen to Yahweh’s voice. |
| 26 | So he lifted up his hand toward them,  to bring them to ruin in the wilderness, |
| 27 | and he dispersed their seed among the nations  and scattered them in the lands. |
| 28 | They even yoked themselves to Baal-peor  and ate the sacrifices offered to dead *gods.* |
| 29 | So they made *Yahweh* angry by their actions.  And a plague broke out among them. |
| 30 | Then Phinehas stood up and pronounced judgment,  so the plague was restrained. |
| 31 | And it was reckoned to him as righteousness  from generation to generation, forever. |
| 32 | Then they moved *Yahweh* to wrath at the waters of Meribah,  so that it went badly for Moses because of them; |
| 33 | because they rebelled against *Moses’* spirit,  he spoke rashly with his lips. |
| 34 | They did not destroy the peoples  as Yahweh commanded them, |
| 35 | but they intermingled with the nations  and learned their works, |
| 36 | and they served their idols,  which became a snare to them. |
| 37 | They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons, |
| 38 | yes, they shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters,  whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan.  So the land was polluted with blood. |
| 39 | Thus they became unclean through their works  and acted like a prostitute in their deeds. |
| 40 | Therefore Yahweh’s anger was kindled against his people.  Yes, he abhorred his inheritance. |
| 41 | Then he gave them into the hand of the nations.  And those who hated them ruled over them. |
| 42 | Their enemies also oppressed them.  They were brought into subjection under their hand. |
| 43 | Many times he delivered them,  but they rebelled in their counsel,  so they sank down in their iniquity. |
| 44 | Yet he looked down upon their distress,  when he heard their cry. |
| 45 | Yes, he remembered his covenant for their sake,  and he relented in accord with the greatness of his covenant faithfulness. |
| 46 | And he made them *objects of* mercy  in the presence of their captors. |
| 47 | Save us, O Yahweh our God.  Gather us from the nations,  to give thanks to your holy name;  to pride ourselves in your praise! |
| 48 | Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel,  from everlasting even to everlasting!  Let all the people say, “Amen.”  Praise Yah! |

**Psalm 107**

BOOK V

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| 1 | Praise Yahweh, for he is good,  for his covenant faithfulness endures forever. |
| 2 | Let the redeemed by Yahweh say so,  whom he has redeemed from the hand of the foe |
| 3 | and gathered them out of the lands,  from the east and from the west,  from the north and from the sea. |
| 4 | They wandered in the wilderness on a desert road.  They did not find *a way to* a city to inhabit. |
| 5 | Hungry and thirsty,  their soul fainted within them. |
| 6 | Then they cried out to Yahweh in their trouble;  he delivered them out of their distresses. |
| 7 | He led them also by a straight road,  that they might walk to a city to inhabit. |
| 8 | Let them praise Yahweh  for his covenant faithfulness  and for his wonderful deeds to the children of men! |
| 9 | For he satisfies the thirsty soul,  and he fills the hungry soul with what is good. |
| 10 | Those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death  are prisoners in affliction and iron *chains* |
| 11 | because they rebelled against the words of God  and spurned the counsel of the Most High. |
| 12 | Therefore he humbled their heart with labor;  they stumbled and there was no one to help. |
| 13 | Then they cried out to Yahweh in their trouble  and he delivered them out of their distresses. |
| 14 | He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death  and he tore apart their fetters. |
| 15 | Let them praise Yahweh  for his covenant faithfulness  and for his wonderful deeds to the children of men! |
| 16 | For he has shattered gates of bronze  and he has cut iron bars. |
| 17 | The foolish are afflicted  because of their way of transgression and because of their iniquities. |
| 18 | Their soul abhors all kinds of food,  and they have arrived at the gates of death. |
| 19 | Then they cry out to Yahweh in their trouble;  he delivers them out of their distresses. |
| 20 | He sends his word, and heals them,  and delivers *them* from their pits. |
| 21 | Let them praise Yahweh  for his covenant faithfulness  and for his wonderful deeds to the children of men! |
| 22 | Let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving  and declare his works with a cry of jubilation. |
| 23 | Those who go down to the sea in ships,  who do business in great waters, |
| 24 | these have seen the works of Yahweh  and his wonders in the deep. |
| 25 | For he commands and raises the stormy wind,  and it lifts up its waves. |
| 26 | They rise up to the heavens; they go down to the deeps.  Their soul melts away in misery. |
| 27 | They stagger and totter like a drunken man,  and all of their wisdom is confused. |
| 28 | Then they cry out to Yahweh in their trouble,  and he brings them out of their distresses. |
| 29 | He makes the tempest a calm  so that its waves are silent. |
| 30 | Then they rejoice because they are quiet,  so he guided them to their desired harbor. |
| 31 | Let them praise Yahweh for his covenant faithfulness  and for his wonderful deeds to the children of men! |
| 32 | Let them exalt him also in the assembly of the people  and let them praise him at the seat of the elders. |
| 33 | He turns rivers into a wilderness  and springs of water into a thirsty ground; |
| 34 | a fruitful land into a salty waste  because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it. |
| 35 | He turns a wilderness into a pool of water,  and a dry land into springs of water. |
| 36 | And there he makes the hungry to dwell,  that they may establish a city to inhabit, |
| 37 | and sow fields and plant vineyards  and reap a fruitful harvest. |
| 38 | He also blesses them so that they multiply greatly  and their cattle will not decrease. |
| 39 | And when *the people* are diminished and bowed down  through oppression, misery, and sorrow, |
| 40 | he pours out contempt upon nobles,  and causes them to wander in a roadless waste. |
| 41 | Yet he lifts the needy securely from *their* affliction  and he makes the families like flocks. |
| 42 | The upright will see it and will rejoice;  but all wickedness shuts its mouth. |
| 43 | Who is wise? Let him keep watch over these things  and let him discern Yahweh’s covenant faithfulness! |

**Psalm 108**

A Song.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | My heart is set, O God.  I will sing,  yes, I will make music with my soul. |
| 2 | Rouse yourself, O lyre and harp!  I will rouse the dawn. |
| 3 | I will praise you, O Yahweh, among the people.  Yes, I will make music to you among the nations. |
| 4 | For your covenant faithfulness is great above the heavens,  and your truth to the clouds. |
| 5 | Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  And *let* your glory be over all the earth! |
| 6 | So that your beloved *people* may be delivered,  save with your right hand and answer me! |
| 7 | God has spoken from his sanctuary:  “I will triumph. I will divide Shechem,  and measure out the Valley of Sukkoth. |
| 8 | Gilead is mine. Manasseh is mine.  Ephraim also is the protection of my head.  Judah is my scepter. |
| 9 | Moab is my wash pot.  I will toss my sandal toward Edom.  I will shout *in jubilation* over Philistia.” |
| 10 | Who will bring me into the fortified city?  Who has led me to Edom? |
| 11 | O God, have you not rejected us?  And will you not go out with our armies, O God? |
| 12 | Give us help against *our* foe,  for the deliverance of man is worthless.  Through God we will do a mighty *work*,  for it is he who will trample down our foes. |
| 13 | Through God we will do valiantly.  For it is he who will tread down our enemies. |

**Psalm 109**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | O God of my praise, do not remain silent! |
| 2 | For they have opened a wicked and deceitful mouth against me.  They have spoken to me with a lying tongue. |
| 3 | They have also surrounded me with hateful words  and fought against me without a cause. |
| 4 | In return for my love they accuse me;  but I *am in* prayer. |
| 5 | Yes, they have given me evil for good,  and hatred for my love. |
| 6 | Appoint one who is wicked against him,  and let an adversary stand at his right hand. |
| 7 | When he is tried, let him come forth guilty,  and let his prayer become sin. |
| 8 | Let his days be few;  let another one take his office. |
| 9 | Let his children become fatherless  and his wife a widow. |
| 10 | Let his children wander all over and beg;  and let them seek *sustenance far* from their ruins. |
| 11 | Let the creditor seize all that he has,  and let strangers plunder what he has earned. |
| 12 | Let there be no one to extend loyal help to him,  nor let there be any to show favor to his orphans. |
| 13 | Let his posterity be cut off;  in the following generation let their name be blotted out. |
| 14 | Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered by Yahweh,  and do not let the sin of his mother be blotted out. |
| 15 | Let them be continually present before Yahweh,  that he may cut off their remembrance from the earth; |
| 16 | because he did not remember to show loyal help,  but persecuted the afflicted and needy person,  even the one disheartened, to put *him* to death. |
| 17 | He also loved cursing  — let it come *back upon* him!  And he did not delight in blessing  — let it be far from him! |
| 18 | Yes, he clothed himself with cursing like his garment  — let it come *back* into his inward parts like water and like oil into his bones! |
| 19 | Let it be to him like clothing with which he covers himself,  and for a belt with which he continually wraps himself. |
| 20 | Let this be the punishment from Yahweh for my adversaries,  yes, of those who speak evil against my soul. |
| 21 | But you, O Yahweh the Lord, deal with me  for your name’s sake;  because your covenant faithfulness is good, deliver me, |
| 22 | for I am afflicted and needy,  yes, my heart is wounded within me. |
| 23 | I am vanishing like a lengthening shadow;  I am shaken off like a locust. |
| 24 | My knees stagger from fasting,  and my body has grown thin, without fat. |
| 25 | I have also become a reproach to them;  When they see me, they shake their head. |
| 26 | Help me, O Yahweh my God!  Deliver me according to your covenant faithfulness, |
| 27 | that they may know that this is your hand;  you, O Yahweh, have done it. |
| 28 | They will curse, but you will bless;  they have arisen and will be put to shame,  but your servant will rejoice. |
| 29 | Let my adversaries be clothed with dishonor,  and let them wrap themselves in their shame as with a cloak. |
| 30 | I will powerfully praise Yahweh with my mouth.  Yes, I will praise him in the midst of many. |
| 31 | For he stands at the right hand of the needy person,  to deliver him from those who judge his soul. |

**Psalm 110**

A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | Yahweh’s declaration to my lord,  “Sit at my right hand  until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” |
| 2 | Yahweh will stretch forth your mighty scepter from Zion.  Rule in the midst of your enemies! |
| 3 | Your people will volunteer  on the day of your power on holy mountains.  From the womb of the dawn  *comes* to you the dew of your youth. |
| 4 | Yahweh has sworn and he will not change his mind;  “You are a priest forever  in the pattern of Melchizedek.” |
| 5 | O Lord, at your right hand  is he *who* will shatter kings in the day of his wrath. |
| 6 | He will judge among the nations, he will fill *them* with corpses,  he will shatter their leaders over the broad earth. |
| 7 | He will drink of the brook by the road.  Therefore he will lift up *his* head. |

**Psalm 111**

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| 1 | Praise Yah!  I will praise Yahweh with *my* whole heart  in the council of the upright and in the congregation. |
| 2 | Yahweh’s works are great,  to be studied by all who delight in them. |
| 3 | Splendor and majesty are his deeds,  and his righteousness endures forever. |
| 4 | He has made his wonderful deeds to be remembered;  Yahweh is gracious and merciful. |
| 5 | He has given food to those who fear him;  He remembers his covenant forever. |
| 6 | He has made known to his people the power of his works,  in giving them the inheritance of the nations. |
| 7 | The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;  all his precepts are trustworthy. |
| 8 | They are upheld forever and ever;  they are accomplished in faithfulness and uprightness. |
| 9 | He has sent redemption to his people;  He has decreed his covenant forever;  his name is holy and awesome! |
| 10 | The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom;  good prudence to all who do his precepts;  His praise endures forever! |

**Psalm 112**

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| 1 | Praise Yah!  Blessed is the person who fears Yahweh,  who greatly delights in his commandments. |
| 2 | His offspring will be mighty in the land;  the generation of the upright will be blessed. |
| 3 | Wealth and riches are in his house,  and his righteousness endures forever. |
| 4 | He shines in the darkness *as* light for the upright;  being gracious and merciful and righteous. |
| 5 | It is well with the person who is gracious and lends;  He will conduct his affairs with justice. |
| 6 | For he will never be shaken;  the righteous person will be remembered forever. |
| 7 | He will not fear bad news;  His heart is steadfast, trusting in Yahweh. |
| 8 | His heart is firm, he will not fear  as he looks *down* at his foes. |
| 9 | He has distributed; he has given to the poor;  His righteousness endures forever.  His horn will be exalted in glory. |
| 10 | The wicked person will see and be angry,  he will gnash with his teeth and will melt away;  the desire of the wicked will perish. |

**Psalm 113**

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| 1 | Praise Yah!  Praise, you servants of Yahweh,  praise the name of Yahweh! |
| 2 | Let the name of Yahweh be blessed  from this time forth and forevermore. |
| 3 | From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,  the name of Yahweh is to be praised. |
| 4 | Yahweh is exalted above all nations,  his glory is above the heavens. |
| 5 | Who is like Yahweh our God—  the one sitting enthroned on high, |
| 6 | stooping down to see—  in the heavens and on earth? |
| 7 | He raises the poor from the dust  and he lifts up the needy from the ash heap, |
| 8 | to seat them with princes,  with the princes of his people. |
| 9 | He settles the barren woman of the household  *as* a joyful mother of children.  Praise Yah! |

**Psalm 114**

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| 1 | When Israel went out of Egypt;  the house of Jacob from a people of a strange language, |
| 2 | Judah became his sanctuary,  Israel, his dominion. |
| 3 | The Sea saw it and ran away;  The Jordan turned back. |
| 4 | The mountains leapt like rams,  the hills, like lambs. |
| 5 | What was it, O Sea, that you flee;  O Jordan, that you turn back; |
| 6 | O mountains, that you leap like rams;  O hills, like lambs? |
| 7 | Dance, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  at the presence of the God of Jacob |
| 8 | who turned the rock into a pool of water,  the flint into a spring of waters. |

**Psalm 115**

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| 1 | Not to us, O Yahweh, not to us,  but to your name give honor,  for the sake of your covenant faithfulness and your truth. |
| 2 | Why should the nations say,  “Where is their God now?” |
| 3 | But our God is in the heavens.  He does whatever he pleases. |
| 4 | Their idols are silver and gold,  the work of human hands. |
| 5 | They have mouths, but they cannot speak;  they have eyes, but they cannot see; |
| 6 | they have ears, but they cannot hear;  they have noses, but they cannot smell; |
| 7 | they have hands, but they cannot feel;  they have feet, but they cannot walk,  nor can they make a sound with their throat. |
| 8 | Those who make them will become like them,  *yes*, everyone who trusts in them. |
| 9 | O Israel, trust in Yahweh!  He is their help and their shield. |
| 10 | O house of Aaron, trust in Yahweh!  He is their help and their shield. |
| 11 | You who fear Yahweh, trust in Yahweh!  He is their help and their shield. |
| 12 | Yahweh has remembered us. He blesses.  He will bless the house of Israel.  He will bless the house of Aaron. |
| 13 | He will bless those who fear Yahweh,  the small together with the great. |
| 14 | May Yahweh give you increase,  you and your children. |
| 15 | May you be blessed by Yahweh,  Creator of heaven and earth. |
| 16 | The heavens are the heavens of Yahweh,  but the earth he has given to the children of men. |
| 17 | The dead do not praise Yah,  nor do any who go down into silence; |
| 18 | but as for us, we will bless Yah,  from this time forth and forevermore.  Praise Yah! |

**Psalm 116**

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| 1 | I love, because Yahweh hears my voice  and my supplications for favor. |
| 2 | Because he has inclined his ear to me,  so in my days I will call *upon him*. |
| 3 | The cords of death surrounded me,  yes, the snares of Sheol have found me.  I found distress and grief. |
| 4 | Then I called upon the name of Yahweh:  “Yahweh, I beseech you, deliver my soul!” |
| 5 | Yahweh is gracious and righteous.  Yes, our God is merciful. |
| 6 | Yahweh watches over the naïve;  I was brought low and he delivered me. |
| 7 | Return to your restful condition, O my soul,  for Yahweh has treated you well. |
| 8 | For you have delivered my soul from death,  my eyes from weeping  *and* my feet from stumbling. |
| 9 | I will walk about in the presence of Yahweh  in the lands of the living. |
| 10 | I believed, even when I said,  “I was greatly afflicted.” |
| 11 | I said in my alarm,  “Everyone is a liar.” |
| 12 | What can I repay to Yahweh  for all his benefits toward me? |
| 13 | I will raise up the cup of salvation  and call on the name of Yahweh. |
| 14 | I will fulfill my vows to Yahweh,  yes, right in front of all his people. |
| 15 | Costly[[15]](#footnote-23055) in the eyes of Yahweh  is the death of his faithful people. |
| 16 | Oh, Yahweh, surely I am your servant,  I am your servant, the son of your servant girl.  You have loosed my chains. |
| 17 | I will sacrifice to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  and will call upon the name of Yahweh. |
| 18 | I will fulfill my vows to Yahweh,  yes, right in front of all his people, |
| 19 | in the courts of the house of Yahweh,  in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  Praise Yah! |

**Psalm 117**

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| 1 | Praise Yahweh, all you nations!  Extol him, all you peoples! |
| 2 | For his covenant faithfulness is mighty toward us,  and the truth of Yahweh is everlasting.  Praise Yah! |

**Psalm 118**

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| 1 | Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good,  for his covenant faithfulness endures forever. |
| 2 | Oh, let Israel say,  “Surely his covenant faithfulness endures forever.” |
| 3 | Oh, let the house of Aaron say,  “Surely his covenant faithfulness endures forever.” |
| 4 | Oh, let those who fear Yahweh say,  “Surely his covenant faithfulness endures forever.” |
| 5 | Out of *my* distress, I called upon Yah.  Yah answered me *and set me* in a spacious place. |
| 6 | Yahweh is for me; I will not fear.  What can man do to me? |
| 7 | Yahweh is for me as one of my helpers;  therefore I will look *in triumph* at those who hate me. |
| 8 | It is better to seek refuge in Yahweh  than to trust in man. |
| 9 | It is better to seek refuge in Yahweh  than to trust in nobles. |
| 10 | All the nations surrounded me,  but in the name of Yahweh I surely fended them off. |
| 11 | They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me.  In the name of Yahweh I surely fended them off. |
| 12 | They surrounded me like bees.  They were extinguished like a fire of thorns.  In the name of Yahweh I surely fended them off. |
| 13 | You aggressively pushed me to make me fall,  but Yahweh helped me. |
| 14 | Yah is my strength and song.  He has become my salvation. |
| 15 | The sound of joyful shouting and salvation  is in the tents of the righteous.  “The right hand of Yahweh acts mightily. |
| 16 | The right hand of Yahweh is exalted!  The right hand of Yahweh acts mightily!” |
| 17 | I did not die, but I live,  and I will declare the works of Yah. |
| 18 | Yah has sternly corrected me,  but he has not given me over to death. |
| 19 | Open to me the gates of righteousness!  I will enter through them;  I will give thanks to Yah. |
| 20 | This is the gate to Yahweh;  *only* the righteous may enter through it. |
| 21 | I will give thanks to you,  for you have answered me  and have become my salvation. |
| 22 | The stone that the builders rejected  has become the cornerstone. |
| 23 | This *stone* was brought about by Yahweh.  It is marvelous in our eyes. |
| 24 | This is the day that Yahweh has made;  let’s rejoice and be glad in it! |
| 25 | Please, O Yahweh, deliver *us* now!  Please, O Yahweh, grant *us* success now! |
| 26 | Blessed is he who comes in the name of Yahweh!  We have blessed you from the house of Yahweh. |
| 27 | Yahweh is God, and he has caused light to shine upon us.  Tie up the festival sacrifice with ropes  to the horns of the altar. |
| 28 | You are my God and I will give thanks to you;  my God, I will exalt you. |
| 29 | Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good;  for his covenant faithfulness endures forever. |

**Psalm 119**

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| 1 | Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  who walk according to the law of Yahweh. |
| 2 | Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,  who seek him with *their* whole heart. |
| 3 | Yea, they do not commit injustice;  they walk in his ways. |
| 4 | You yourself have commanded your precepts,  that *we are* to diligently keep. |
| 5 | Oh that my roads might be steady  to keep your statutes! |
| 6 | Then I will not be ashamed  when I look upon all of your commandments. |
| 7 | I will give thanks to you with an upright heart  when I learn your righteous judgments. |
| 8 | I will keep your statutes.  Do not utterly abandon me! |

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| 9 | How can a young man keep his path pure?  By keeping *it* according to your word. |
| 10 | With my whole heart I have sought you;  do not let me wander astray from your commandments! |
| 11 | I have hidden your speech in my heart,  so that I might not sin against you. |
| 12 | Blessed are you, O Yahweh;  teach me your statutes! |
| 13 | With my lips I have declared  all the judgments of your mouth. |
| 14 | I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies  as much as in all wealth. |
| 15 | I will meditate on your precepts  and look upon your paths. |
| 16 | I will delight myself in your regulations;  I will not forget your word. |

GIMEL

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| 17 | Treat your servant well so that I may live  and I will keep your word. |
| 18 | Uncover my eyes, that I may look upon  wonderful things in your law. |
| 19 | I am a stranger on the earth;  Do not hide your commandments from me! |
| 20 | My soul is worn down with longing  for your judgments at all times. |
| 21 | You have rebuked the insolent, the cursed,  who wander astray from your commandments. |
| 22 | Take reproach and contempt away from me,  for I have guarded your testimonies. |
| 23 | Even though rulers sit and conspire against me,  your servant will meditate on your statutes. |
| 24 | Indeed your testimonies are my delight;  my counselors. |

DALETH

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| 25 | My soul clings to the dust;  revive me according to your word! |
| 26 | I declared my roads and you answered me.  Teach me your statutes! |
| 27 | Make me understand the way of your precepts!  Then I will meditate on your wonderful acts. |
| 28 | My soul has wept from grief;  strengthen me to stand according to your word! |
| 29 | Take the deceitful road away from me  and graciously give me your instruction! |
| 30 | I have chosen the way of faithfulness;  I have considered your judgments. |
| 31 | I cling to your testimonies, O Yahweh.  Do not put me to shame! |
| 32 | I will run on the road of your commandments,  for you will broaden my understanding. |

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| 33 | Teach me, O Yahweh, the way of your statutes,  that I may guard it *as* a reward. |
| 34 | Give me understanding so that I may observe your law,  yes, that I may keep it with *my* whole heart. |
| 35 | Lead me on the pathway of your commandments,  for I delight in them. |
| 36 | Incline my heart toward your testimonies  and not toward dishonest gain! |
| 37 | Avert my eyes from looking upon *any* worthless thing,  and give me life in your roads! |
| 38 | Fulfill what you say to your servant,  which *brings* you reverence. |
| 39 | Turn away the reproach that I dread;  for your judgments are good. |
| 40 | Behold, I long for your precepts.  Revive me by your righteousness! |

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| 41 | Let your covenant faithfulness also come to me, O Yahweh,  your deliverance, just as you have spoken. |
| 42 | So I will answer him who reproaches me,  for I trust in your word. |
| 43 | And do not forcefully snatch the faithful word out of my mouth,  for I put my hope in your judgments. |
| 44 | So I will continually keep your law,  forever and ever. |
| 45 | And I will walk about in the broad place,  for I have sought your precepts. |
| 46 | I will also speak of your testimonies before kings  and I will not be put to shame. |
| 47 | And I will take pleasure in your commandments,  which I love. |
| 48 | Yes, I will lift up my hands for your commandments, which I love;  and I will meditate on your statutes. |

ZAYIN

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| 49 | Remember the word to your servant,  in which you have made me hope. |
| 50 | This is my comfort in my affliction:  that your utterance has revived me. |
| 51 | The insolent deride me excessively,  but I have not deviated from your law. |
| 52 | I have remembered your judgments of old,  O Yahweh, and I comfort myself. |
| 53 | Rage has seized me  because of the wicked who forsake your law. |
| 54 | Your statutes have become my songs  in the house where I sojourn. |
| 55 | I have remembered your name, O Yahweh,  in the night, and I keep your law. |
| 56 | This *law* has become my own,  so that I observe your precepts. |

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| 57 | Yahweh is my portion.  I have promised to keep your words. |
| 58 | I have entreated your face with *my* whole heart.  Show me favor according to your utterance! |
| 59 | I have considered my roads  and I turned my feet toward your testimonies. |
| 60 | I have made haste and did not delay  to keep your commandments. |
| 61 | The cords of the wicked encircle me,  but I have not forgotten your law. |
| 62 | In the middle of the night I will rise to thank you  because of your righteous judgments. |
| 63 | I am a friend to all those who fear you,  yes, to those who keep your precepts. |
| 64 | The earth is full of your covenant faithfulness, O Yahweh;  teach me your statutes! |

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| 65 | You have treated your servant well, O Yahweh,  according to your word. |
| 66 | Teach me good discernment and knowledge,  for I trust in your commandments. |
| 67 | Before I was afflicted, I was going astray;  but now I observe your utterance. |
| 68 | You are good and you do good;  teach me your statutes! |
| 69 | The insolent have smeared me with lies.  With *my* whole heart I will guard your precepts. |
| 70 | Their hearts are insensitive, as if *covered with* fat,  *but* I have delighted in your law. |
| 71 | It is good for me that I have been afflicted,  in order that I would learn your statutes. |
| 72 | Instruction from your mouth is better to me  than thousands of gold and silver *pieces*. |

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| 73 | Your hands created me and formed me;  give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments. |
| 74 | Let those who fear you see me and be glad,  because I have put my hope in your word. |
| 75 | O Yahweh, I know that your judgments are righteous,  and that in *your* fidelity you have humbled me. |
| 76 | O let your covenant faithfulness be my comfort,  according to what you said to your servant. |
| 77 | Let your tender mercies come to me that I may live,  for your law is my delight. |
| 78 | Let the insolent be put to shame, for they have oppressed me with falsehood;  I will meditate on your precepts. |
| 79 | Let those who fear you turn to me;  yes, those who know your testimonies. |
| 80 | May my heart be blameless in your statutes,  so that I will not be put to shame. |

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| 81 | My soul languishes for your deliverance;  I hope in your word. |
| 82 | My eyes languish for your utterance,  *I* ask, “When will you comfort me?” |
| 83 | Though I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,  I did not forget your statutes. |
| 84 | How many are the days of your servant?  When will you execute judgment on those who persecute me? |
| 85 | The insolent have dug pits for me,  those who are not in accord with your law. |
| 86 | All of your commandments are faithful.  *People* have persecuted me with falsehood. Help me! |
| 87 | They had almost destroyed me on the earth;  but as for me, I did not forsake your precepts. |
| 88 | Revive me according to your covenant faithfulness,  so that I may keep the testimony of your mouth. |

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| 89 | Forever, O Yahweh,  your word stands firm in the heavens. |
| 90 | Your fidelity *endures* from generation to generation;  you established the earth, and it stands. |
| 91 | According to your judgments they stand to this day,  for all things are your servants. |
| 92 | If your law had not been my delight,  then I would have perished in my affliction. |
| 93 | I will never forget your precepts,  for with them you have revived me. |
| 94 | I am yours, deliver me,  for I have sought your precepts. |
| 95 | The wicked have waited for me, to destroy me;  I will direct my attention to your testimonies. |
| 96 | I have seen a limit to all perfection,  *but* your commandment is extremely broad. |

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| 97 | O how I love your law!  It is my meditation all day long. |
| 98 | Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies,  for it is always mine. |
| 99 | I have more insight than all my teachers,  because your testimonies are my meditation. |
| 100 | I have more understanding than the elders,  because I have maintained your precepts. |
| 101 | I have restrained my feet from every evil path,  in order that I may keep your word. |
| 102 | I have not turned aside from your judgments,  for you yourself have taught me. |
| 103 | How sweet are your utterances to my taste,  more than honey to my mouth! |
| 104 | Through your precepts I get understanding;  therefore I hate every deceptive path. |

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| 105 | Your word is a lamp to my feet,  yes, a light for my path. |
| 106 | I have sworn *an oath* and have confirmed *it*,  to keep your righteous judgments. |
| 107 | I am sorely afflicted;  O Yahweh, revive me according to your word. |
| 108 | Please accept the willing offerings of my mouth,  O Yahweh, and teach me your judgments. |
| 109 | My soul is continually in danger,  but I have not forgotten your law. |
| 110 | The wicked have set a trap for me,  but I have not wandered astray from your precepts. |
| 111 | I have inherited your testimonies forever,  for they are the joy of my heart. |
| 112 | I have inclined my heart to perform your statutes;  the reward is everlasting. |

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| 113 | I hate those with divided loyalties,  but I love your law. |
| 114 | You are my hiding place and my shield;  I put my hope in your word. |
| 115 | Depart from me, O evildoers,  that I may guard the commandments of my God. |
| 116 | Sustain me according to your utterance, so that I may live;  and do not let me be put to shame because of my hope! |
| 117 | Support me that I may be delivered,  then I will pay attention to your statutes continually. |
| 118 | You treat all those who wander astray from your statutes as worthless,  because their thoughts are unrighteous.[[16]](#footnote-10288) |
| 119 | You destroy all the wicked of the earth *like* dross;  therefore I love your testimonies. |
| 120 | My flesh trembles for fear of you,  yes, I am afraid of your judgments. |

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| 121 | I have performed justice and righteousness;  do not leave me to my oppressors. |
| 122 | Intervene for the good of your servant;  do not let the presumptuous oppress me. |
| 123 | My eyes languish *while looking* for your deliverance,  yes, for the utterance of your righteousness. |
| 124 | Deal with your servant according to your covenant faithfulness  and teach me your statutes! |
| 125 | I am your servant; give me understanding  that I may know your testimonies. |
| 126 | It is time to act, O Yahweh;  they have broken your law. |
| 127 | Therefore I love your commandments more than gold,  yes, more than pure gold. |
| 128 | Therefore I carefully observe all of your precepts.  I hate every false path. |

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| 129 | Your testimonies are wonderful;  therefore my soul keeps them. |
| 130 | The opening of your words gives light.  It gives understanding to the naïve. |
| 131 | I open wide my mouth and I pant,  for I desire your commandments. |
| 132 | Turn to me and show me favor,  according to *your* judgment toward those who love your name. |
| 133 | Establish my steps within your utterance;  and do not let any wickedness have power over me. |
| 134 | Redeem me from human oppression  so that I may keep your precepts. |
| 135 | Make your face shine upon your servant,  and teach me your statutes. |
| 136 | My eyes run with streams of tears,  because they do not keep your law. |

TZADI

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| 137 | You are righteous, O Yahweh,  yes, your judgments are upright. |
| 138 | You have commanded your testimonies in righteousness,  yes, in exceeding fidelity. |
| 139 | My zeal has consumed me,  because my foes have forgotten your words. |
| 140 | Your utterance has been greatly tested,  so your servant loves it. |
| 141 | I am insignificant and despised,  *but* I do not forget your precepts. |
| 142 | Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,  your law is truth. |
| 143 | Distress and anguish have found me,  *yet* your commandments are my delight. |
| 144 | Your testimonies are righteous forever;  give me understanding that I may live! |

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| 145 | I called out with *my* whole heart; answer me, O Yahweh!  I will guard your statutes. |
| 146 | I called out to you; deliver me  and I will keep your statutes. |
| 147 | I rose up before dawn and cried out for help;  I put my hope in your words. |
| 148 | My eyes anticipate the night watches,  that I might meditate on your utterance. |
| 149 | Hear my voice according to your covenant faithfulness;  revive me, O Yahweh, according to your judgments! |
| 150 | Those who pursue wickedness have drawn near;  they are far from your law. |
| 151 | You yourself are near, O Yahweh;  and all your commandments are truth. |
| 152 | Long ago I learned from your testimonies  that you have established them forever. |

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| 153 | Look upon my affliction and deliver me,  because I have not forgotten your law. |
| 154 | Plead my cause and redeem me;  revive me according to your utterance! |
| 155 | Deliverance is far from the wicked,  for they do not seek your statutes. |
| 156 | Your tender mercies are many, O Yahweh;  revive me according to your judgments. |
| 157 | My persecutors and my foes are many;  *yet* I have not deviated from your testimonies. |
| 158 | I look at the unfaithful and I am in disgust,  because they do not keep your utterance. |
| 159 | See how I love your precepts;  revive me, O Yahweh, according to your covenant faithfulness! |
| 160 | The entirety of your word is truth;  and every one of your righteous judgments is everlasting. |

SIN AND SHIN

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| 161 | Leaders have persecuted me without cause,  but my heart stands in awe of your words. |
| 162 | I am rejoicing at your utterance,  like one who finds great spoil. |
| 163 | I hate and abhor falsehood,  *but* I love your law. |
| 164 | Seven times a day I praise you,  because of your righteous judgments. |
| 165 | Great peace *comes* to those who love your law,  and nothing causes them to stumble. |
| 166 | I have hoped for your deliverance, O Yahweh,  and I have performed your commandments. |
| 167 | My soul has kept your testimonies;  yes, I love them exceedingly. |
| 168 | I have kept your precepts and your testimonies,  for all my roads are before you. |

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| 169 | Let my cry come before you, O Yahweh;  give me understanding according to your word! |
| 170 | Let my supplication come before you;  deliver me according to your utterance! |
| 171 | Let my lips pour forth praise,  for you teach me your statutes. |
| 172 | Let my tongue sing of your utterance,  for all your commandments are righteousness. |
| 173 | Let your hand be ready to aid me,  for I have chosen your precepts. |
| 174 | I have longed for your deliverance, O Yahweh,  yes, your law is my delight. |
| 175 | Let my soul live, that it may praise you,  and let your ordinances aid me. |
| 176 | I have wandered like a stray sheep;  seek your servant,  since I have not forgotten your commandments. |

**Psalm 120**

A Song of Ascents.

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| 1 | I called to Yahweh in my distress,  and he answered me. |
| 2 | O Yahweh, deliver my soul from lying lips;  from a deceitful tongue. |
| 3 | What will be rendered to you,  and what more will be done to you,  O deceitful tongue? |
| 4 | Sharp arrows of a warrior,  with burning charcoal of a broom tree. |
| 5 | Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech,  I dwell among the tents of Kedar! |
| 6 | My soul has had its dwelling too long  with one who hates peace. |
| 7 | I am *for* peace, but when I speak,  they are for war. |

**Psalm 121**

A Song of Ascents.

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| 1 | I will lift up my eyes to the mountains;  where does my help come from? |
| 2 | My help is from Yahweh,  the Creator of heaven and earth. |
| 3 | He will not allow your foot to slip;  He who keeps watch over you will not grow tired. |
| 4 | Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  will neither grow tired nor sleep. |
| 5 | Yahweh is the one who keeps watch over you;  Yahweh is your *protective* shade over your right hand. |
| 6 | The sun will not strike you by day,  nor the moon by night. |
| 7 | Yahweh will keep watch over you from every evil;  he will keep watch over your soul. |
| 8 | Yahweh will keep watch over your going out and your coming in  from this time forth and forevermore. |

**Psalm 122**

A Song of Ascents.  
Of David.

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| 1 | I rejoiced when they said to me,  “Let’s go to the house of Yahweh!” |
| 2 | Our feet are *now* standing  inside your gates, O Jerusalem, |
| 3 | Jerusalem, built as a city  firmly joined together; |
| 4 | to which the tribes ascend—  the tribes of Yah, as a testimony for Israel—  to give thanks to the name of Yahweh. |
| 5 | For there thrones were set for judgment,  thrones belonging to the house of David. |
| 6 | Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  “May those who love you be at ease. |
| 7 | May peace be inside your ramparts,  ease inside your palaces!” |
| 8 | For the sake of my brothers and my friends,  I will now say, “Peace be within you.” |
| 9 | For the sake of the house of Yahweh our God  I will seek your good. |

**Psalm 123**

A Song of Ascents.

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| 1 | To you I have lifted up my eyes,  the one enthroned in the heavens. |
| 2 | Behold, as the eyes of servants *look to* the hand of their master,  as the eyes of a slave girl to the hand of her mistress,  so our eyes *look* to Yahweh our God  until he shows us favor. |
| 3 | Show us favor, O Yahweh, show us favor,  for we have had more than our fill of contempt. |
| 4 | Our soul has had more than its fill  with the mocking of those who are at ease,  the contempt of the proud. |

**Psalm 124**

A Song of Ascents.  
Of David.

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| 1 | If it had not been Yahweh who was on our side,  let Israel now say, |
| 2 | if it had not been Yahweh who was on our side  when people rose up against us, |
| 3 | then they would have swallowed us alive,  when their anger was kindled against us; |
| 4 | then the waters would have flooded us,  the torrent would have gone over our necks. |
| 5 | Then the raging waters would have gone over our necks. |
| 6 | Blessed be Yahweh,  who has not given us as prey to their teeth. |
| 7 | Our soul has escaped like a bird out of the fowler’s snare.  The snare is broken and we have escaped. |
| 8 | Our help is in the name of Yahweh,  the Creator of heaven and earth. |

**Psalm 125**

A Song of Ascents.

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| 1 | Those who trust in Yahweh are like Mount Zion,  which cannot be shaken but remains forever. |
| 2 | As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  so Yahweh surrounds his people  from this time forth and forever. |
| 3 | For the scepter of wickedness will not come to rest  over the allotted land to the righteous,  so that the righteous will not put forth their hands in injustice. |
| 4 | Do good, O Yahweh, to those who are good,  yes, to those who are upright in their heart. |
| 5 | But as for those who turn aside to their crooked ways,  may Yahweh lead them away with the workers of wickedness.  May peace be upon Israel. |

**Psalm 126**

A Song of Ascents.

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| 1 | When Yahweh restored the fortunes of Zion,  we were like those who dream. |
| 2 | Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  and our tongue with a ringing cry.  Then they said among the nations,  “Yahweh has proven himself great in his dealings with them.” |
| 3 | Yahweh has proven himself great in his dealings with us,  and we were glad. |
| 4 | Restore our fortunes again, O Yahweh,  like the streams in the Negev. |
| 5 | Those who sow with tears  will reap with a ringing shout *of joy*. |
| 6 | He who goes, goes and weeps,  carrying a leather pouch of seed;  he will come, come with a ringing cry,  carrying his sheaves. |

**Psalm 127**

A Song of Ascents.  
Of Solomon.

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| 1 | If Yahweh does not build a house,  those who built it labored in vain.  If Yahweh does not watch over a city,  the watchman keeps awake in vain. |
| 2 | It is in vain for you to rise up early,  to lie down late, to eat the bread of strenuous labor;  for he gives sleep to his beloved. |
| 3 | Behold, children are an inheritance from Yahweh,  the fruit of the womb is a reward. |
| 4 | As arrows in the hand of a mighty man,  so are the children of one’s youth. |
| 5 | Blessed is the person who has his quiver full of them.  They will not be put to shame  when they speak with their enemies at the gate. |

**Psalm 128**

A Song of Ascents.

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| 1 | Blessed is everyone who fears Yahweh,  who walks on his roads. |
| 2 | You will certainly eat the fruit of your hands.  How blessed you are, and it will be well with you. |
| 3 | Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house.  Your children will be like shoots of olive trees around your table. |
| 4 | Behold, in this way a man will certainly be blessed  who fears Yahweh. |
| 5 | May Yahweh bless you from Zion,  and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  all the days of your life, |
| 6 | so that you may see your children’s children.  May peace be upon Israel. |

**Psalm 129**

A Song of Ascents.

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| 1 | “Often have they treated me with hostility from my youth up,”  let Israel now say, |
| 2 | “Often have they treated me with hostility from my youth up,  yet they have not prevailed against me.” |
| 3 | The plowers have plowed upon my back;  they lengthened their furrows. |
| 4 | Yahweh is righteous;  he has cut the rope of the wicked. |
| 5 | Let everyone who hates Zion  be put to shame and turned backward. |
| 6 | Let them be like grass upon the housetops  that withers before it is pulled up; |
| 7 | with which the reaper does not fill his hand,  nor he who gathers grain *fill* his bosom, |
| 8 | and those who pass by will not say,  “*May* the blessing of Yahweh be upon you;  we bless you in the name of Yahweh.” |

**Psalm 130**

A Song of Ascents.

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| 1 | Out of the depths I have called out to you, O Yahweh. |
| 2 | O Lord, listen to my voice!  Let your ears be attentive  to the voice of my supplications for favor! |
| 3 | If you, O Yah, kept track of iniquities,  O Lord, who could stand? |
| 4 | But there is forgiveness with you,  therefore you are to be revered. |
| 5 | I hope for Yahweh, my soul hopes,  and for his word I wait. |
| 6 | My soul *waits* for the Lord  more than the watchmen long for the morning;  *more than* the watchmen for the morning. |
| 7 | O Israel, wait for Yahweh,  for with Yahweh there is covenant faithfulness,  and abundant redemption is with him. |
| 8 | Yes, he himself will redeem Israel  from all their iniquities. |

**Psalm 131**

A Song of Ascents.  
Of David.

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| 1 | O Yahweh, my heart is not puffed up,  nor are my eyes arrogant;  nor do I occupy myself with great matters,  or in things too wonderful for me. |
| 2 | Instead I have settled and quieted my soul;  like a nursing child upon his mother,  like a nursing child upon me is my soul. |
| 3 | Wait, O Israel, for Yahweh  from this time forth and forever. |

**Psalm 132**

A Song of Ascents.

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| 1 | O Yahweh, remember David,  all his affliction; |
| 2 | how he swore to Yahweh,  he vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: |
| 3 | “Surely I will not enter the tent of my house,  nor go up upon the bed of my couch, |
| 4 | I will not give sleep to my eyes  *nor* slumber to my eyelids, |
| 5 | until I find a place for Yahweh,  a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.” |
| 6 | Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah.  We found it in the fields of Jaar. |
| 7 | Let’s go into his dwelling place.  Let’s worship at his footstool. |
| 8 | Arise, O Yahweh, to your resting place,  you and the ark of your strength. |
| 9 | Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,  and let your faithful people shout for joy! |
| 10 | For the sake of David your servant,  do not turn away the face of your anointed one. |
| 11 | Yahweh has sworn to David a truth  from which he will not turn back:  “I will set upon your throne  *one* from the fruit of your body. |
| 12 | If your sons will keep my covenant  and my testimonies that I will teach them,  their sons will also sit on your throne forever.” |
| 13 | For Yahweh has chosen Zion.  He has desired it for his habitation. |
| 14 | “This is my resting place forever;  here I will dwell, for I have desired her. |
| 15 | I will abundantly bless her provision;  I will satisfy her poor with food. |
| 16 | Her priests I will also clothe with deliverance,  and her faithful people will shout aloud for joy. |
| 17 | There I will make a horn sprout forth for David;  I have made ready a lamp for my anointed one. |
| 18 | I will clothe his enemies with shame,  but upon him, his crown will shine.” |

**Psalm 133**

A Song of Ascents.  
Of David.

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| 1 | Behold, how good and how delightful it is  for brothers to live together in unity! |
| 2 | It is like the good oil upon the head,  coming down on the beard,  Aaron’s beard,  coming down upon the collar of his cloaks. |
| 3 | It is like the dew of *Mount* Hermon  coming down upon the mountains of Zion;  for there Yahweh commanded a blessing—  life forevermore. |

**Psalm 134**

A Song of Ascents.

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| 1 | Behold, bless Yahweh,  all you servants of Yahweh,  you who stand by night in the house of Yahweh. |
| 2 | Lift up your hands toward the holy place  and bless Yahweh! |
| 3 | May Yahweh bless you from Zion,  the Creator of heaven and earth. |

**Psalm 135**

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| 1 | Praise Yah!  Praise the name of Yahweh!  Praise *him*, O servants of Yahweh, |
| 2 | you who stand in the house of Yahweh,  in the courts of the house of our God. |
| 3 | Praise Yah, for Yahweh is good.  Sing praises to his name, for it is delightful. |
| 4 | For Yah has chosen Jacob for himself,  Israel for his own possession. |
| 5 | For I myself know that Yahweh is great,  that our Lord is greater than all gods. |
| 6 | Everything that pleases Yahweh, he does,  in heaven and on earth,  in the seas and in all the deeps; |
| 7 | he causes the clouds to rise from the ends of the earth;  he makes lightning for the rain;  he brings forth the wind out of his storehouses. |
| 8 | He struck the firstborn of Egypt,  both of man and animal, |
| 9 | he sent signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt,  on Pharaoh and on all his servants. |
| 10 | He struck many nations  and killed mighty kings, |
| 11 | Sihon, the king of the Amorites,  and Og, the king of Bashan,  and all the kingdoms of Canaan, |
| 12 | and gave their land as an inheritance,  an inheritance for Israel his people. |
| 13 | O Yahweh, your name is everlasting,  O Yahweh, it is how you are to be remembered from generation to generation. |
| 14 | For Yahweh will judge his people,  and he will have compassion on his servants. |
| 15 | The idols of the nations are silver and gold,  the work of human hands. |
| 16 | They have mouths, but they cannot speak.  They have eyes, but they cannot see. |
| 17 | They have ears, but they cannot hear;  nor is there any breath at all in their mouths. |
| 18 | Those who make them will become like them,  *yes*, everyone who trusts in them. |
| 19 | O house of Israel, bless Yahweh!  O house of Aaron, bless Yahweh! |
| 20 | O house of Levi, bless Yahweh!  Fearers of Yahweh, bless Yahweh! |
| 21 | Blessed be Yahweh from Zion,  who dwells in Jerusalem.  Praise Yah! |

**Psalm 136**

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| 1 | Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting. |
| 2 | Give thanks to the God of gods,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting. |
| 3 | Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting. |
| 4 | To him who alone performs great wonders,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting. |
| 5 | To him who created the heavens by discernment,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting. |
| 6 | To him who spread out the earth above the waters,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting. |
| 7 | To him who created the great lights,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting; |
| 8 | the sun to rule by day,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting; |
| 9 | the moon and stars to rule by night,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting. |
| 10 | To him who struck the Egyptian firstborn,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting, |
| 11 | and brought Israel out from their midst,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting, |
| 12 | with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting. |
| 13 | To him who divided the Sea of Reeds into pieces,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting; |
| 14 | and made Israel to pass through its midst,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting; |
| 15 | but tossed Pharaoh and his army into the Sea of Reeds,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting; |
| 16 | to him who led his people through the wilderness,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting. |
| 17 | To him who struck great kings,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting; |
| 18 | and killed powerful kings,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting; |
| 19 | Sihon, the king of the Amorites,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting; |
| 20 | and Og, the king of Bashan,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting, |
| 21 | and gave their land as an inheritance,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting; |
| 22 | an inheritance to Israel his servant,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting. |
| 23 | He who remembered us in our low condition,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting; |
| 24 | and rescued us from our foes,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting; |
| 25 | who gives food to all flesh,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting. |
| 26 | Oh give thanks to the God of heaven,  for his covenant faithfulness is everlasting. |

**Psalm 137**

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| 1 | By the rivers of Babylon,  there we sat down and wept  when we remembered Zion. |
| 2 | On the willow trees in its midst  we hung up our lyres. |
| 3 | For there our captors demanded songs from us,  and our tormenters *demanded* joy:  “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!” |
| 4 | How can we sing Yahweh’s song  in a foreign land? |
| 5 | If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  may my right hand forget. |
| 6 | May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth  if I do not remember you,  if I do not elevate Jerusalem above my highest joy. |
| 7 | Remember, O Yahweh, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem.  They said, “Raze *it*, raze *it* to its very foundation!” |
| 8 | O daughter Babylon, you who are condemned to destruction,  blessed is he who repays you the recompense  with what you have dealt to us. |
| 9 | Blessed will be he who seizes  and dashes your little children against the rock. |

**Psalm 138**

Of David.

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| 1 | I will give you thanks with my whole heart.  Before the gods I will make music to you. |
| 2 | I will bow down toward your holy Temple  and give thanks to your name  for your covenant faithfulness and for your truth,  for you have made your name and what you say great above all else. |
| 3 | On the day that I called, you answered me.  You gave me confidence, with strength in my soul. |
| 4 | May all the kings of the earth give you thanks, O Yahweh,  when they hear the words of your mouth. |
| 5 | Yes, may they sing of the roads of Yahweh,  for great is the glory of Yahweh. |
| 6 | For though Yahweh is exalted,  yet he looks upon the lowly;  but the proud person he knows *only* from afar. |
| 7 | Though I walk in the midst of distress,  you will revive me;  you will stretch forth your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  yes, your right hand will deliver me. |
| 8 | Yahweh will act as an avenger on my behalf;  your covenant faithfulness, O Yahweh, endures forever.  Do not forsake the work of your hands! |

**Psalm 139**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | O Yahweh, you have searched me and you know *me*. |
| 2 | You yourself know when I sit down and when I stand up.  You discern what I think from afar. |
| 3 | You measure out where I go and when I rest,  yes, you are acquainted with all my road. |
| 4 | For an utterance does not have to be on my tongue,  behold, O Yahweh, you know it altogether. |
| 5 | You have enclosed my back and front  and you laid your hand on me. |
| 6 | *Such* knowledge is too wonderful for me.  It is so high I am unable to attain it. |
| 7 | Where could I go from your spirit?  Or where could I flee from your presence? |
| 8 | If I ascend up into heaven, you are there.  If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, you are there! |
| 9 | If I take the wings of the morning dawn,  if I settle in the farthest part of the sea, |
| 10 | even there your hand will lead me,  and your right hand will hold me. |
| 11 | If I say, “Surely darkness will cover me,  the light around me will be night,” |
| 12 | even darkness is not dark to you,  but the night shines like the day.  The darkness and the light are alike. |
| 13 | For you yourself created my innermost parts;  you wove me together in my mother’s womb. |
| 14 | I give thanks to you, for I am amazingly *and* wonderfully *made*;  your works are wonderful and my soul is abundantly aware *of this*. |
| 15 | My bones were not hidden from you  when I was made in secret,  intricately woven together in the lowest parts of the earth. |
| 16 | Your eyes saw my embryo;  and in your scroll they were all written—  the days that were formed before there was any of them. |
| 17 | Yes, how precious to me are your thoughts, O God!  How mighty is their sum! |
| 18 | If I could count them, they would be more numerous than the sand.  When I wake up, I am still with you. |
| 19 | If only you, O God, would kill the wicked person.  Depart from me, O men of bloodshed! |
| 20 | They speak of you deceitfully,  your enemies take *your name* in vain. |
| 21 | Should I not hate, O Yahweh, the person who hates you?  Do I not loathe those who rise up against you? |
| 22 | I hate them with the utmost hatred;  they have become enemies to me. |
| 23 | Search me, O God, and know my heart.  Examine me and know my anxious thoughts. |
| 24 | Yes, see if there is any idolatrous way in me,  then lead me in the everlasting way! |

**Psalm 140**

For the Musical Director.  
A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | Deliver me, O Yahweh, from evil people;  guard me from the man of violent deeds, |
| 2 | those who devise evil things in *their* heart;  every day they stir up wars. |
| 3 | They have sharpened their tongue like a serpent;  a viper’s poison is under their lips. Selah. |
| 4 | Keep me, O Yahweh, from the hands of the wicked person;  guard me from the man of violent deeds,  those who devise *how* to trip up my feet. |
| 5 | The proud have hidden a trap for me, and cords;  they have spread a net by the path;  they have set snares for me. Selah. |
| 6 | I said to Yahweh, “You are my God.”  Give ear, O Yahweh, to the sound of my supplications for favor! |
| 7 | O Yahweh, the Lord, the strength of my salvation,  you have covered my head in the day of battle. |
| 8 | Do not grant, O Yahweh, the desires of the wicked person.  Do not cause what he devises to succeed,  or he will become arrogance. Selah. |
| 9 | *As for the* heads of those who surround me,  let the trouble caused by their own lips cover them. |
| 10 | Let burning coals fall upon them;  may he cast them into the fire,  may they never arise from among the watery pits. |
| 11 | Do not let a slanderer be established in the earth;  may evil hunt the man of violence, to knock *him* down. |
| 12 | I know that Yahweh will maintain the just cause of the afflicted person—  judgment for the needy. |
| 13 | Surely the righteous will give thanks to your name;  the upright will dwell in your presence. |

**Psalm 141**

A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | O Yahweh, I have called to you; come to me quickly!  Give ear to my voice when I call to you! |
| 2 | May my prayer be steadfast before you *like* incense,  the lifting up of my hands *like* the evening sacrifice. |
| 3 | Set, O Yahweh, a guard on my mouth!  Keep watch over the door of my lips! |
| 4 | Do not incline my heart to any evil matter,  to practice wicked deeds  with men who work iniquity;  and I will not eat of their delicacies. |
| 5 | Let the righteous person strike me *in* loyalty;  yes, let him reprove me;  it is *like* oil on the head;  do not let my head refuse it,  for my prayer is continually against their evil deeds. |
| 6 | Their judges are thrown down by the sides of the rock,  and they will hear my words, for they are delightful. |
| 7 | “As when one plows and breaks up the earth,  our bones are scattered at the mouth of Sheol.” |
| 8 | For my eyes are toward you, O Yahweh the Lord;  in you I have sought refuge; do not expose my neck. |
| 9 | Keep me from the jaws of the trap that they have set for me,  yes, from the snares of the workers of wickedness. |
| 10 | Let the wicked fall together into their own snares  while I pass by. |

**Psalm 142**

A meditation of David when he was in the cave.  
A Prayer.

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| 1 | I cry out to Yahweh with my voice;  I seek favor from Yahweh with my voice. |
| 2 | I pour out my complaint before him;  I declare my distress before him. |
| 3 | When my spirit fainted within me,  you yourself knew my path.  In the way where I walk  they have hidden a trap for me. |
| 4 | Look on my right and see,  for no one takes any notice of me;  there is no refuge for me;  no one enquires about my soul. |
| 5 | I cried out to you, O Yahweh.  I said, “You are my refuge,  my portion in the land of the living.” |
| 6 | Give attention to my cry,  for I am very small;  deliver me from my persecutors,  for they are stronger than me. |
| 7 | Bring my life out of the prison,  so that I may praise your name;  the righteous will surround me,  for you will treat me well. |

**Psalm 143**

A Psalm of David.

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| 1 | Hear my prayer, O Yahweh,  give ear to my supplications for favor!  Answer me in your fidelity, in your righteousness. |
| 2 | Do not enter into judgment with your servant,  for no one living is righteous before you. |
| 3 | For the enemy has persecuted my soul;  he has crushed my life to the ground;  he has made me dwell in dark places,  like those who have long been dead. |
| 4 | Now my spirit has fainted within me;  my heart within me is numb. |
| 5 | I remember the days of old;  I meditate on your every deed;  I contemplate the work of your hands. |
| 6 | I spread out my hands to you;  my soul is like a parched land. Selah. |
| 7 | Quickly answer me, O Yahweh;  my spirit languishes;  do not hide your face from me,  or I will become like those  who go down into the pit. |
| 8 | Cause me to hear your covenant faithfulness in the morning,  for I have put my trust in you.  Declare to me the road on which I should walk,  for I lift up my soul to you. |
| 9 | Deliver me, O Yahweh, from my enemies.  I *look* to you for cover. |
| 10 | Teach me to do your will,  for you are my God.  Let your good spirit lead me on level ground. |
| 11 | Revive me, O Yahweh, for your name’s sake.  In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble. |
| 12 | Yes, in your covenant faithfulness, annihilate my enemies  and destroy all those who afflict my soul,  for I am your servant. |

**Psalm 144**

Of David.

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| 1 | Blessed be Yahweh, my rock,  who teaches my hands for war,  my fingers for battle; |
| 2 | my loyal love and my fortress,  my stronghold and my deliverer,  my shield, and he in whom I seek refuge,  who conquers a people under me. |
| 3 | O Yahweh, what is man, that you care for him,  and the son of man, that you think of him? |
| 4 | Man is like a breath;  his days are like a passing shadow. |
| 5 | O Yahweh, spread apart your heavens and come down;  touch the mountains that they may smoke. |
| 6 | Flash forth lightning and scatter them;  send out your arrows and confuse them. |
| 7 | Stretch out your hand from on high;  set me free and deliver me out of great waters,  out of the hands of foreigners |
| 8 | whose mouth speaks what is worthless,  whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood. |
| 9 | I will sing a new song to you, O God;  on a lyre of ten strings I will sing praises to you. |
| 10 | the one who gives deliverance to kings,  who set David his servant free  from the evil sword. |
| 11 | Set me free and deliver me out of the hands of foreigners,  whose mouth speaks what is worthless,  whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood. |
| 12 | Then our sons in their youth will be like grown-up plants,  our daughters like corner pillars hewn for the construction of a palace. |
| 13 | Our granaries are full,  producing *food* of every kind.  Our flocks bring forth thousands *more*,  yes, ten thousands in our open fields. |
| 14 | Our cattle are pregnant;  there is no problem nor miscarriage  nor outcry in our streets. |
| 15 | Blessed are the people who are so situated;  blessed are the people whose God is Yahweh. |

**Psalm 145**

A praise of David.

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| 1 | I will exalt you, my God, the King,  I will praise your name forever and ever. |
| 2 | Every day I will bless you,  and I will praise your name forever and ever. |
| 3 | Great is Yahweh, and highly to be praised,  and his greatness is unsearchable. |
| 4 | One generation will laud your works to another,  and will declare your mighty acts. |
| 5 | Of the glorious majesty of your splendor  and on the reports of your wondrous acts, I will meditate. |
| 6 | Let them speak of the might of your awesome acts,  yes, I will tell of your great acts. |
| 7 | Let them speak forth the memory of your abundant goodness,  and let them shout joyfully of your righteousness. |
| 8 | Yahweh is gracious and merciful;  slow to anger and great in covenant faithfulness. |
| 9 | Yahweh is good to all,  and his tender mercies are over all his works. |
| 10 | Let all your works give thanks to you, O Yahweh,  and let your faithful people bless you. |
| 11 | Let them speak of the glory of your kingdom  and talk about your power; |
| 12 | to make known to the children of men his mighty acts  and the glory of the majesty of his kingdom. |
| 13 | Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  and your rule *endures* throughout all generations.  Yahweh is faithful in all his words,  and loyal in all his works. |
| 14 | Yahweh supports all who fall,  and raises up all those who are bowed down. |
| 15 | The eyes of everyone wait for you,  and you give them their food in due time. |
| 16 | You open your hand  and satisfy every living thing, with pleasure. |
| 17 | Yahweh is righteous in all his ways,  and loyal in all his works. |
| 18 | Yahweh is near to all those who call on him,  to all who call on him in truth. |
| 19 | He will fulfill the longing of those who fear him;  he also will hear their cry and will deliver them. |
| 20 | Yahweh keeps watch over all who love him,  but all the wicked he will exterminate. |
| 21 | My mouth will speak the praise of Yahweh,  and let all flesh bless his holy name  forever and ever. |

**Psalm 146**

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| 1 | Praise Yah!  O my soul, praise Yahweh. |
| 2 | While I live, I will praise Yahweh;  I will make music to my God as long as I exist. |
| 3 | Do not put your trust in rulers,  in a son of man in whom there is no deliverance. |
| 4 | His breath departs,  he returns to the ground.  In that day his thoughts perish. |
| 5 | Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  whose hope is in Yahweh his God, |
| 6 | who made heaven and earth,  the sea, and all that is in them;  who remains faithful forever; |
| 7 | who executes justice for the oppressed;  who gives food to the hungry.  Yahweh frees the prisoners. |
| 8 | Yahweh opens *the eyes of* the blind;  Yahweh raises up those who are bowed down;  Yahweh loves the righteous; |
| 9 | Yahweh keeps watch over the sojourners;  he restores the orphan and the widow,  but he makes crooked the road of the wicked. |
| 10 | May Yahweh rule forever;  your God, O Zion, to all generations.  Praise Yah! |

**Psalm 147**

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| 1 | Praise Yah!  Indeed, it is good to make music to our God;  indeed, it is pleasant, *and* praise is delightful. |
| 2 | Yahweh is rebuilding Jerusalem;  He is gathering together the scattered of Israel. |
| 3 | He is the one who heals the brokenhearted  and binds up their injuries. |
| 4 | He counts the number of the stars;  He calls them all by their names. |
| 5 | Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  his understanding is without limits. |
| 6 | Yahweh restores the afflicted;  he brings the wicked down to the ground. |
| 7 | Sing to Yahweh with thanksgiving!  Make music on the lyre to our God |
| 8 | who covers the heavens with clouds,  who prepares rain for the earth,  who causes green grass to grow on the mountains. |
| 9 | He provides food for the cattle,  and for the young ravens when they call. |
| 10 | He does not delight in the strength of the horse;  he takes no pleasure in man’s legs. |
| 11 | Yahweh takes pleasure in those who fear him,  those who hope in his covenant faithfulness. |
| 12 | Laud Yahweh, O Jerusalem!  Praise your God, O Zion! |
| 13 | For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;  he has blessed your children within you. |
| 14 | He makes peace in your borders;  He fills you with the finest of the wheat. |
| 15 | He sends his utterance to the earth;  his word runs quickly. |
| 16 | He gives snow like wool;  and scatters frost like ashes. |
| 17 | He casts forth his hail like crumbs;  who can stand before his cold? |
| 18 | He sends his word and melts them.  He causes his breath to blow and the waters flow. |
| 19 | He declares his word to Jacob,  his statutes and his judgments to Israel. |
| 20 | He has not acted this way for any *other* nation;  and his judgments, they do not know them.  Praise Yah! |

**Psalm 148**

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| 1 | Praise Yah!  Praise Yahweh from the heavens;  praise him in the heights! |
| 2 | Praise him, all his angels!  Praise him, all his army! |
| 3 | Praise him, sun and moon!  Praise him, all you stars of light! |
| 4 | Praise him, you heavens of heavens,  and you waters that are above the heavens! |
| 5 | Let them praise the name of Yahweh,  for he himself commanded, and they were created. |
| 6 | He also set them in position forever and ever;  he has made a regulation that will never pass away. |
| 7 | Praise Yahweh from the earth,  sea creatures and all depths; |
| 8 | fire and hail, snow and smoke;  stormy wind accomplishing his word; |
| 9 | mountains and all hills;  fruit trees and all cedars; |
| 10 | animals and all livestock;  creeping things and winged birds; |
| 11 | kings of the earth and all peoples;  rulers and all judges of the earth; |
| 12 | both young men and virgins;  old men with young people! |
| 13 | Let them praise the name of Yahweh,  for his name alone is exalted.  His splendor is above the earth and the heavens, |
| 14 | and he has raised up a horn for his people,  a praise for all his faithful people,  for the children of Israel, a people near to him.  Praise Yah! |

**Psalm 149**

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| 1 | Praise Yah!  Sing to Yahweh a new song;  his praise in the assembly of faithful people. |
| 2 | Let Israel rejoice in his creator;  let the children of Zion be joyful in their king! |
| 3 | Let them praise his name with dancing;  let them make music to him with tambourine and lyre! |
| 4 | For Yahweh takes pleasure in his people;  he will beautify the afflicted with salvation. |
| 5 | Let the faithful people triumph in glory;  let them shout for joy on their beds! |
| 6 | *Let* the high praises of God be in their throats,  yes, a two-edged sword in their hand, |
| 7 | to execute vengeance among the nations,  punishments upon the peoples, |
| 8 | to bind their kings with chains,  and their nobles with iron fetters, |
| 9 | to execute on them the judgment, as it is written;  it is an honor for all his faithful people.  Praise Yah! |

**Psalm 150**

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| 1 | Praise Yah!  Praise God in his sanctuary!  Praise him in his strong expanse! |
| 2 | Praise him for his mighty acts!  Praise him according to his excellent greatness! |
| 3 | Praise him with the blast of the shofar!  Praise him with lyre and harp! |
| 4 | Praise him with tambourine and dancing!  Praise him with stringed instruments and flute! |
| 5 | Praise him with loud cymbals!  Praise him with resounding cymbals! |
| 6 | Let everything that has breath praise Yah!  Praise Yah! |

1. Or “his Messiah” [↑](#footnote-ref-11621)
2. Or “faithful” [↑](#footnote-ref-18660)
3. Or “worship” [↑](#footnote-ref-17113)
4. “blood” is being put for death [↑](#footnote-ref-26714)
5. Concerning the apparent contradiction in the title of this Psalm, see the commentary on verse 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-27592)
6. Lit. “him” [↑](#footnote-ref-25386)
7. Or “Almighty” [↑](#footnote-ref-15874)
8. Or “A mighty mountain” [↑](#footnote-ref-14217)
9. Or “it is good for me to draw near to God” [↑](#footnote-ref-22290)
10. Or “worship” [↑](#footnote-ref-31570)
11. Or “worship you” [↑](#footnote-ref-26270)
12. Lit. “worthless things” [↑](#footnote-ref-10773)
13. Or “worship him” [↑](#footnote-ref-16337)
14. Or “worshiped” [↑](#footnote-ref-20631)
15. Or “precious,” “weighty.” [↑](#footnote-ref-23055)
16. The Hebrew is unclear; the REV more closely follows the LXX. [↑](#footnote-ref-10288)