

# Psalms 1

## Chapter 1

Aaron

- ¶1. Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of scorners,
2. but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and he meditates on His law day and night.
3. He shall be like a tree planted beside streams of water, which bears its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. And He will cause all that he does to prosper.
4. The wicked are not like this, but are like the chaff that the wind blows away.
5. So then, the wicked shall not stand in the Judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
6. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

## Chapter 2

Aaron

1. Why do the Gentiles rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
2. The kings of earth set themselves, and the rulers assembled themselves together against the LORD and against His Messiah, *saying*,
3. “Let us tear off their bands, and cast off their cords from us!”
4. He who dwells in heaven will laugh. The Lord will mock them.
5. Then, He will speak to them in His wrath, and in His furious indignation will He discomfit them:
6. “In spite of *YOU*, I have enthroned my king upon Zion, my holy mountain.”
7. “Let me tell of the ordinance of the LORD! He said to me, ‘You are my Son. Today, I have begotten you!
8. Ask of me, and I will give *YOU* the nations for your inheritance, even the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.
9. You shall break them in pieces with a rod of iron; like a potter’s vessel shall you smash them.’”
10. Now then, O kings, be wise. Be instructed, O judges of earth.
11. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling!
12. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and *you* perish *from the* way when his anger is kindled but a little. Blessed are all who seek refuge in him.

## Chapter 3

Aaron

*A melody by David.*

*When he was fleeing from the presence of Absalom, his son.*

- ¶1. O LORD, how my adversaries have multiplied! Many are they who rise up against me.
2. Many say of my soul, “There is no help for him in God.” Selah.
3. But you, O LORD, are a shield for me, my glory, and the One who lifts up my head.
4. *With* my voice, I cry out to the LORD, and He answers me from His holy mountain. Selah.

5. I lay down and slept; I woke up because the LORD sustains me.
6. I will not fear ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.
7. Rise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you have struck the jaw of all my enemies; the teeth of the wicked have you broken.
8. To the LORD belongs salvation. Your blessing is upon your people. Selah.

#### Chapter 4

Aaron

*For the chief musician, with stringed instruments.*

*A melody by David.*

- ¶1. When I call, answer me, O God of my righteousness! When *I WAS* in a strait, you enlarged *it* for me. Show me favor and hear my prayer!
2. O sons of man, how long will my glory be a reproach? *You* love strife; *you* seek after a lie! Selah.
3. Know that the LORD has set apart the godly man for Himself. The LORD will hear when I cry to Him.
4. Be angry, and do not sin! Commune with *your* heart on *your* bed, and be still. Selah.
5. Offer sacrifices of righteousness, and trust the LORD!
6. Many say, “Who will show us good?” Raise up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
7. You have put joy in my heart, more than when their wheat and their wine were multiplied.
8. In peace, let me both lie down and sleep, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

#### Chapter 5

Aaron

*For the chief musician, with the flutes.*

*A melody by David.*

- ¶1. Give ear to my words, O LORD. Consider my groaning.
2. Attend to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for I pray to you!
3. O LORD, *in the* morning, you will hear my voice; *in the* morning, I will set my case before you and watch.
4. For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness. Evil cannot abide with you.
5. Braggarts shall not stand in your sight. You hate all evildoers.
6. You shall destroy those who speak lies. A man of blood and deceit, the LORD abhors.
7. But as for me, in the abundance of your lovingkindness, let me enter your house. Let me bow down at your holy temple in fear of you.
8. O LORD, lead me in your righteousness because of those who watch me; make your way straight before me.
9. For there is no faithfulness in his mouth; their desire is destruction; their throat is an open tomb; they flatter *with* their tongue.
10. Condemn them, O God! By their own devices, cause them to fall. Because of the multitude of their transgressions, cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.

11. But let all who seek refuge in you, rejoice! Let them shout for joy forever because you shelter them! And let those who love your name rejoice in you!
12. For you will bless the righteous, O LORD. You will surround him *with* favor, like a shield.

## Chapter 6

Aaron

*For the chief musician with stringed instruments, on the eighth.  
A melody by David.*

- ¶1. O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger, nor chasten me in your wrath!
2. Show me favor, O LORD, for I am feeble. Heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.
3. My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD – how long?
4. Return, O LORD! Deliver my soul! Save me for the sake of your lovingkindness!
5. For in death, there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol, who praises you?
6. I am weary with my groaning. All night long, I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears.
7. My eye is consumed with grief; it has grown old because of all my adversaries.
8. Depart from me, all *you* evildoers! For Jehovah has heard the sound of my weeping.
9. The LORD has heard my plea! The LORD accepts my prayer!
10. Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled! Let them turn back; let them be suddenly put to shame!

## Chapter 7

Aaron

*Shiggaion by David.*

*Which he sang to Jehovah concerning the words of Cush, a Benjaminite.*

- ¶1. Jehovah, my God, I seek refuge in you! Save me from all who pursue me, and deliver me,
2. lest he tear my soul like a lion, ripping *me* to pieces, and there be no one to deliver.
3. Jehovah, my God, if I have done this, if there is unrighteousness in my hands,
4. if I have rewarded evil to him who is at peace with me (indeed, I have delivered him who is for no reason my adversary),
5. let an enemy pursue my soul and overtake me, and let him trample my life to the ground and lay my honor in the dust! Selah.
6. Rise, O LORD, in your anger! Raise yourself up against the rage of my adversaries, and awake the justice for me that you have commanded!
7. A company of nations will surround you, but against it, return on high!
8. Let Jehovah judge the nations! Judge me, O Jehovah, according to my righteousness and according to my innocence.
9. He will bring the wickedness of the wicked to an end, but you, O righteous God, will establish the righteous, trying *their* minds and hearts.
10. My defense is of God, who delivers those who are upright in heart.
11. God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.
12. If one does not repent, He will sharpen His sword; He has bent His bow and made it ready.

13. He has also prepared for Himself deadly weapons; He makes His arrows for persecutors.
14. Behold, he travails with transgression. Yes, he has conceived mischief, and has given birth to deceit.
15. He makes a pit and digs it out, and then falls into the hole that he made.
16. His mischief shall return upon his own head, and upon his own pate shall his violence come down.
17. I will praise the LORD concerning His righteousness, and I will sing the name of Jehovah Most High!

## Chapter 8

Aaron

*For the chief musician, on the gittith.  
A melody by David.*

- ¶1. O Jehovah, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth, you who sets your glory above the heavens!
2. Out of the mouth of children and sucklings have you ordained strength because of your adversaries, to silence the enemy and the avenger.
3. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place,
4. what is man, that you are mindful of him? or the son of man, that you visit him?
5. Yet, you made him a little lower than the gods, and you crowned him with glory and honor.
6. You made him to rule over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:
7. all sheep and cattle, and beasts of the field also;
8. bird of the sky, and fish of the sea, and that which wanders the paths of the seas.
9. O Jehovah, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## Chapter 9

Aaron

*For the chief musician. Upon the death of the Son.  
A melody by David.*

- ¶1. Let me praise Jehovah with my whole heart! Let me tell of all your wonderful works!
2. Let me be glad and rejoice in you! Let me sing your name, O Most High!
3. When my enemies turn back, they will stumble and perish from your presence,
4. for you brought me justice and judgment. You sat on the throne, judging righteously!
5. You rebuked nations; you brought about the destruction of the wicked; you blotted out their names forever and ever.
6. O Enemy! Destructions are come to an everlasting end. You uprooted cities; their memorial perished with them.
7. But Jehovah sits enthroned forever! He established His throne for judgment,
8. and He judges the world in righteousness; He judges people with equity.
9. Jehovah is a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of distress.

10. And they trust in you, knowing your name, for you do not abandon those who seek after you, O Jehovah.
11. Sing to Jehovah, who dwells in Zion! Make His deeds known among the people!
12. When He makes inquisition for blood, He remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
13. Show me favor, O Jehovah! Look on my affliction at the hands of those who hate me, *you* who raises me up from the gates of death,
14. so that I may declare all your praises in the gates of the daughter of Zion! Let me rejoice in your salvation!
15. The nations sank into a pit they made; their foot is caught in the very net they concealed.
16. Jehovah is known *by the* judgment He executes, striking down the wicked man with the work of His hands. (Music.) Selah.
17. The wicked shall be turned into Sheol, *and* all nations that forget God.
18. For the needy shall not always be forgotten, *nor* shall the hope of the afflicted perish forever.
19. Rise, O Jehovah! Man shall not prevail; the nations shall be judged in your presence.
20. O Jehovah, lay fear upon them! The nations shall learn they are *merely* men. Selah.

## Chapter 10

### Aaron

- ¶1. Why, O LORD, do you stand at a distance, hiding in times of distress?
2. In wicked pride, *the ungodly* persecute the afflicted. They shall be caught in the very schemes they devised.
3. For the wicked boasts of his soul's desire; he blesses a robber, *and* condemns Jehovah.
4. The wicked, because of his proud countenance, does not seek *God*. None of his schemes are of God.
5. His ways always prosper. (Your judgments are on high, far from him.) *As for* all of his enemies, he sneers at them.
6. He who is not in distress says in his heart, "I shall never be overthrown."
7. His mouth is full of cursing, and deceits, and oppression; under his tongue are mischief and vanity.
8. He waits in the lurking place of villages; he kills the innocent in the secret places; his eyes watch furtively for the defenseless.
9. He lurks in secret, like a lion in a thicket; he lies in wait to catch the poor. He catches the poor, drawing him into his net.
10. So he crouches, he lies prostrate, and the helpless fall by his strong *clutches*.
11. He says in his heart, "God has forgotten. He has hidden his face. He has never seen."
12. Arise, O Jehovah! O God, lift up your hand! Do not forget the afflicted!
13. Why does the wicked man spurn God? He says in his heart, "You will not hold me accountable."

14. You see. You look upon mischief and vexation, to requite it with your hand; the defenseless one leaves *it* to you. You, yourself, are the orphan's helper.
15. Break the arm of the wicked one! As for the evil man, you will search out his wickedness *until* you find none!
16. Jehovah is King forever and ever! The nations are perished out of His land!
17. O Jehovah, you hear the desire of the afflicted. You prepare their heart; you incline your ear,
18. to judge the orphan and oppressed, *that* a man from the earth can never again cause *them* to tremble.

Chapter 11  
*For the chief musician.*  
*By David.*

- ¶1. In the LORD I have sought refuge. How can *you* say to my soul, “Flit away *like* a sparrow to *your* mountain,
2. for, behold, the wicked are bending *their* bow! They have made ready their arrow on the string to shoot from darkness at the upright in heart!”
3. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?
4. Jehovah is in His holy temple! Jehovah's throne is in heaven! His eyes see; His eyelids try the children of men.
5. Jehovah tries the righteous, but the wicked man and the one who loves violence, His soul hates.
6. He will cause it to rain coals upon the wicked, fire and brimstone, and scorching wind – the portion of their cup.
7. For the righteous LORD loves righteousness. The upright shall see His face.

Chapter 12  
*For the chief musician, on the eighth.*  
*A melody by David.*

- ¶1. Save, O LORD! For there is no godly man left! The faithful have vanished from among the children of men!
2. Everyone speaks vanity with his neighbor; they speak with a flattering lip and a double heart.
3. Jehovah will cut off all flattering lips, the tongue speaking great things,
4. those who think, “We shall prevail with our tongues. Our lips are our own. Who is master over us?”
5. “Because of the oppression of the poor, because of the groaning of the needy, I will now arise, says Jehovah. I will set him in safety who longs for it.”
6. The words of the LORD are pure words, *like* silver refined in an earthen furnace, purified seven times!
7. You, O LORD, shall protect them. You shall keep him from this generation forever.
8. The wicked walk everywhere on every side when the vanity of mankind is exalted.

Chapter 13  
*For the chief musician.*  
*A melody by David.*

- ¶1. How long, O LORD, will you forget me? Forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
2. How long must I take counsel within my own soul, sorrow *being* in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me?
3. Look upon *me!* Answer me, O Jehovah my God! Enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep *the sleep of* death,
4. lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed against him.” My adversaries are rejoicing because I am shaken.
5. But as for me, I have trusted in your lovingkindness! Let my heart rejoice in your salvation! Let me sing to Jehovah because He has dealt bountifully with me!

Chapter 14  
 Damien  
*For the chief musician.*  
*By David.*

- ¶1. A fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are perverted; they carry on an abominable work; there is no one doing good.
2. The LORD looked down from heaven upon the sons of man to see if there was anyone who has understanding, who is seeking God.
3. Every one is turned aside. They are all, alike, corrupted; there is no one doing good, not even one!
4. Do none of the evildoers have understanding, eating up my people as they eat bread? They do not call on the LORD.
5. There, they are utterly terrified, for God is with the generation of the righteous.
6. Counsel from a humble man *You* put to shame because the LORD is his refuge.
7. Whom from Zion will He make salvation for Israel? When Jehovah returns His captive people, Jacob will rejoice! Israel will be glad!

Chapter 15  
 Damien  
*A melody by David.*

1. O LORD, who shall abide in your tabernacle? Who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
2. He who walks blamelessly, and who does righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart.
3. He neither gossips with his tongue nor does evil to his fellow, and he does not take up a reproach against his neighbor.
4. A man detested *by God* is despised in his eyes, but he honors those who fear Jehovah. He swears to *his own* hurt, yet he does not change.

5. His money, he does not lend at interest, and a bribe against the innocent, he does not take. He who does these things shall never be moved.

Chapter 16  
Damien  
*A miktam by David.*

1. Preserve me, O God, for in you I seek refuge!
2. You said to Jehovah, “You are my Lord! My goodness is not for you,
3. *but* for saints who are on the earth, for them and the rulers of all those in whom is my delight.
4. They that hasten after another shall multiply their pains; I will not pour out their drink offerings of blood, nor take their names on my lips.
5. The LORD *is* the part of my portion, and my cup. You hold my lot fast.
6. The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yes, *my* inheritance is beautiful to me!
7. I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; even in the nights, my heart instructs me.
8. I have set Jehovah before me continually; because *He is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices. My flesh also shall rest in hope.
10. For you will not leave my soul in Sheol; nor will you allow your holy one<sup>1</sup> to see corruption.
11. You make known to me the path of life. Fullness of joy *comes* with your presence; at your right hand are eternal pleasures.”

Chapter 17  
Damien  
*A prayer of David.*

1. Hear, O LORD, *what is* right! Listen to my cry! Give ear to my prayer, *which comes* from lips without deceit.
2. Let justice for me come from your presence! Let your eyes see rightly!
3. You have tested my heart. You have visited in the night. You have refined me and found nothing. I am resolved that my mouth shall not transgress.
4. As for the works of man, by the word of your lips I have eschewed the paths of cruelty.
5. Keeping my steps in your pathways, my feet have not stumbled.
6. I call upon you because you will answer me, O God. Incline your ear to me! Hear my speech!
7. Show your wondrous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who seek refuge from those at your right hand who lift themselves up.
8. Keep me as the apple of *your* eye.<sup>2</sup> In the shadow of your wings, hide me
9. from the face of the wicked who oppress me, mortal enemies who surround me.

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<sup>1</sup> Hebrew: “pious” or “godly”.

<sup>2</sup> Literally, “Keep me as a pupil, daughter of an eye.”

10. They are enclosed in their own fat.<sup>3</sup> Their mouth has spoken proudly.
11. Our steps they have now surrounded. They want to cast *me* down to the earth,
12. just as a lion longs to tear in pieces, and as a young lion lying in concealed places.
13. Arise, O LORD! Confront him! Make him bow down! Save my soul from the Evil One – your sword –
14. from men *that are* your hand, O LORD, from men of this age whose portion is in this life, and whose belly you fill with your treasure. They are satisfied with children, and they leave their excess to their babies.
15. As for me, I will behold your face in righteousness. I will be satisfied when I awake in your likeness!

## Chapter 18

Aaron

*For the chief musician.*

*By Jehovah's servant David, who spoke to Jehovah the words of this song on the day Jehovah delivered him from the power of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.*

- ¶1. And he said, I love you, O Jehovah my strength!
2. O Jehovah, my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer! My God, my mountain in whom I take refuge! My buckler, and horn of my salvation! My high tower!
3. I called on Jehovah who is worthy to be praised, and I was delivered from my enemies.
4. Cords of death encompassed me, and floods of Belial overwhelmed me.
5. Cords of Sheol enveloped me; snares of death confronted me.
6. In my distress, I called upon Jehovah, and cried to my God for help! He heard my voice from His temple, and my plea came to Him, *even* into His ears.
7. Then the earth shook and trembled, and the foundations of the mountains moved; they were shaken because He burned with anger.
8. Smoke went up from His nostrils, and fire from His mouth devoured. Coals were kindled by it.
9. He bowed the heavens also, and came down, and a thick cloud was under His feet.
10. He rode upon a cherub and flew; He flew swiftly on the wings of the wind.
11. He made darkness His covering, His pavilion all around Him – darkness of water-laden, heavy clouds.
12. Because of the brightness of His presence, His thick clouds passed over; hail and coals of fire.
13. Then Jehovah thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered His voice; hail and coals of fire!
14. He sent out His arrows and scattered them; He shot forth lightning bolts and vexed them.
15. At that, channels of waters were seen, and foundations of the world were revealed at your rebuke, O Jehovah, at a puff of air in your wrath.
16. He sent from on high and took me. He drew me out of many waters.

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<sup>3</sup> Literally, “They have closed His fat.”

17. He delivered me from my mighty enemy and from those who hated me, for they were stronger than I.
18. They came on me in the day of my distress, but Jehovah was my stay.
19. He brought me out to the spacious place *of God*; He rescued me because He delighted in me.
20. Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands He repaid me.
21. For I had kept Jehovah's ways, and I had not acted wickedly against my God,
22. for His judgments were all before me, and His statutes did I not put away from me.
23. I was perfect before Him, and I kept myself from my sin,
24. and Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in His sight.
25. With the merciful, you will prove yourself merciful. With the perfect, you will prove yourself perfect.
26. With the pure, you will prove yourself pure, and with the perverted, you will prove yourself cunning.
27. You will surely deliver the humble people, but lofty looks shall you abase.
28. You make my lamp to shine! Jehovah, my God, you bring light to my darkness!
29. By you, I ran *through* a troop, and by my God, I leaped over a wall.
30. God's way is perfect. The word of the LORD is tried. He is a shield for all who seek refuge in Him.
31. Who is God but Jehovah? And who is a rock except our God?
32. It is God who girds me with strength and makes my way perfect,
33. making my feet like hinds' feet, and setting me upon my high places,
34. training my hands for war so that my arms can bend a bronze bow.
35. And now, you have given me your salvation as a shield; your right hand sustains me, and your gentleness has made me great.
36. You will lengthen my stride under me so that my feet will not slip.
37. I will pursue my enemies and overtake them, and I will not turn back until they are destroyed.
38. I will strike them through so that they cannot rise. They shall fall under my feet!
39. You have also girded me with strength for war. You will make them bow before me who rise up against me,
40. and you have given me the neck of my enemies. Those who hate me will I utterly destroy.
41. They will cry for help, but there will be no one to save them, *even* to Jehovah, but He will not answer them.
42. But I will beat them *until they are* like dust before the wind. Like dirt in the streets, I will cast them out.
43. You delivered me from the contentions of the people. You have made me the head of the Gentiles; a people I have not known shall serve me.
44. As soon as they hear, they will obey me. Foreigners shall submit to me.

45. The foreigners will lose heart and **come** quaking out of their strongholds.
46. Jehovah is alive! Blessed be my rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted!
47. God avenged me, and has subjected peoples to me
48. after saving me from my enemies. Yes, you exalted me above those who rose against me.  
You delivered me from the cruel and violent man.
49. Therefore, I will confess you among the Gentiles, O Jehovah! Do let me sing **among them** praises to your name!
50. He has magnified the victories of His King, and has shown loving-kindness to His Messiah, to David, and to his seed forever!

## Chapter 19

Aaron

*For the chief musician.*

*A melody by David.*

- ¶1. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament displays the work of His hands.
2. Day after day pours forth speech, and night after night declares understanding.
3. There is no speech or language **where** their voice is not heard.
4. Their line goes out over all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. Among them,  
He has made a home for the sun,
5. which, like a bride-groom coming out of his chamber, rejoices like a mighty man about to run a race.
6. His going forth is from the end of heaven, and his circuit to the ends of it, and nothing is hidden from his heat.
7. The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul. The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
8. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart. The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.
9. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever. The judgments of the LORD are true; they are altogether righteous.
10. They are more to be desired than gold, even than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
11. Moreover, by them is your servant warned, and in keeping them, there is great reward.
12. Who can know **his** errors? Hold me guiltless for hidden faults!
13. And keep your servant from presumptuous **sins** so that they will not have dominion over me! Then will I be perfect, and innocent of the great transgression.
14. Let the words of my mouth, and meditation of my heart be acceptable before you, O Jehovah, my Rock and my Redeemer.

## Chapter 20

Aaron

*For the chief musician.*

*A melody by David.*

- ¶1. Jehovah hear you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob exalt you!
2. May He send you help from the sanctuary, and from Zion strengthen you!
3. May He remember all your offerings, and your whole burnt sacrifice, accept! Selah.
4. May He grant you your heart's *desire*, and all your counsel, may He confirm!
5. We will shout for joy in your salvation! And in the name of our God, we will set up *our* standard! May Jehovah fulfill every one of your supplications!
6. Now I know that Jehovah will save His Anointed. He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand.
7. Some *trust* in chariots and some in horses, but we will remember the name of Jehovah our God.
8. They have bowed down and fallen, but we are risen and restored.
9. Save *us*, O Jehovah! Let the King hear us on the day we cry out.

## Chapter 21

Aaron

*For the chief musician.*

*A melody by David.*

- ¶1. The king rejoices in your strength, O LORD! And in your salvation, how greatly he rejoices!
2. You have given him his heart's desire, and you have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah.
3. For you will meet him with blessings of goodness; you will set upon his head a crown of pure gold.
4. He asked life from you; you gave him length of days forever and ever.
5. His glory *will be* great in your salvation; you will bestow upon him majesty and honor.
6. For you will make him most blessed,<sup>4</sup> forever; you will make him happy with the joy of your face.
7. For the king trusts in the LORD, and through the lovingkindness of the Most High, he will not be moved.
8. Your hand will find all your enemies. Your right hand will find those who hate you.
9. You will make them like a fiery oven in the time of your Face, O Jehovah. In his anger, he will swallow them up, and fire will devour them.
10. You will eradicate their fruit from the earth, and their seed from among the sons of man,
11. for they plotted evil against you. They devised a wicked scheme, but they will not prevail,
12. for you will put them to flight with your bowstrings; you will aim at their faces.
13. Rise, O LORD, in your strength! Let us sing, and praise your power in song!

## Chapter 22

Aaron

*To the chief musician upon the advent of morning light.*

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<sup>4</sup> or, "will appoint him eternal blessings".

*A melody by David.*

- ¶1. My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from delivering me **and from** the words of my anguished cry?
2. My God, I call out during the day, but you do not answer, and during the night, and I have no rest.
3. But you are holy, who inhabits the praises of Israel.
4. Our fathers trusted in you; they trusted, and you made a way out for them!
5. They cried out to you and were set free! They trusted in you and were not put to shame!
6. But I am a worm, and not a man, a reproach to men, and despised by people.
7. Everyone who sees me ridicules me. They smirk; they shake the head, **saying**,
8. “He trusted on the LORD, that He would deliver him; let Him rescue him, seeing He delighted in him.”
9. You are the One who took me out of the womb. You were my security when I was on my mother’s breasts.
10. I was cast upon you from the womb. From my mother’s belly, you are my God.
11. Do not be far from me, for trouble is near; for there is no one to help.
12. Many bulls have surrounded me; strong **bulls** of Bashan have encompassed me!
13. They opened their mouth like a lion, tearing and roaring at me.
14. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax; it is melted within me.
15. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue is stuck to my palate, and you have brought me to the dust of death.
16. Dogs encompass me; the Assembly of the wicked encircle me. They pierced my hands and my feet.
17. I can count all my bones. They gaze and stare at me.
18. They divide my clothes among them, and they cast lots on my garment.
19. But you, O LORD, do not be far off! My Strength! Hurry to help me!
20. Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious **life** from the power of dogs!
21. Save me from the lion’s mouth! You have answered me from the heights of the hills!
22. Let me declare your name to my brothers! In the midst of the congregation, let me praise you!
23. You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you seed of Jacob, glorify Him! Yea, let all the seed of Israel fear Him!
24. For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted man, nor has He hidden His face from him, but when he cried to Him for help, He heard.
25. From beside you, my praise will be in the great congregation. I will pay my vows in the sight of those who fear Him.
26. The poor will eat and be satisfied. Those who seek him will praise the LORD! **Your** hearts will live forever!
27. All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all of the families of the nations will worship before you.

28. For the kingdom is the LORD's, and He rules over the nations.
29. All the fat ones of earth have eaten and worshipped; before Him, will all who go down to the dust bow. And none can keep alive his own soul.
30. A seed shall serve Him, and it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.
31. They shall come declare His righteousness to a people that shall be born, that He has done this.

### Chapter 23

Aaron

*A melody by David.*

- ¶1. The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
3. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk in 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 are preparing a table before me in the sight of my enemies. You have anointed my head with oil. My cup is overflowing!
6. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever!

### Chapter 24

Aaron

*By David. A melody.*

- ¶1. The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world and those who dwell in it,
2. for He founded it upon seas, and established it upon rivers.
3. Who will ascend into the mount of the LORD, and who will stand in the His holy place?
4. He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not taken my life in vain, nor sworn treacherously.
5. He will obtain blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6. This is the generation seeking Him, who seek after your face, O Jacob. Selah.
7. Lift up **Y**our heads, O gates! And let the everlasting doors be lifted up, that the King of glory may come in!
8. Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty! The LORD, mighty in battle!
9. Lift up **Y**our heads, O gates! And lift up the everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in!
10. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory! Selah.

### Chapter 25

Aaron

*By David.*

- ¶1. I lift up my soul to you, O LORD.
2. O my God, I trust in you! Let me not be ashamed! Let not my enemies exult over me!

3. Indeed, all who wait on you will not be ashamed! They will be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
4. Make me to know your ways, O LORD! Teach me your paths!
5. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. For you, I wait all day long.
6. Remember your tender mercies, O LORD, and your lovingkindnesses, for they have been from eternity.
7. Do not remember the sins of my youth, or my transgressions. According to your lovingkindness, remember me for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
8. The LORD is good and upright; therefore, He instructs sinners in the way.
9. He leads the meek by judgment, and He teaches the meek His way.
10. All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.
11. For your name's sake, O LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.
12. Who is this, the GOD-fearing man? He will teach him in the way He chooses.
13. His soul will abide in goodness, and his seed will inherit the earth.
14. The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.
15. My eyes are ever toward the LORD for He frees my feet from the net.
16. Turn to me, and be gracious to me. For I am alone and lowly.
17. The troubles of my heart have increased. Deliver me out of my distresses!
18. Look on my affliction and my trouble, and take away all my sins.
19. Look on my enemies, for they are many, and they hate me with violent hatred.
20. Watch over my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be ashamed, for I take refuge in you.
21. Let innocence and uprightness preserve me, for I have put my hope in you.
22. Redeem Israel, O God, from all his troubles!

Chapter 26  
By David.

- ¶1. Judge me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity and have trusted in the LORD. I will not waver.
2. Search me, O LORD, and try me! Purge my heart and my mind!
3. For your lovingkindness is before my eyes, and I walk everywhere in your truth.
4. I do not sit with vain men, and with hypocrites I will not go in.
5. I hate a congregation of evildoers, and with the wicked I will not sit.
6. I will wash my hands in innocence, and then go about your altar, O LORD,
7. that with the voice of thanksgiving I may make *them* hear, and tell of all your wondrous works.
8. O LORD, I love the site of your house, even the place of the tabernacle of your glory!
9. Do not gather my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men,
10. in whose hands is an evil scheme, and their right hand is filled with a bribe!
11. But as for me, I will walk in my integrity. Redeem me! Be merciful to me!
12. My foot stands firm in uprightness. In the Assemblies, I will bless the LORD!

Chapter 27  
By David.

- ¶1. The LORD is my light, and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the refuge of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
2. When evildoers, my adversaries and my enemies, came against me to consume my flesh, they themselves stumbled and fell.
3. Though an army should encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war should rise against me, even then, I will trust.
4. One thing have I asked from Jehovah; this do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.
5. In the evil day, He will surely hide me in a shelter; in His tabernacle's hiding-place will He conceal me; He will set me high upon a rock.
6. And then, He will exalt my head above my enemies who surround me, and I will offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joyful shouting. I will sing and play music to the LORD!
7. Hear my voice, O LORD, *when* I cry, and have mercy on me, and answer me!
8. To you, my heart said, "You must seek my face!" Your face, O LORD, will I seek.
9. Do not hide your face from me! Do not in anger turn your servant over to *a lie*! You have been my help; do not forsake me, and do not let me go, O God of my salvation!
10. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me in.
11. Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me in a straight path because of those who watch me.
12. Do not give me over to the desire of my enemies! For false witnesses have risen up against me, each one breathing out violence.
13. Had not I hoped to see good from Jehovah in the land of the living, *I would have been overwhelmed*.
14. Wait for Jehovah! Be strong, and He will strengthen your heart. Wait, I say, for Jehovah!

Chapter 28  
By David.

- ¶1. To you I cry, O Jehovah my Rock! Do not be deaf to me, lest, if you are silent to me, I be like those who go down *into the* pit!
2. Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry out to you, when I lift my hands toward your Most Holy Place.
3. Do not drag me off with the wicked and with evildoers, who speak peaceably with their neighbors, yet evil is in their heart.
4. Repay them according to their work and according to the evil of their doings! According to the work of their hands, repay them! Make their recompense return to them!
5. Because they do not understand the works of Jehovah or the work of His hands, He will cast them down, and not build them up!

6. Bless the LORD, for He has heard the voice of my supplications!
7. Jehovah is my strength and my shield! My heart trusted in Him, and I was helped, and my heart exults, and with my song, I give Him thanks.
8. Jehovah is his strength, even the saving refuge of His Messiah.
9. Save your people, and bless your inheritance, and feed them, and lift them up forever!

Chapter 29  
*A melody by David.*

- ¶1. Ascribe to Jehovah, O sons of God, ascribe to Jehovah glory and strength!
2. Ascribe to Jehovah the glory of His name! Worship Jehovah in the beauty of holiness.<sup>5</sup>
3. The voice of the LORD is above the waters; the God of glory thunders; Jehovah is above many waters.
4. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic!
5. The voice of the LORD breaks cedars. Yes, the LORD shatters the cedars of Lebanon!
6. He makes them skip about like a calf of Lebanon, and Sirion like a young auroch.
7. The voice of the LORD carves out flames of fire.
8. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; Jehovah shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.
9. The voice of the LORD causes the deer to give birth, and strips the forests bare, and in His temple, everything in it cries, “Glory!”
10. Jehovah sat enthroned during the Flood, and Jehovah shall sit as King forever!
11. Jehovah will give strength to His people; Jehovah shall bless His people with peace.

Chapter 30  
*A melody.*  
*A song for the dedication of the house of David.*

- ¶1. I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have raised me up, and you have not made my enemies to rejoice over me.
2. I cried out to you, O Jehovah my God, and you healed me.
3. O Jehovah, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from the depths of the pit.
4. Let His holy people sing to Jehovah and praise His holy name<sup>6</sup>,
5. for His anger is but for a moment, and in His favor is life. Weeping may last the night, but in the morning *will come* a shout of joy.
6. As for me, in my prosperity, I said, “I shall never be moved!”
7. O Jehovah! By your favor, you have made my mountain to stand strong, *but* when you hid your face, I was troubled.
8. To you, O Jehovah, will I cry, and to my Lord will I plead for mercy.
9. What profit would there be in my death, for me to go down into the pit? Shall the dust praise you? Shall it make your truth known?

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<sup>5</sup> Or, “in holy array”.

<sup>6</sup> Hebrew, “memorial”. See Exodus 3:15.

10. Hear, O Jehovah, and have mercy on me! O Jehovah, be my helper!
11. You have turned for me my weeping into dancing. You have loosed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness,
12. that I may sing of your glory, and not be silent. O Jehovah my God, I will thank you forever!

### Chapter 31

Gary

*For the chief musician.*

*A melody by David.*

1. In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be ashamed. In your righteousness deliver me!
2. Incline your ear to me; rescue me quickly! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!
3. For you are my rock and my fortress, and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.
4. Bring me out of the net which they have laid secretly for me, for you are my refuge!
5. Into your hand I commit my spirit. You have redeemed me, Jehovah, God of truth!
6. I hate those who regard worthless idols, but I trust in Jehovah.
7. I will rejoice and be glad in your lovingkindness, for you have seen my affliction; you have known the distresses of my soul,
8. and you have not turned me over to the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.
9. Have mercy on me, O Jehovah, for I am in distress! My eye is wasted away with vexation, my soul and my body.
10. For my life has been spent in sorrow, and my years with sighing. My strength has failed because of my sin, and my bones are wasted away.
11. Because of all my adversaries, I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances. When they see me on the street, they flee from me.
12. I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind. I am like a broken vessel.
13. I heard the whispering of many – terror on every side! – when they conspired together against me; they schemed to take away my life.
14. But as for me, I trusted in you, O LORD. I said, “You are my God;
15. my times are in your hand.” Oh, deliver me from the hand of my enemies and my persecutors!
16. Make your face to shine on your servant! Save me in your lovingkindness!
17. O LORD, let me not be ashamed, for I have called on you. Let the wicked be ashamed, let them be silent in Sheol.
18. Let lying lips be silenced, those who speak arrogantly against the righteous, in pride and contempt.
19. How great is your goodness which you treasure up for those who fear you, which you have wrought for those who make you their refuge before the sons of men!
20. You will hide them in the covert of your presence from the schemes of man; you will hide them in your pavilion from the strife of tongues.

21. Blessed be the LORD, for He has wondrously shown His lovingkindness to me in a besieged city.
22. But as for me, I had said in my haste, “I am cut off from your presence.” Nevertheless, you heard the voice of my supplications when I cried out to you for help.
23. Oh, love the LORD, all His saints! The LORD preserves the faithful, and fully recompenses the one who behaves proudly.
24. Be strong, and let **Y**our heart take courage, all **y**ou who wait for Jehovah!

### Chapter 32

Gary

*A wisdom song by David.*

- ¶1. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
2. Blessed is the man to whom Jehovah does not judge to be wicked, and in whose spirit is no guile.
3. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.
4. For day and night your hand was heavy on me. My strength was dried up as in the heat of summer. Selah.
5. I acknowledged my sin to you, and my vanity I did not conceal. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to Jehovah,” and you forgave the offense of my sin. Selah.
6. For this, let everyone who is godly pray to you at a time when you may be found. Even when great waters overflow, they will not come near him.
7. You are my hiding place. You keep me from trouble. You encompass me with shouts of deliverance. Selah.
8. I will make you wise<sup>7</sup> and teach you in the way which you shall go. I will guide you with my eye.
9. Do not be like a horse, like a mule without understanding, curbed with its gear, with bridle and bit; otherwise, they will hardly come near you.
10. Many are the sorrows of the wicked man, but lovingkindness encompasses him who trusts in Jehovah.
11. Be glad in Jehovah and rejoice, O **y**ou righteous! Shout, all **y**ou upright in heart!

### Chapter 33

Gary

1. Shout for joy in Jehovah, O **y**ou righteous! Praise from the upright is beautiful.
2. Give praise to Jehovah with a lyre; with a harp of ten strings sing to Him.
3. Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings with a loud shout.
4. For the word of Jehovah is right, and all His work *is done* in faithfulness.
5. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of Jehovah’s lovingkindness.
6. By the word of Jehovah were the heavens made, and all their host by the breath of His mouth.

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<sup>7</sup> Or, “successful”, which implies a worldly wisdom.

7. He gathers the waters of the sea together in a heap, putting the depths in storehouses.
8. Let all the earth fear Jehovah; let all the inhabitants of the world be afraid of Him.
9. For He spoke, and it was; He commanded, and it stood fast.
10. Jehovah destroys the counsel of nations; He frustrates the intents of people.
11. The counsel of Jehovah will stand forever; the thoughts of His heart, from generation to generation.
12. Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah, and the people He has chosen for His possession.
13. Jehovah looks down from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.
14. From the place of His habitation, He watches all the inhabitants of the earth,
15. the One who fashions their hearts alike; He considers all their deeds.
16. There is no king saved by a large army; a mighty man is not delivered by great strength.
17. The horse is a false hope for safety, and he cannot rescue by his great strength.
18. Behold, the eye of Jehovah is on him that fears Him, to those who wait for His lovingkindness,
19. to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.
20. Our soul waits for Jehovah; He is our help and our shield.
21. For in Him our heart rejoices, because we have trusted in His holy name.
22. Let your lovingkindness be upon us, O Jehovah, because we wait for you.

#### Chapter 34

Vince

*By David.*

*When he changed his behavior before Abimelech, and then he drove him out, and he left.*

- ¶1. I bless Jehovah all the time; His praise is continually in my mouth!
2. My soul boasts in the LORD; let the afflicted hear *me* and rejoice.
3. Magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!
4. I sought the LORD and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
5. They looked to Him and were enlightened, and they shall not be ashamed.
6. This poor man cried out, and Jehovah heard *him*, and He delivered him out of all his distresses.
7. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.
8. Taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man *who* takes refuge in Him.
9. Fear Jehovah, *you* saints of His! For there is nothing lacking to those who fear Him.
10. Young lions may want and grow hungry, but those who seek Jehovah shall not lack any good thing.
11. Come, children, listen to me! I will teach *you* the fear of the LORD.
12. What man desires life, loving *in his* days to see good?
13. Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.
14. Depart from evil, and do good. Seek peace, and pursue it.
15. The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears *are open* to their cry.
16. The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from earth.

17. *The righteous* cried out, and Jehovah heard, and He saved them from all of their trouble.
18. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and He delivers the contrite in spirit.
19. Many are the afflictions of a righteous man, but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
20. He keeps all of his bones; not one of them is broken.
21. Evil will slay the wicked, and those who hate a righteous man shall be condemned.
22. The LORD redeems the soul of His slaves, and none of those who take refuge in Him shall be condemned.

## Chapter 35

Vince

*By David.*

- ¶1. Contend, O Jehovah, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me.
2. Take buckler and shield, and arise for my help!
3. Draw out the spear, and close the way against my pursuers. Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!"
4. Let them be disappointed, and let them be confounded who seek my life! Let them be turned back and put to shame who devise my harm!
5. Let them be as chaff before the wind, even the angel of the LORD driving *them* away!
6. Let their way be dark and slippery, even the angel of the LORD harassing them!
7. For without cause have they concealed a pit for me with their net. Without cause have they sought my life.
8. Let ruin come upon him unawares, and let his net that he hid take him; into that very destruction let him fall.
9. Then will my soul rejoice in the LORD; *my soul* will exult in His salvation.
10. All my bones will say, "Jehovah, who is like you, delivering the afflicted from the mighty, from him and from the one who robs the poor and needy?"
11. Malicious witnesses arise; they demand of me things I do not know.
12. They repay me evil for good, to the loss of my life.
13. But as for me, when they were sick, sackcloth was my clothing; I humbled my soul with fasting, though my prayer turned back on my bosom.
14. I behaved as though he were a friend, a brother to me. I bowed down in grief, as one mourning a mother.
15. But in my adversity, they rejoiced and gathered; the objects gathered themselves together against me, and I did not know it. They tore *at me* and did not cease.
16. Like profane mockers at a feast, they gnashed on me with their teeth.
17. How long, O Lord, will you look on? Restore my life from their depredations, my precious *life* from the lions.
18. I will give you thanks in the great assembly; with a mighty people will I praise you!
19. Let not those who are wrongfully my enemies rejoice over me, or those who hate me without cause wink the eye.
20. For they do not speak peace, but against those at peace in the land do they plot treacherous things.

21. Against me also they opened wide their mouths. They said, “Aha! Aha! Our eyes have seen!”
22. O Jehovah, you have seen. Do not be silent! My Lord, do not be far from me!
23. Rouse yourself, and awake to my judgment, to my cause, my God and my Lord!
24. Judge me according to your righteousness, O Jehovah, my God, and let them not rejoice over me.
25. Let them not say in their heart, “Aha! What we wanted!” Let them not say, “We swallowed him up!”
26. Let those who are glad at my hurt be disappointed and ashamed. Let those who magnify themselves against me be clothed with shame and reproach.
27. Let those who delight in my righteousness shout and be glad, and let them continually say, “Jehovah be magnified, who delights in the welfare of His servant!”
28. And my tongue shall utter your righteousness, your praises, all the day long!

### Chapter 36

Vince

*For the chief musician,  
by David, a servant of Jehovah.*

- ¶1. The transgression of the wicked declares, deep in my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.
2. For he flatters himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity is found out and hated.
3. The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit. He has ceased being wise to do good.
4. He devises iniquity on his bed; he sets himself on a path that is not good. He does not abhor evil.
5. Your lovingkindness, O LORD, is in the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds!
6. Your righteousness is like mighty mountains – your judgments like the great deep! You preserve both man and beast, O LORD!
7. How precious is your lovingkindness, O God! Yea, the sons of men will seek refuge in the shadow of your wings.
8. They will be filled with the abundance of your house, and you will give them to drink of the river of your delights.
9. For with you is a fountain of living *waters*. In your light, we see light.
10. Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright in heart.
11. Do not let the foot of pride come against me, nor the hand of wicked doers drive me away.
12. There have the workers of iniquity fallen; they are cast down and are not able to arise.

### Chapter 37

Tom and Suzi

*By David.*

- ¶1. Do not fret yourself because of evildoers nor be envious against workers of unrighteousness.
2. For they will soon fade away like grass, and wither like the green herb.

3. Trust in the LORD and do good. Dwell in the land and feed on faithfulness.
4. Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.
5. Commit your way to the LORD and trust in Him, and He will bring it to pass.
6. And He will bring forth your righteousness as the morning light, and your judgment as the noonday.
7. Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for Him. Do not fret yourself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who carries out evil schemes.
8. Refrain from anger and depart from rage. Do not fret yourself in any way to do evil.
9. For evildoers will be cut off, but those who wait on the LORD will inherit the earth.
10. Yet a little while, and the wicked man will be no more. Though you diligently watch his place, he will not be *there*.
11. *But the meek will inherit the earth*, and they will delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
12. A wicked man plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him.
13. The Lord will laugh at him because He sees that his day is coming.
14. The wicked have drawn the sword and have bent their bow to cast down the afflicted and needy, to slay those who are upright in the way.
15. Their sword will enter into their own heart, and their bows will be broken.
16. Better is the little that the righteous has than the wealth of many wicked.
17. For the strength of the wicked will be broken, but Jehovah upholds the righteous.
18. The LORD knows the days of the blameless, that their inheritance will be forever.
19. They will not be disappointed in the time of evil, and they will have plenty in days of famine.
20. But the wicked will perish, and the enemies of Jehovah, like the splendor of pastures, will vanish; they will vanish in smoke.
21. The wicked man borrows and does not repay, but the just man is generous, and gives.
22. *For those blessed by Him will inherit the land, but those cursed by Him will be cut off.*
23. It is of the LORD that the steps of a man are established; and He takes pleasure in his way.
24. Though he fall, he will not be cast down because the LORD sustains him.
25. I have been young, and now I am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging for bread.
26. Every day, he is generous and lends, and his children are a blessing.
27. Turn from evil, and do good, and live forever.
28. For the LORD loves justice, and He will not forsake His who are faithful. They will be kept forever, but the seed of the wicked will be cut off.
29. *The righteous will inherit the land, and dwell on it forever.*
30. The mouth of the just utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice.
31. The law of his God is in his heart; his steps will not slip.
32. The wicked man watches the righteous man, and seeks to kill him.
33. The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.
34. Wait on the LORD, and keep His way, and He will exalt you to inherit the earth. When the wicked are cut off, you will see.

35. I have seen a wicked, ruthless man spreading himself like a green tree.
36. Yet, he passed on, and behold, he was no more. Yea, I searched for him, but he was not found.
37. Watch the perfect man, and observe the upright, for there is a future for a man of peace.
38. *But transgressors will be destroyed altogether. The future of the wicked will be cut off.*
39. The salvation of the righteous is from Jehovah; He is a refuge in time of trouble.
40. Yea, Jehovah helps and delivers them. He will deliver them from the wicked and save them because they take refuge in Him.

Chapter 38  
Tom and Suzi  
*A melody by David.*  
*To bring to remembrance.*

1. O LORD, do not rebuke me in your wrath, nor chasten me in your burning anger,
2. for your arrows have sunk down into me, and your hand has pressed down on me.
3. There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no peace in my bones because of my sin.
4. For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.
5. My wounds stink; they fester. Because of my foolishness,
6. I am bent over; I am completely humbled. All day long, I walk about, mourning.
7. My loins overflow with scornings, and there is no soundness in my flesh.
8. I am benumbed and utterly crushed. I roar because of the groaning in my heart.
9. O Lord, all my longing is before you, and my sighing is not hidden from you.
10. My heart pounds; my strength, as well as the light of my eyes, has forsaken me. Even they are not with me.
11. My loved ones and friends stand aloof from my affliction, even those nearest to me stand at a distance.
12. Moreover, those who seek my life set traps, and those who desire my hurt speak self-willed things, and plot treachery all the day long.
13. But I, like a deaf man, do not hear, and I am like a mute who does not open his mouth.
14. Yea, I have become like a man that does not hear and in whose mouth are no reproofs.
15. For I am waiting for you, O LORD. You will give answer, my Lord, my God!
16. For I said, "**Save me!** lest they gloat over me when my foot slips; they magnify themselves against me."
17. For I am being set up for a fall, and my sorrow is always with me.
18. For I will declare my iniquity; I am afraid because of my sin.
19. My enemies are alive and powerful, and they are many who hate me wrongfully.
20. And they who render evil for good accuse me because I am after good.
21. Do not abandon me, O Jehovah, my God! Be not far from me!
22. Make haste to help me, my Lord, my salvation!

Chapter 39

Tom and Suzi  
*For the chief musician, for Jeduthun.*  
*A melody by David.*

1. I said, "I will watch my ways that I do not sin with my tongue. I will guard my mouth with a bridle while the wicked man is before me."
2. I was mute with silence. I kept silent *even* from good, yet my pain was increased.
3. My heart was hot within me; in my groaning, a fire was burning. I spoke with my tongue,
4. "LORD, make me to know my end, and the measure of my days, what it is. Let me know how ephemeral I am.
5. Behold, you have made my days *like* handbreadths, and the span of my life is as nothing before you. Indeed, every man in his best state<sup>8</sup> is altogether vanity. Selah.
6. Indeed, every man moves about like a shadow. Yea, in vain do they make an uproar. He amasses riches but does not know who will gather them.
7. And now, O Lord, why do I wait? My hope is in you!
8. Deliver me from all my transgressions! Do not make me a laughingstock of the fool!
9. I was silent; I did not open my mouth because you did it.
10. Take away your stroke from me! I am consumed by the blow of your hand.
11. With rebukes, you chasten a man for sin, and like the moth, you eat away his beauty. Indeed, every man is vanity. Selah.
12. O LORD, hear my prayer, and give ear to my cry! Do not be silent at my tears, for I am a stranger with you, a sojourner, like all my fathers.
13. Turn your gaze from me, and let me smile *again* before I go away and be no more."

Chapter 40  
 Tom and Suzi  
*For the chief musician.*  
*A melody by David.*

- ¶1. I waited patiently for the LORD, and He inclined to me and heard my cry.
2. And He brought me up from a tumultuous pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock. He established my goings.
3. And He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and trust in Jehovah.
4. Blessed is the man who puts his trust in Jehovah and does not regard the proud, nor those who turn away to falsehood.
5. Many are your wonders which you, O LORD my God, have done, and your thoughts toward us; there is none to compare with you. Let me declare *them*, and let me speak! They are more than can be counted.
6. Sacrifice and offering have not pleased you. Ears you have dug for me. Whole burnt offering and sin offering, you have not demanded.

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<sup>8</sup> Literally, to stand firm.

7. Then I said, "Behold, I am here! (In a roll of a book it is written of me.)"
8. I delight to do your will, O my God, for your law is in my heart."
9. I have preached glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation. Behold! I have not restrained my lips. O LORD, you know.
10. I have not concealed your righteousness within my heart. I have declared your faithfulness and your salvation. I have not hidden your lovingkindness nor your truth from the great congregation.
11. You, O LORD, will not withhold your compassion from me; your lovingkindness and truth continually preserve me.
12. For evils beyond number encompass me. My iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot look *up*. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.
13. O LORD, be pleased to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!
14. Let them be put to shame, and confounded together, who seek my life, to destroy it! Let them be turned back and humiliated who take pleasure in my hurt!
15. Let them be desolate because of their shame who say to me, "Aha! Aha!"
16. Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! Let those who love your salvation say continually, "The LORD is great!"
17. Though I am poor and needy, the Lord thinks on me. You are my Help and my Deliverer. O my God, do not tarry!

#### Chapter 41

Tom and Suzi

*For the chief musician.*

*A melody by David.*

- ¶1. Blessed is he who considers the poor; in the day of trouble, the LORD will deliver him.
2. The LORD will preserve him and give him life; he shall be blessed on the earth, and you will not give him over to the will of his enemies.
3. The LORD will strengthen him on *his* sickbed. Whenever he is bedridden, you will turn away his sickness.
4. I said, "O LORD, have mercy on me! Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you!"
5. My enemies speak evil of me. "When will he die and his name perish?"
6. And if one comes in to see *me*, he speaks falsely; his heart gathers wickedness to itself; he goes out; he talks.
7. Against me, everyone who hates me whispers together. Against me, they devise my harm.
8. *They say*, "An evil thing is poured out on him, and when he lies down, he will not rise up again."
9. Even my close friend, in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.
10. But you, O LORD, show me favor, and raise me up so that I may repay them!

11. By this I know that you are pleased with me, that my enemy has not shouted in triumph over me.
12. And as for me, you have upheld me because of my integrity, and you have set me before you forever.
13. Blessed be the LORD, God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen!

## Chapter 42

Richard and Amy

*For the chief musician.*

*A wisdom song for the sons of Korah.*

- ¶1. As the deer pants after the streams of water, so my soul pants after you, O God.
2. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?
3. My tears have been my food day and night because it is said to me every day, “Where is your God?”
4. I think on these things and pour out my soul within me, that I might pass among the multitude and stroll with them to the house of God with a sound of praise and thanksgiving, a multitude keeping the feast.
5. O my soul, why are you cast down and in turmoil within me? Hope in God! I will surely praise Him again *in* the full salvation of His countenance.
6. O my God, my soul is cast down within me. Therefore will I remember you from the land of Jordan and peaks of Hermon, from the mountain of Mizar.<sup>9</sup>
7. Deep is calling to deep in the sound of your waterspouts. All your waves and billows have swept over me.
8. The LORD commands His lovingkindness daily, and by night, His song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
9. I say to God, my rock, “Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?”
10. As with a deadly blow in my bones, my adversaries reproach me every day, saying to me, “Where is your God?”
11. O my soul, why are you cast down, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God! I will surely praise Him again, the salvation of my whole being, and my God.

## Chapter 43

Richard and Amy

- ¶1. Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation. Deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man,
2. for you are God of my refuge. Why have you rejected me? Why must I walk about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

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<sup>9</sup> Hebrew uncertain.

3. Send out your light and your truth! Let them lead me. Let them bring me to your holy hill, even to your dwelling-place.
4. Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my great joy, and I will praise you with a stringed instrument, O God, my God.
5. O my soul, why are you cast down, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God! I will surely praise Him again, the salvation of my whole being, and my God.

#### Chapter 44

Aaron

*For the chief musician, for the sons of Korah.*

*A wisdom song.*

- ¶1. O God, with our ears we have heard our fathers recount to us the work you did in their days, in days of old.
2. You, even your Hand, dispossessed the heathen, but you planted them. You brought evil upon the nations and cast them out.
3. For it was not by their sword that they inherited the land, nor did their strength save them, but *it was* your right Hand, and your Strength, and the Light of your countenance, for you showed them favor.
4. You who are my King, O God, command victories for Jacob!
5. By you, we will thrust our adversaries through! By your Name, we will trample those who rise up against us!
6. For I will not rely on my bow, and my sword will not save me,
7. for you have saved us from our adversaries, and have put to shame those who hate us.
8. In God, we boast all the day long, and we will bless your Name forever! Selah.
9. Yet, you have rejected and humiliated us, and you will not go out with our armies.
10. You make us turn back from the adversary, and those who hate us plunder for themselves.
11. You have made us like sheep meant for food, and have scattered us among the Gentiles.
12. You have sold your people for no profit; you gained nothing with their price.
13. You have made us a reproach to our neighbors, an object of mockery and derision to those around us.
14. You have made us a byword among the Gentiles, a shaking of the head among the nations.
15. Every day my humiliation is before me, and shame covers my face
16. because of the reproaching and reviling voice of the enemy and the avenger.
17. All this has come upon us, but we have not forgotten you, nor have we used your covenant deceitfully.
18. Our heart has not backslid, neither have our steps turned aside from your path.
19. Surely, you crushed us in the dragon's place, and covered us with death's shadow.
20. If we have forgotten the name of our God and have stretched out our hands to a strange god,
21. will not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.
22. For your sake, we are slaughtered all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter-pen.

23. Wake up! Why are you sleeping, my Lord? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!
24. Why do you hide your face? You forget our affliction and our oppression.
25. Yea, our soul is bowed to the dust; our body cleaves to the earth.
26. Rise up, our Help, and redeem us for the sake of your lovingkindness.

## Chapter 45

Damien

*For the chief musician, on Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah.  
A wisdom song; a song of ones beloved.*

- ¶1. My heart is inditing a good matter. I speak of **things** I have done for the king; my tongue is the pen of a skillful scribe.
2. You are fairer than sons of man; grace has been poured into your lips. Therefore, God has blessed you forever.
3. Gird your sword upon your thigh, O mighty one! Oh, your glory and your majesty!
4. And *in* your majesty, ride on victoriously with the word of truth and meekness of righteousness, and let your right hand teach you fearful deeds.
5. Your arrows are sharp; nations shall fall beneath you *with arrows* in the heart of the King's enemies.
6. Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. A scepter of equity is the scepter of your kingdom.
7. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore, God, *even* your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your fellows.
8. All your garments *are scented with* myrrh and aloes, and cassia. From ivory palaces, stringed instruments<sup>10</sup> make you glad.
9. Daughters of kings are among your honorable ladies; the queen stands at your right hand in gold from Ophir.
10. Listen, O daughter, and consider, and turn your ear *to me*. Forget your people and your father's house,
11. and the king will be captivated by your beauty. He is your lord; worship him!
12. Even the daughter of Tyre *shall come* with a gift; the wealthy among people shall beg your favor.
13. The daughter of the King is altogether glorious in appearance; her clothing is of gold filigree.
14. In embroidered raiment shall she be borne in to the King and the virgins, her attendants, after her. They shall be brought in for you, *O daughter;*
15. they shall be borne in with gladness and rejoicing, and they shall enter into the King's palace.
16. Instead of your fathers, they will be your sons, whom you will make princes over all the earth.

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<sup>10</sup> Hebrew uncertain.

17. I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations. Therefore, nations shall praise you forever and ever.

#### Chapter 46

Damien

*For the chief musician. For the sons of Korah.  
A song on Alamoth.*

1. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.
2. Therefore, we will not fear when earth is changed, and when mountains tumble into the midst of the sea.
3. Its waters roar and foam; mountains shake at His majesty. Selah.
4. ***There is*** a river whose streams make glad the city of God, holy dwelling place of the Most High.
5. God is in her midst; she will not be moved. God will help her at the break of day.
6. Nations raged; kingdoms shook. He lifted His voice; the earth melted.
7. The LORD of Hosts is with us! Our stronghold is the God of Jacob. Selah.
8. Come! Behold the works of the LORD, what desolations He has made on the earth,
9. making wars to cease to the end of the earth. He will break the bow and cut the spear in pieces; the wagons will He burn with fire.
10. Be still and know that I am God! I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!
11. The LORD of Hosts is with us! Our stronghold is the God of Jacob. Selah.

#### Chapter 47

Damien

*For the chief musician.  
A melody for the sons of Korah.*

1. Clap ***your*** hands, all peoples! Shout to God with the voice of joy!
2. For the LORD Most High is to be feared; ***He is*** a great King over all the earth.
3. He will subdue peoples beneath us, and nations beneath our feet.
4. He will choose our inheritance for us, the majesty of Jacob whom He loved. Selah.
5. God ascended with a joyful shout; Jehovah, with the sound of a shofar.
6. Sing praises to God! Sing praises! Sing praises to our King! Sing praises!
7. God is King of all the earth; sing praises skillfully!
8. God reigns over the nations; God sits on the throne of His holiness.
9. The willing of the nations are assembled, the people of the God of Abraham, for the shields of the earth are God's. He is to be greatly exalted.

#### Chapter 48

Damien

*A song. A melody for the sons of Korah.*

1. The LORD is great and is greatly to be praised in the city of our God, the mountain of His holiness.
2. Beautiful, elevated, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion *on the* sides of the north, the city of the great King.
3. God has made Himself known as a refuge within her citadels.
4. Yes, behold, the kings were gathered; they passed over together.
5. When they saw *the city*, they marveled. They were terrified; they took to flight.
6. Trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in labor.
7. With an east wind, you smashed the ships of Tarshish.
8. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of Hosts, in the city of our God! God will establish her forever. Selah.
9. In the midst of your temple have we thought upon your lovingkindness, O God.
10. As is your name, O God, so is your renown 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! Count her towers!
13. Consider well her rampart; pass through her citadels so that *you* may recount *it* to the next generation.
14. This God is our God forever and ever! He will lead us on, beyond death.

#### Chapter 49

Damien

*To the chief musician.*

*A melody for the sons of Korah.*

1. Hear this, all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
2. both low and high, rich and poor together.
3. My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart *shall be* understanding.
4. I will incline my ear to a parable; I will offer my dark saying upon a lyre.
5. Why should I fear in evil days, *when* wickedness at my heels encompasses me?
6. Those that trust in their wealth and boast themselves in the abundance of their riches
7. cannot in the least redeem a brother, nor give God His ransom,
8. (For the ransom of their soul is precious and forever complete.)
9. and he live again, forever, not seeing the pit.
10. But He sees that wise men die, together with the fool and the brutish. They perish and leave their wealth to others.
11. Inwardly they *think that* their houses are forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation. They call lands by their names.
12. Yet, man in honor does not endure; he is like the beasts that perish.
13. This their way is folly for them, yet those who come after them approve of their sayings. Selah.
14. They are guided like sheep to Sheol; death shall be their shepherd. But the upright shall rule over them in the morning, and in Sheol their beauty shall rot away from its exalted house.

15. But God shall ransom my soul from the power of Sheol; yes, He will receive me. Selah.
16. Do not be in awe when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases.
17. For at his death, he will take nothing; none of his glory will descend with him,
18. though in his life he blessed his soul. (And men will praise you when you do well for yourself.)
19. He shall go to the generation of his fathers forever; they will never see light.
20. A man *that is* in honor but has no understanding is like the beasts that perish.

## Chapter 50

Damien

*A melody by Asaph.*

- ¶1. The mighty God, Jehovah, spoke, and He called to earth from the rising of the sun until its going down.
2. From Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shone.
3. Our God shall come, and He will not be silent! Fire will devour before Him, and around Him, it will be very tempestuous.
4. He will call to the heavens from above and to the earth to judge His people,
5. “Gather my saints to me, those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”
6. And heaven will declare His righteousness, for God Himself is Judge. Selah.
7. “Listen, O my people, and let me speak! O Israel, I will testify against you! I am God – your God!
8. Not for your sacrifices will I reprove you, nor for your burnt offerings that are continually before me.
9. I am not taking a bullock from your house *Or* he-goats from your folds,
10. for every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.
11. I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the field is mine.
12. If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world is mine and its fullness.
13. Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of he-goats?
14. Offer to God the sacrifice of praise, and pay your vows to the Most High,
15. and then call on me in the day of trouble! I will deliver you, and you will glorify me.”
16. But to the wicked man, God says, “How dare you declare my statutes, or take up my covenant into your mouth!
17. You despise correction, and you cast off my words behind you.
18. When you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and your portion is with adulterers.
19. You turn your mouth loose with evil, and your tongue contrives deceit.
20. You sit with your brother, *and yet*, you speak slander against your mother’s son.
21. These things you have done and I remained silent. You thought that I was altogether *such a one* as yourself. I will reprove you, and I will set *things* in order before your eyes.
22. Now consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear in pieces – and there will be no deliverer.

23. He who offers the sacrifice of praise and orders *his* way glorifies me. I will show him the salvation of God.”

## Chapter 51

Damien

*For the chief musician. A melody by David.*

*When Nathan the prophet came to him because he had gone in to Bathsheba.*

- ¶1. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness! In the abundance of your compassion, blot out my transgressions!
2. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin,
3. for I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is continually before me.
4. Against you, against you only, have I sinned and done this evil in your sight, so that you may be vindicated in your words. You are justified in your judgment.
5. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
6. Behold, you delight in truth in the inner parts, and in the secret *chamber*, you make me know wisdom.
7. Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean. Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
8. Make me to hear joy and gladness, and the bones you have crushed will shout for joy!
9. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
10. Create a clean heart for me, O God, and make within me a new, steadfast spirit!
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 you will sustain me *with* a willing spirit.
13. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.
14. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, God of my salvation! My tongue will cry aloud of your righteousness.
15. My Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will make your praise known.
16. Truly, you do not delight in sacrifice; otherwise, I would offer it. Burnt offering does not please you.
17. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. A broken and crushed heart, O God, you will not despise.
18. In your good will, do good to Zion. You will build the walls of Jerusalem.
19. Then, you will delight in sacrifices of righteousness, burnt offering and whole burnt offering. Then will they offer bullocks on your altar.

## Chapter 52

Damien

*For the chief musician. A wisdom song by David.*

*When Doeg the Edomite came and reported to Saul, and he said to him,  
“David has gone to Ahimelech’s house.”*

- ¶1. How can you commend yourself with evil, O mighty man? God’s faithfulness never ceases.
2. Your tongue devises ruinous things like a sharpened razor, working deceit.
3. You love evil rather than good, *and* falsehood rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.

4. You love every word that devours, O deceitful tongue!
5. But God will break you down for eternity. He will seize you and tear you out of *your* tent, and He will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah.
6. And the righteous will see it, and fear. And they will laugh at him, *saying*,
7. “Behold the man who did not make God his strength, but trusted in the abundance of his riches! He was strengthened by his own will.”
8. But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I will trust in the lovingkindness of God forever and ever.
9. I will praise you forever because you did *it*, and I will wait for your Name, for *he is* good in the sight of your saints.

### Chapter 53

11

Damien

*For the chief musician. On Mahalath.  
A wisdom song by David.*

- ¶1. A fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are perverted, and they carry on abominable unrighteousness; there is no one doing good.
2. God looked down from heaven upon the sons of man to see if there was anyone who has understanding, who is seeking God.
3. Every one of them is backslidden. They are all, alike, corrupted; there is no one doing good, not even one!
4. Do evildoers have no understanding, eating up my people as they eat bread? They do not call on God.
5. There, they will be utterly terrified, *though* there was no fear. For God will scatter the bones of him who camps against you. You will put them to shame because God has rejected them.
6. Whom from Zion will He make salvation for Israel? When God returns His captive people, Jacob will rejoice! Israel will be glad!

### Chapter 54

Damien

*For the chief musician with stringed instruments.  
A wisdom song by David when the men of Ziph came and said to Saul, “Isn’t David hiding himself among us?”*

- ¶1. Save me, O God, by your Name, and vindicate me by your Strength.
2. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth!
3. For strangers have risen up against me, and ruthless men seek my life. They do not set God before them. Selah.
4. Behold! God is my helper! My Lord is with those who uphold my life.

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<sup>11</sup> Nearly identical to Ps. 14.

5. He will return the evil to my enemies. Annihilate them in your faithfulness!
6. With a freewill offering will I sacrifice to you. I will praise your name, O Jehovah, for *you are* good.
7. For He has delivered me from every distress, and my eye has looked upon my enemies.

## Chapter 55

Damien

*For the chief musician, with stringed instruments.  
A wisdom song by David.*

- ¶1. Give ear to my prayer, O God, and do not hide yourself from my supplication.
2. Attend to me, and answer me. I wander about in my anxiety, for I am discomfited
3. because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked, for they bring trouble down on me, and in anger, they love to hate me.
4. My heart is in anguish within me, and the terrors of death are fallen on me.
5. Fear and trembling have come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.
6. Then I said, “Who will give me wings like the dove, that I might fly away and be at rest?”
7. Yea, I would wander far away, and lodge in the wilderness. Selah.
8. I would hasten to my place of refuge from the stormy wind and tempest.
9. Swallow *them* up, my Lord! Divide their speech, for I have seen violence and strife in the city.
10. Day and night, they go around it on its walls, with iniquity and distress in its midst.
11. Misery is in its midst, for oppression is not removed from its marketplace, nor fraud.
12. It was not an enemy who reproached me; then, I could have borne it. Nor was it one who hated me who puffed himself up against me; then, I would have hidden myself from him.
13. But it was you, a man my equal, my companion, and my dear friend,
14. for we took sweet counsel together, and walked among the throng in the house of God.
15. Let death come upon him! Let them go down alive to Sheol, for wickedness is in their home and in their heart!
16. As for me, I will call on God, and the LORD will save me.
17. Evening, and morning, and at noon, I will complain and groan, and He will hear my voice.
18. He will redeem my soul with peace from the battle against me, for many were about me.
19. God will hear, and He, even He who has been from of old, will humble them – Selah! – because they do not change, and they do not fear God.
20. He stretched out his hands against those at peace with him; he violated his covenant.
21. His words were smooth as butter, but war was in his heart. His words were softer than oil, but they were drawn swords.
22. Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you. He will never allow the righteous to be moved.
23. But you, O God, will bring them down to the lowest pit. Bloody and deceitful men will not live out half their days, but I will trust in you.

## Chapter 56

## Rebekah

- ¶1.
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10. In God will I praise *the* Word. In Jehovah will I praise *the* Word.
11. In God have I put my trust. I will not fear what man can do to me!
- 12.
- 13.

## Chapter 57

### Richard and Amy

*To the chief musician. DO NOT DESTROY!*

- ¶1.
- 2.
- 3.
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## Chapter 58

### Rebekah

*For the chief musician. DO NOT DESTROY!*

- ¶1.
- 2.
3. The wicked are estranged from the womb; from birth, they go astray, speaking lies.
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9. Before your pots can feel the thorns, . . .

10. The righteous will rejoice when he sees vengeance. He will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

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## Chapter 59

John

*For the chief musician. Do not destroy!*

*A miktam by David when Saul sent men, and they watched his house, to kill him.*

- ¶1. Deliver me from my enemies, my God! Set me on high from those who lift themselves up against me!
2. Deliver me from evildoers, and save me from bloody men!
3. For, behold, they lie in wait for my life; formidable men have stirred up strife against me, not for my transgression and not for my sin, O LORD.
4. Not for wickedness have they run and set themselves against me. Rouse yourself to help me, and see!
5. But you, Jehovah, God of hosts, God of Israel, awake to punish all the nations! Show no mercy to any of those who treacherously devise evil. Selah.
6. They return at evening; they snarl like a dog as they go about the city.
7. Behold, they spew with their mouths; daggers are in their lips. For *they say*, “Who is listening?”
8. But you, O Jehovah, you laugh at them; you scoff at all nations.
9. O *you who are* His strength, I will watch for you! For God is my high tower.
10. The God of His lovingkindness will go before me; God will let me see those who lie in wait for me.
11. Do not kill them, lest my people forget. Make them tremble by your power, and bring them down, O Lord our shield,
12. for the sin of their mouth and the speech of their lips. And let them be taken in their pride for the curse and falsehood they declare.
13. Consume *them* in wrath! Consume *them* until none of them remain, that men may know to the ends of the earth that God rules in Jacob. Selah.
14. And they return at evening; they snarl like a dog as they go about the city.
15. They go about to devour; if they are not satisfied, then they will stay all night.
16. But as for me, I will sing of your strength, and joyfully shout your lovingkindness in the morning, for you have been my high tower and my way of escape in the day of my distress.
17. O my Strength, I will sing you praise, for God is my high tower, the God of mercy for me.

## Chapter 60

John

*For the chief musician, upon Shushan.*

*A testimonial miktam by David, for instruction.*

*When he fought with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and Joab returned and slew of Edom 12,000 in the Valley of Salt.*

- ¶1. O God, you have rejected us. You have broken out against us. You have been angry. Turn back to us!
2. You have made the land quake; you have split it open. Heal its brokenness, for it is trembling!
3. You have made your people to see a hard thing. You have given us wine of trembling to drink.
4. You have given a sign for those who fear you, *to which* they may flee from the bow. Selah.
5. Save *us with* your right hand, and answer us, that those you love may be delivered!
6. God has spoken in His holiness, “I will exult; I will apportion Shechem and mete out the Valley of Succoth.
7. Gilead is mine; Manesseh is mine; and Ephraim is a shelter for my head. Judah is my law-giver.
8. Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast my shoe. Let Philistia shout in triumph because of me!”
9. Who will escort me to the entrenched city? Who will lead me to Edom?
10. O God, have you not rejected us? For you will not go out, O God, with our armies.
11. Give us help against our adversary, for salvation through man is vain!
12. Through God shall we do valiantly, and He Himself shall trample our adversaries.

#### Chapter 61

John

*For the chief musician, on a stringed instrument.*

*By David.*

- ¶1. Hear my cry, O God! Attend to my prayer!
2. From the end of the earth will I call to you when my heart is faint. You will lead me to a rock that is higher than I,
3. for you have been my refuge, and a strong tower against the enemy.
4. I shall remain in your tent forever and ever! I shall take refuge in the shelter of your wings! Selah.
5. For you, O God, have heard my vows and have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.
6. You will add days to the days of the king; his years *shall be*, as it were, for generation after generation.
7. He will sit in God’s presence forever! Appoint lovingkindness and truth that they may keep him.
8. So will I ever sing praises to your name, that I may fulfill my vows day after day.

#### Chapter 62

John

*For the chief musician, for Jeduthun.*

*A melody by David.*

- ¶1. For God alone does my soul quietly wait; my salvation *will come* from Him.
2. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress. I shall not be greatly shaken.
3. How long will *you* assault a man? All of *you* will be destroyed, like a bowing wall or leaning fence!
4. All they do is scheme to cast *him* down from his high place. They take pleasure in falsehood. With their mouth, they bless, but inwardly, they curse. Selah.
5. For God alone, O my soul, quietly wait, for my hope is in Him.
6. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress. I shall not be shaken.
7. Upon God *rest* my salvation and my glory. The rock of my strength, my refuge, is in God!
8. O people, trust in Him at all times! Pour out *your* heart before Him! God is a refuge for us. Selah.
9. Surely, men of low status are vanity, and men of high status are a lie. Laid in a balance together, they *are lighter* than vanity.
10. Do not put *your* trust in oppression, nor by robbery become vain; when wealth increases, do not set *your* heart *on it*.
11. Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this, that power belongs to God,
12. and to you, O Lord, belongs lovingkindness, for you will reward man according to his work.

### Chapter 63

Tom and Suzi

*A melody by David when he was in the wilderness of Judah.*

- ¶1. O God, you are my God! Earnestly will I seek you. My soul thirsts for you; my flesh longs for you in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
2. Thus have I looked for you in the sanctuary, to behold your power and glory.
3. Because your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips will praise you.
4. Thus will I bless you while I live: I will lift up my hands in your name.
5. My soul will be satisfied as with the best food and abundance. And with joyful lips, my mouth will praise you
6. when I remember you upon my bed. I meditate on you in the night watches.
7. For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings will I shout for joy.
8. My soul follows hard after you. Your right hand upholds me.
9. But those who seek to destroy my life will go into the lowest parts of the earth.
10. They will be given over to the hands of the sword. They will become a portion for jackals.
11. But the King will rejoice in God. Everyone who swears by Him will glory, for the mouth of those who speak lies will be shut.

### Chapter 64

Tom and Suzi

*To the chief musician.  
A melody by David.*

- ¶1. Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint! You keep my life from fear of the enemy.
2. You keep me hidden from the assembly of evildoers, from the congregation of those who do  
iniquity,
3. who have sharpened their tongue like a sword; they have aimed their arrow, poisonous  
talk,
4. to shoot from hiding places the perfect man. They shoot without warning, and without  
fear.
5. They encourage themselves in an evil matter; they talk of secretly laying snares, saying,  
“Who will see them?”
6. They look for wrongs, *and say*, “We have accomplished a diligent search, though the heart  
and mind of man is unsearchable.”
7. But God will shoot an arrow at them without warning; they themselves will be struck down.
8. Though they would have brought him down, their tongue *will fall* upon themselves. All  
who see them will tremble,
9. and all men will fear, and they will make known the work of God, and they will consider  
what He has done.
10. Let the righteous rejoice in the LORD and take refuge in Him! Let all the upright in heart  
glory!

#### Chapter 65

Tom and Suzi

*To the chief musician.*

*A melody by David. A song.*

- ¶1. In Zion, O God, waiting for you is praise, and because of you, the promised gift will be  
given.
2. O you who hears prayer, to you will all flesh come.
3. The ways of iniquity prevailed; through me, you will make atonement for our transgressions.
4. Blessed is the one whom you choose and bring near; he will dwell in your courts. O, let us  
be filled with the goodness of your house, your holy temple!
5. In righteousness, you wondrously answer us, O God of our salvation! *You are the* refuge  
of all the ends of the earth and the farthest sea,
6. the one who by His power established the mountains, being girded with strength,
7. the one who calms the roaring of the seas, the roar of their waves, and the uproar of the  
nations.
8. And the inhabitants of the ends *of the earth* will fear your signs. You will cause the  
outgoings of the morning and evening to give a ringing cry.
9. You have visited the earth and given it abundance; you greatly enrich it. The channel of God  
is full of water; you provide their grain. This is how you provide for the *earth!*
10. You water its furrows abundantly; you smooth out its ridges, making it soft with showers,  
blessing its produce.
11. You have crowned the year with your goodness, and your tracks drip fatness.

12. They drip *upon* the wilderness pastures, and the hills gird themselves with joy.  
 13. Meadows are clothed with flocks, and valleys are covered with grain. Together they shout;  
 yea, they sing!

### Chapter 66

Tom and Suzi

*To the chief musician. A song. A melody.*

- ¶1. Shout to God, all the earth!  
 2. Sing the glory of His name! Set forth the glory of His praise!  
 3. Say to God, “How wondrous are your works! Because of your great strength, your enemies  
 will cower before you.”  
 4. All the earth will worship you, and will sing to you; they will sing of your name. Selah.  
 5. Come and see the works of God! He is awesome in deed toward the sons of man.  
 6. He turned the sea to dry land. Through the river will they cross over on foot. Then, we will  
 rejoice in Him<sup>12</sup>  
 7. who rules by His might forever. His eyes will be watching the nations. The rebellious  
 shall not rise up against Him! Selah.  
 8. Bless our God, O nations, and make the sound of His praise be heard,  
 9. who set our souls among the living and has not suffered our feet to slip.  
 10. You have certainly proved us, O God. You have refined us as silver is refined.  
 11. You led us into the net. You laid a crushing load on our backs.  
 12. You caused men to ride over our heads. We have gone through fire and water. Yet, you  
 have brought us out to a place of abundance.  
 13. I will come into your house with burnt offerings. I will pay my vows to you  
 14. which my lips uttered and my mouth spoke in my distress.  
 15. I will offer to you whole burnt offerings of fatlings, together with the smoke of rams. I will  
 prepare cattle, with he-goats. Selah.  
 16. Come and listen, and let me declare to all who fear God what He has done for my soul.  
 17. I cried to Him with my mouth, and He was exalted with my tongue.  
 18. If I had regarded wickedness in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.  
 19. But God listened! He gave heed to the sound of my prayer.  
 20. Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer or His lovingkindness from me.

### Chapter 67

Tom and Suzi

*For the chief musician.  
 A melody with stringed instruments. A song.*

- ¶1. God will show us favor and bless us. Let His face shine on us – Selah! –  
 2. that your way might be known on earth, your salvation among all the nations!  
 3. Let the nations praise you, O God! Let all the nations praise you!

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<sup>12</sup> Cp. Isaiah 11:15–16.

4. Nations will rejoice and sing for joy when you judge nations with equity and guide the nations on earth. *Selah.*
5. Let the nations praise you, O God! Let all the nations praise you!
6. The land will yield her produce. God, our God, will bless us.
7. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear Him.

## Chapter 68

Tom and Suzi

*To the chief musician.*

*A melody by David. A song.*

- ¶1. God will rise up, His enemies will scatter, and those who hate Him will flee before Him.
2. As smoke is driven away, so you will drive *them* away. Like wax melting before fire, the wicked will perish before God,
3. but the righteous will be glad. They will exult before God and rejoice with gladness.
4. Sing to God! Sing praises to His name! Cast up a highway for him who rides through the desert plains with J'ah as his authority. Exult before him, too,
5. a father to orphans and a judge of widows, a God in His holy habitation.
6. God makes the solitary to dwell in homes; He leads prisoners out with joyous songs, but the rebellious dwell in a scorched land.
7. O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness (*selah!*),
8. earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God, the *God* of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.
9. You freely gave rain to your inheritance, O God. You established it when it was weary.
10. Your people dwelt in it. You, O God, in your goodness provide for the needy.
11. The Lord will give the word. Great is the army that proclaims the good news:
12. "The kings of the armies are fleeing! They are fleeing!" And she who waits at home will divide spoil
13. while you men lie among campfires, wings of a dove covered with silver and its pinions with shimmering gold,
14. when the Almighty scatters kings in it. Let her divide it in Zalmon!
15. O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan! O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan!
16. Why do you watch enviously, O mountain peaks, the mountain *that* God desired for His dwelling-place? Yea, the LORD will dwell there forever.
17. The chariots of the gods are myriads, thousands upon thousands. The Lord is among them *as* at Sinai, in the sanctuary.
18. You have ascended on high! You have taken captivity captive, to procure gifts for men, even the rebellious, so that *our* God, J'ah, might dwell *with them*.
19. Blessed be the Lord! Day after day, the God of our salvation bears our burden. *Selah.*
20. Our God is a God of deliverances, and from GOD, the Lord, come escapes from death.
21. Howbeit, God will smite the head of His enemies, the hairy crown of him that walks about in his offenses.

22. The Lord has said, "I will bring *them* back from Bashan; I will bring *them* back from the depths of the sea,
23. so that your foot may bloodily crush *them*. Your dogs' tongue will *have* its portion of your enemies."
24. They have seen your processions, O God, the processions of my God, my King, into the sanctuary,
25. singers in front, players of stringed instruments following, and between them, virgins with timbrels.
26. In the assemblies, let them bless God, the LORD, for the fountain of Israel!
27. There, little Benjamin rules over them, princes of Judah, their stone heap, princes of Zebulun, princes of Naphtali.
28. Your God has commanded your mighty one. Strengthen, O God, him whom you created for us.
29. For your temple, kings will bring a gift to you at Jerusalem.
30. Rebuke the beast of the shaft and the company of mighty men with calves of peoples, *until* each abases himself with pieces of silver. He will scatter the nations who delight in wars.
31. Nobles will come from Egypt; Ethiopia will quickly stretch out his hands to God.
32. Let the kingdoms of earth sing unto God! Let them make music to the Lord! Selah.
33. To him who rides in the ancient heaven of heavens. Lo, he utters his voice, a mighty voice.
34. Let those in the clouds submit to God's power over Israel, His majesty and His strength.
35. O God, you are feared among your saints. O God of Israel! He will grant power and positions of authority to *His* people. Blessed be God!

## Chapter 69

Tom and Suzi

*To the chief musician upon Shoshannim.*

*By David.*

- ¶1. Save me, O God, for the waters have come in, even to *my* soul.
2. I have sunk into deep mire, and there is no foothold. I have come into deep waters, and a torrent has engulfed me.
3. I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is parched; my eyes have failed, waiting for my God.
4. Those who hate me without cause are more than the hairs of my head. My enemies, who would destroy me, are strong. (The lie which I did not take away, I will yet disprove.)
5. O God, you know my foolishness, and my offenses are not hidden from you.
6. Let those who hope in you not be ashamed for my sake, O Lord GOD of Hosts! For my sake, O God of Israel, let those who seek you not be confounded!
7. For because of you, I have borne reproach; shame has covered my face.
8. I have become a stranger to my brothers and an alien to the children of my mother

9. because jealousy for your house consumed me and the reproaches of those who reproach you fell on me.
10. When I wept, with my soul fasting, it brought reproaches against me.
11. When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.
12. Those who sit in the gate deride me, and drunkards mock *me* with songs.
13. But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD, at an acceptable time. O God, in your rich lovingkindness, answer me with your saving truth.
14. Deliver me from the mire, and let me not sink! Let me be delivered from those who hate me and from the deep waters.
15. Do not let the floodwaters engulf me, or let the deep swallow me up, or let the pit close its mouth upon me.
16. Answer me, O LORD, for your lovingkindness is good. Turn to me according to your great compassion,
17. and do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress. Hurry to answer me!
18. Draw near to my soul! Redeem it! Ransom me because of my enemies!
19. You know my reproach, and my shame, and my disgrace. All my adversaries are before you.
20. Reproach has broken my heart, and I am distraught. I longed for *someone* to show pity, but there was no one, and for comforters, but I found none.
21. They put poison in my food, and in my thirst, they gave me vinegar to drink.
22. Let their table be a snare before them, and the things they are content with, a trap.
23. Let their eyes grow too dim to see, and make their loins continually shake.
24. Pour out your indignation on them, and let your burning anger overtake them.
25. Let their camp be desolate; let no one remain in their tents
26. because of you. They persecuted the one that you killed, and they talk of the pain of the fatal wounds you inflicted.
27. Add to them punishment upon punishment, and let them not enter into your righteousness.
28. Let them be blotted out of the Book of Life, and not be written among the righteous!
29. Though I have been lowly and hurting, O God, your salvation will set me on high.
30. I will praise the name of God with song, and magnify Him with thanksgiving,
31. and it will please the LORD more than an ox or bull with horns and hoofs.
32. Humble men understand that those who seek God will rejoice, and *your* hearts will live,
33. for the LORD listens to the needy, and He does not despise His prisoners.
34. Heaven and earth will praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them,
35. for God will save Zion and build the cities of Judah, that men may dwell there and take possession of it,
36. and the seed of His servants will inherit it, and those who love His name will dwell in it.

## Chapter 70

John

*For the chief musician.*

*By David, to bring to remembrance.*

- ¶1. Deliver me, O God! O LORD, make haste to help me!
2. Let them be put to shame and confounded who seek my life! Let them be turned back and humiliated who take pleasure in my hurt!
3. Let them who say, "Aha! Aha!," turn back because of their shame.
4. Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you, and let those who love your salvation say continually, "God is great!"
5. But I am poor and needy. Hasten to me, O God! You, O Lord, are my Help and my Deliverer. Oh, do not tarry!

## Chapter 71

Gary

- ¶1. In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.
2. Deliver me by your righteousness, and rescue me! Incline your ear to me, and save me.
3. Be a rock of refuge for me, to which I may continually go! You have commanded that I be saved, for you are my rock and my stronghold.
4. O my God, deliver me from the power of the evil one, from the hand of the unjust and cruel man.
5. For you are my hope, my Lord, Jehovah, my security from my youth.
6. On you have I relied from the womb; you severed me from my mother's belly. My praise is continually of you.
7. I am as a wonder to many, but you are my strong refuge.
8. My mouth is filled with your praise and your glory all day long.
9. Do not cast me off in the time of old age; when my strength is spent, do not forsake me.
10. For my enemies spoke against me, and those who watched over my soul took counsel together,
11. saying, "God has forsaken him. Follow him, and take him, for there is no one to deliver him."
12. O God, do not be far from me! O my God, hasten to help me!
13. Let them be ashamed. Let the adversaries of my soul be consumed. Let scorn and disgrace cover them who seek to do me harm.
14. But as for me, I will always hope, and keep adding to all your praise.
15. My mouth will recount your righteousness all the day, and your salvation, though I do not know their number.
16. I will come with the mighty ones of the Lord GOD! I will make your righteousness known, yours alone.
17. O God, you have taught me from my youth, and behold, I am still declaring your wonders.
18. And even to old age and gray hair, O God, do not forsake me; then, I will declare your strength to that generation, your might to all who are coming.
19. Your righteousness, O God, *reaches* to heaven, who has done great things! O God, who is like you?
20. You who have shown me many and grievous troubles will bring me back to life and cause me to rise again from the depths of the earth.

21. You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.
22. For my part, I will praise you with a harp. With a lyre will I sing your truth to you, my God, O Holy One of Israel.
23. My lips will shout for joy as I play for you, and my soul, which you have redeemed.
24. Also, my tongue will speak of your righteousness all the day long, for those who sought to do me harm have been put to shame, and disgraced.

Chapter 72  
Gary  
*For Solomon.*

- ¶1. O God, give the king your judgments, and your righteousness to the king's son.
2. He will judge your people in righteousness, and your poor with justice.
3. The mountains and hills will yield prosperity for the people, through righteousness.
4. He will judge the poor among the people; he will deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
5. They will fear you as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.
6. He will descend like rain upon mown grass<sup>13</sup>, as showers that water the ground.
7. In his days the righteous will flourish, and great peace, until the moon is no more.
8. *And he will rule from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.*
9. *Those who dwell in the desert will bow down to him, and his enemies will lick the dust.*
10. *Kings of Tarshish and of the isles will render tribute; kings of Sheba and Seba will offer a gift.*
11. *And all kings will bow down to him; all nations will serve him.*
12. For he will deliver the needy when he cries, and the poor who has no man to help him.
13. He will have pity on the poor and needy, and the souls of the needy will he save.
14. He will redeem their soul from oppression and from violence, and their blood is precious in his eyes.
15. Let him live! And let gold from Sheba be given to him! Let prayer *to God* be made through him continually, and let Him bless him every day!
16. *There will be an abundance of grain in the land, on the top of the mountains. Its produce will sway like that of Lebanon, and they in the city will flourish like grass of the earth.*
17. *His name will endure forever! Under the sun will his name be magnified! And all nations will bless themselves in him, and they will call him blessed.*
18. Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
19. And blessed be His glorious name forever, and let all the earth be filled with His glory – Amen and amen!
20. The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

Chapter 73  
Gary

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<sup>13</sup> Or, “fleece”.

*A melody by Asaph.*

- ¶1. Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.
2. But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; my steps were almost gone.
3. For I was envious of the boastful when I saw the happiness of wicked men.
4. For there are no bonds on them until death, and their bodies are stout.
5. They are not in trouble as others are, and they are not plagued along with mankind.
6. Therefore, pride encircles them as a necklace; violence covers them like a garment.
7. Their eye stands out with fatness; they have more than heart can wish.
8. They mock and speak wickedly of oppression; they speak loftily.
9. They set their mouth against heaven, and their tongue walks through the earth.
10. Therefore, His people turn away after them, and waters of a full *CUP* are wrung out to them.
11. And they say, "How can God know?" and, "Is there knowledge on high?"
12. Behold, these are the wicked; and at ease in the world, they increase in wealth.
13. Truly, in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence,
14. for I am plagued all day long, and my rebuke comes every morning.
15. If I had decided, "I will talk that way," behold, I would have offended a generation of your children.
16. When I tried to understand this, it was hard for me,
17. until I entered into God's sanctuary; then, I considered their end.
18. You have surely put them in slippery places; you cause them to fall into ruin.
19. How suddenly they come to desolation! They come to an end, consumed by terrors.
20. As a dream when one has awakened, O Lord, when you rise up, you will despise their image.
21. When my heart was bitter, my soul was pierced,
22. and I was brutish and did not understand. I was like an animal before you.
23. Yet, I was always with you. You held onto my right hand.
24. With your counsel, you will guide me, and afterwards, you will receive me to glory.
25. Whom have I in heaven *but you?* And I delight in none on earth besides you.
26. My flesh and my heart, the strength of my heart, may fail, but God is my portion forever.
27. For behold, those who are far from you will perish. You will destroy all who go a whoring from you.
28. But as for me, the nearness of God is good for me. I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I might declare all your works.

Chapter 74

Gary

*A wisdom song by Asaph.*

- ¶1. Why, O God, do you continually reject and your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?
2. Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago. You redeemed the rod of your inheritance, this Mount Zion where you have dwelt.

3. O lift up your feet to these perpetual ruins, to all the evil the enemy has done in the sanctuary.
4. Your adversaries roar within your meeting place; they set up their signs as *our* signs.
5. One became famous as he brought axes up the ascent *to your sanctuary*, as against a thicket of trees,
6. and then, with hatchet and hammers, they smashed all its engraved works.
7. They set your sanctuary on fire; they profaned the dwelling-place of your name to the ground.
8. They said in their hearts, “We will subdue them altogether.” They burned all of God’s meeting places in the land.
9. We do not see our signs; there is no longer a prophet; and none among us knows for how long.
10. How long, O God, will the adversary mock? Will the enemy blaspheme your name forever?
11. Why do you hold back your hand? With *him* on your right hand, fulfill your law<sup>14</sup> from within!
12. And yet, from ancient time, O God my King, you have been working salvation throughout the earth.
13. You are the one who, by your strength, broke up the sea into pieces. You smashed the heads of dragons in the flood;
14. you are the one who crushed the heads of Leviathan. You gave him food for a people, for those dwelling in the desert.
15. You are the one who cleaved spring and torrent; you are the one who dried up flowing rivers.
16. To you belongs the day, and to you belongs the night. You are the one who established light and sun.
17. You are the one who fixed all the boundaries of the earth; as for summer and winter, you are the one who made them.
18. Remember this! The enemy has reproached, O LORD, and a foolish people has blasphemed your name.
19. Oh, do not put the life of your turtle dove into a creature, a creature among your afflicted people! Do not ever forget!
20. Have respect to the covenant, though the dark places of earth are full of the habitations of violence.
21. Do not let the crushed man return humiliated. Let the poor and the needy man praise your name.
22. Arise, O God, and plead your case! Remember the fool’s daily reproach against you.
23. Do not forget the clamor of your adversaries; the tumult of those who rise up against you ascends continually.

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<sup>14</sup> Or, “your statute”.

## Chapter 75

Damien

*For the chief musician. DO NOT DESTROY!  
A melody by Asaph. A song.*

- ¶1. We praise you, O God! We praise you! Your wonders declare that your name is near!
2. When I receive the assembly, I will judge uprightly.
3. The earth and all its inhabitants are melted away. I determine its pillars. Selah.
4. I said to the boasters, “Do not be boastful!” and to the wicked, “Do not lift up the horn!”
5. Do not lift up **your** horn on high; do not speak with a proud neck.
6. For exaltation will not come from east or west, nor yet from the wilderness.
7. For God is Judge, abasing one, and exalting another.
8. **For in the hand of the LORD is a cup with wine that has foamed and is fully mixed. When He pours out this wine, all the wicked of the earth will surely drink; they will drain it to the dregs!**
9. But as for me, I will testify forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
10. All the horns of the wicked will I cut off, **but** the horns of the righteous will be exalted.

## Chapter 76

Damien

*For the chief musician, with stringed instruments.  
A melody by Asaph. A song.*

- ¶1. God is known in Judah. In Israel, His name is great,
2. but His tabernacle is in Salem, and His dwelling place is in Zion.
3. There He shattered the flaming arrows, the shield, and the sword, and war. Selah.
4. You are resplendent, more majestic than the mountains of prey.
5. I caused the stouthearted to plunder one another. They sank into their sleep, and none of the mighty men found their strength.
6. At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both rider and horse are fallen asleep.
7. You alone are to be feared, and who can stand before you once you are angered!
8. From heaven, you pronounced judgment; the earth feared and was quiet,
9. when God arose for the Judgment, to deliver all the meek of the earth. Selah.
10. Surely, the wrath of man will praise you; all other wrath will you restrain.
11. Make vows to the LORD **your** God, and perform them! Let all who are around Him bring a gift to the One who is feared.
12. He cuts off the spirit of princes; He is dreadful to earthly kings.

## Chapter 77

Damien

*For the chief musician, for Jeduthun.  
A melody by Asaph.*

- ¶1. My voice **will rise** to God. Yea, I will cry aloud to God, for He has given ear to me.

2. I sought my Lord in the day of my distress. At night, my hand was stretched out and did not grow weak. My soul refused to be comforted.
3. I remembered God, and groaned. I complained, and my spirit was fainting away. Selah.
4. You held my eyelids *open*; I was so troubled that I could not speak.
5. I considered days of old, the years of long ago.
6. I remembered my songs in the night; I communed with my heart, and my spirit made inquiry:
  7. “Will the Lord cast off forever? And will He never again show favor?
  8. Has His mercy forever ceased? Is the promise to all generations no more?
  9. Has God forgotten to be gracious? Or in anger has He shut up His compassions? Selah.
  10. And I said, ‘It hurts me that the right hand of the Most High has changed.’”
11. I will bring to mind the works of J’ah; yea, I will remember your wondrous work of old.
12. Indeed, I have meditated upon all your work, and I will muse upon your deeds.
13. O God, your way, who is a great God like God, is in the holy place.
14. You are the God who created Wonder! You will make your strength known among the nations.
15. With *your* arm, you have redeemed your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.
16. The waters saw you, O God! The waters saw you! They were in anguish. The depths also trembled.
17. Clouds poured out water. Thick clouds gave forth a sound. Your arrows also shot back and forth.
18. The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind. Flashes of lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.
19. Your way was through the sea, and your paths, through great waters, and your footprints were not perceived.
20. You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

## Chapter 78

**Damien**

*A wisdom song by Asaph.*

- ¶1. Give ear, O my people, to my law! Incline *your* ear to the words of my mouth!
2. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will pour out dark sayings from of old
3. that we have heard and understood, for our fathers recounted them to us.
4. We will not hide them from their children, recounting to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His power, and His wonderful works that He has done.
5. For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel that He commanded our fathers to make known to their children,
6. that the generation to come might know them, and the children that should be born might rise up and recount them to their children,
7. that they might put their confidence in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments,

8. that they might not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not prepare its heart, and whose spirit was not faithful to God.
9. The children of Ephraim, armed with the bow, turned back in the day of battle.
10. They did not keep God's covenant, and they refused to walk in His law.
11. And they forgot His deeds, and His wonders that He had shown them.
12. He did a wonder in the sight of their fathers in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13. He divided the sea and brought them through it. Yea, He made water to stand up as a heap.
14. By day, He led them with a cloud, and through the night, by the light of a fire.
15. He split rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink *as abundant* as the great deep.
16. He brought forth flowing streams from a rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.
17. Yet, they still continued to sin against Him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert.
18. And they tempted God in their heart by asking for food according to their own will.
19. And they spoke against God, saying, "Is God able to spread a table in the wilderness?"
20. Behold, He struck a rock and waters gushed out and streams overflowed. Is He able to give bread also, or provide flesh for His people?"
21. Therefore, when the LORD heard this, He was filled with fury, and a fire was kindled against Jacob. Yea, wrath rose up against Israel.
22. For they did not believe in God, nor did they trust in His salvation.
23. Yet, He commanded the clouds above, and opened the doors of heaven.
24. And so, He rained manna down on them to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.
25. Man ate the bread of angels.<sup>15</sup> He sent food in abundance.
26. He caused an east wind to blow through the heavens, and by His strength, He drove the south wind,
27. and rained flesh down on them like dust, and winged fowl like the sand of the seas,
28. and He made them fall in their camp, around about their tents.
29. But while they were eating and being well filled, He brought their lust upon them.
30. They were not finished with their lust; their food was still in their mouths
31. when the wrath of God rose against them, and He killed the stoutest of them, and He laid low the choicest men of Israel.
32. In spite of all this, they kept on sinning, and they did not believe in His wonders.
33. So, He consumed their days with vanity and their years with trouble.
34. When He killed them, then they sought Him; they repented and earnestly sought God.
35. And they remembered that God was their rock, and the Most High God, their redeemer.
36. Then they flattered Him with their mouths, and with their tongue, they lied to Him
37. for their heart was not steadfast with Him, and they were not faithful in His covenant.
38. But He was compassionate; He provided atonement for sin and did not destroy *them*. Yea, many a time, He turned His anger away and did not stir up all His wrath,
39. for He remembered that they were flesh, a passing breeze that will never return.
40. How often they rebelled against Him in the wilderness and grieved Him in the desert!
41. Again and again, they tempted God, and they limited the Holy One of Israel.

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<sup>15</sup> Hebrew: "mighty ones".

42. They did not remember His power *that they saw* the day that He ransomed them from the enemy,
43. when He displayed His signs in Egypt and His wonders in the field of Zoan,
44. and He turned their rivers into blood so that they could not drink from their streams.
45. He sent a swarm of flies among them which devoured them, and frogs that polluted them.
46. And He gave their increase to the destroying locust and their labor to the young locust.
47. He destroyed their vines with the hail, and their sycamores with the lightning bolts<sup>16</sup>.
48. And He delivered their beasts to the hail, and their livestock to the fiery bolts.
49. He loosed on them His burning anger, fury, and indignation and distress, a detachment of evil angels.
50. He cleared a way for His anger; He did not spare their soul from death, but delivered their life to the pestilence.
51. And He struck all the firstborn of Egypt, the firstfruits of vigor in the tents of Ham.
52. Then He led His people out like sheep, and He guided them like a flock in the wilderness.
53. And He led them safely so that they were not afraid, but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
54. And then, He brought them to the border of His holiness, this mountain that His right hand had purchased.
55. He drove out the nations before them, and He apportioned them an inheritance by lot, and He settled the tribes of Israel in their tents.
56. But they tempted and rebelled against God Most High, and they did not keep His testimonies.
57. And they turned back and became faithless like their fathers. They became warped, like a treacherous bow.
58. They vexed Him with their high places, and with their carved images, they provoked Him to jealousy.
59. God heard and was filled with fury, and He greatly despised Israel.
60. Then, He forsook the tabernacle at Shiloh, the tent where He dwelt among men,
61. and gave His strength into captivity and His beauty into the hand of the adversary.
62. He also delivered His people to the sword, and was filled with fury against His heritage.
63. Fire consumed His young men, and His maidens were given no wedding song.<sup>17</sup>
64. His priests fell by the sword, and His widows did not lament.
65. Then, like one who had been sleeping, like a mighty man overcome by wine, the Lord awoke,
66. and he struck his enemies' rear end; an everlasting shame He laid upon them.
67. And He rejected the tent of Joseph, and the tribe of Ephraim, He did not choose.
68. But He chose the tribe of Judah, and Mount Zion that He loved.
69. And He built His sanctuary like the highest place, like the earth, which He established forever.
70. And He chose David, His servant. And taking him from the sheepfolds,

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<sup>16</sup> Hebrew unknown.

<sup>17</sup> Literally, "His maidens were not praised (in song)."

71. from following suckling ewes, He brought him to shepherd Jacob His people and Israel His heritage,
72. who then guided them according to the integrity of his heart, and led them by the skillfulness of his hands.

## Chapter 79

Damien

*A melody by Asaph.*

- ¶1. O God, the nations have come into your heritage! They have defiled your holy temple; they have turned Jerusalem into ruins.
2. They have given the carcasses of your slaves as food for the birds of heaven, the flesh of your saints to the beasts of the earth.
3. They have poured out their blood like water around Jerusalem, and there is no one burying them.
4. We have become a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn and a derision to those round about us.
5. How long, O LORD? You have been angry forever; your jealousy burns like fire.
6. Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not know you, and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name,
7. though he has devoured Jacob, and they have ravaged His dwelling place.
8. Do not hold former iniquities against us! Let your tender mercies come to us quickly, for we are brought very low.
9. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name, and deliver us and cover over our sins for your name's sake.
10. Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Let him be revealed to the nations in our sight *by his* vengeance for the blood of your slaves which has been shed.
11. Let the groaning of the prisoner come before you. By your mighty power, save those about to die.
12. And render seven-fold into the bosom of our neighbors their reproach with which they have reproached you, O Lord!
13. And we, your people, the flock of your pasture, will forever give you thanks. From generation to generation will we declare your praise.

## Chapter 80

Damien

*For the chief musician, upon Shoshannim.  
A testimony by Asaph. A melody.*

- ¶1. Give ear, O shepherd of Israel, who leads Joseph like a flock; you who dwells *between* the cherubim, shine forth,
2. before Ephraim, and Benjamin, and Manasseh. Arouse your strength and go forth for our salvation!
3. Grant us repentance, O God, and cause your face to shine *on us*, and we will be saved.

4. O LORD, God of Hosts, how long will you be angry at the prayer of your people?
5. You feed them the bread of tears, and give them tears to drink. Shalish.
6. You make us a contention to our neighbors, and our enemies mock **US** among themselves.
7. Grant us repentance, O God of Hosts, and cause your face to shine **on US**, and we will be saved.
8. You bought a vine out from Egypt; you drove out the nations, and planted it.
9. You cleared **the ground** for it, and it took deep root and filled the land.
10. Mountains were covered with its shadow, and its branches were like cedars of God.
11. She sent out her branches to the sea, and her shoots to the river.
12. Why have you broken down her walls so that all who pass by the way pluck her?
13. The boar of the forest ravages her, and the beasts of the field feed on her.
14. O God of Hosts, return, we beseech you! Look down from heaven, and see, and visit this vine,
15. and the vine that your right hand planted, even upon the Son you made strong for yourself.
16. She is burned with fire. She has been cut down. At the rebuke of your face, they perish.
17. Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand, upon the Son of man you strengthened for yourself!
18. Then we will not backslide from you. Give us life, and we will call on your Name.
19. Grant us repentance, O LORD, God of Hosts, and cause your face to shine **on US**, and we will be saved.

## Chapter 81

(Tom & Suzi)

*For the chief musician, on the gittith.*

*By Asaph.*

1. Sing joyfully to God our strength; shout to the God of Jacob!
2. Lift up a song, play the tambourine **and** the sweet-sounding lyre with a harp.
3. Blow the shophar at the new moon, at the moon for the day of our feast,
4. for it is a statute for Israel; it is an ordinance of the God of Jacob.
5. He established it for a testimony in Joseph when He went out over the land of Egypt. I heard a language I did not recognize.
6. I removed his shoulder from the burden; his hands were freed from the basket.
7. You cried out in distress and I delivered you. I answered you in the secret place of thunder. I tried you at the waters of Meribah. Selah.
8. Hear, O my people, and I will testify against you. O Israel, if you would listen to me,
9. there would be in you no strange god; nor would you bow down to a foreign god.
10. I am the LORD your God who brought you up from the land of Egypt. Open wide your mouth, and I will fill it.
11. But my people have not listened to my voice; Israel has not yielded to me.
12. So, I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart, to walk in their own counsels.
13. If only my people would listen to me, Israel would walk in my ways.

14. How quickly would I subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their adversaries!
15. Those who hate the LORD feign obeisance to Him, but their time should have lasted forever.
16. But He would have fed him from the choicest wheat, and with honey from a rock I would have satisfied you.

### Chapter 82

Tom and Suzi

*A melody. By Asaph.*

- ¶1. God stands in the divine Assembly. In the midst of the gods, he judges.
2. How long will you judge unjustly and respect the persons of the wicked? Selah.
3. Judge the poor and fatherless; give justice to the afflicted and needy.
4. Rescue the weak and destitute. Deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
5. They do not know; neither do they understand. They walk about in darkness. All the foundations of the earth are shaken.
6. I have said, “You are gods, and all of you are sons of the Most High.
7. Nevertheless, like men, you will die and you will fall like one of the princes.”
8. Arise, O God! Judge the earth, for you will inherit all nations.

### Chapter 83

Tom and Suzi

*A Song. A melody by Asaph.*

- ¶1. O God, do not cease! Do not be silent or still, O God!
2. For behold! Your enemies rage, and those who hate you have lifted up the head.
3. They take shrewd counsel against your people, and conspire against those you treasure.
4. They said, “Come and let us destroy them as a nation, and the name of Israel will no longer be remembered!”
5. For they conspired together with one mind. They formed an alliance against you:
6. tents of Edom, and Ishmaelites, Moab, and the Hagarites,
7. Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;
8. Assyria also is joined with them. They strengthened the children of Lot. Selah.
9. Do to them as to Midian, as to Sisera, as to Jabin at the Brook of Kishon.
10. They were destroyed at Endor, they became dung for the land.
11. Make their nobles as Oreb and as Zeeb, all their princes as Zebah and as Zalmunna,
12. who said, “Let us possess for ourselves the pastures of God.”
13. O my God, make them like the whirling *dust*, like chaff before the wind.
14. The way fire burns a forest, and a flame sets the mountains ablaze,
15. put them to flight with your tempest and terrify them with your stormy wind.
16. Fill their faces with disgrace, and they will seek your name, O LORD!
17. Let them be ashamed and dismayed forever, and let them be confounded, and perish,
18. and they will know that you, whose name is Jehovah, are alone the Most High over all the earth!

## Chapter 84

(Tom &amp; Suzi)

*For the chief musician on the Gittith,  
a melody for the sons of Korah.*

- ¶1. How lovely are your dwelling places, O LORD of Hosts.
2. My soul longs, yea, it faints for the courts of the LORD. My heart and my flesh cry aloud for the living God.
3. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow, a nest for herself, where she may lay her young – at your altars, O LORD of Hosts, my King and my God.
4. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you! Selah.
5. Blessed are those whose strength is in you; highways *to Zion* are in their hearts.
6. As they pass through the Valley of Weeping, they make it a spring. And the Teacher will clothe *them* in blessings.
7. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
8. O LORD, God of Hosts, hear my prayer! Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah.
9. Behold our Shield, O God, and look on the face of your Messiah.
10. A day in your courts is much better than a thousand. I would choose to stand by the threshold of the house of my God rather than to dwell in tents of wickedness.
11. For the LORD God is a sun and a shield. The LORD will give grace and glory. He does not withhold good from those who live blamelessly.
12. O LORD of Hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

## Chapter 85

Tom and Suzi

*To the director, a melody for the sons of Korah.*

- ¶1. O LORD, you have shown favor to your land; you have returned the captivity of Jacob.
2. You have taken away the iniquity of your people. You have covered all their sin. Selah.
3. You gathered up all your wrath; you requited *US* because of your burning anger.
4. Bring us back, O God of our salvation, and cause your anger toward us to cease!
5. Will you be angry with us forever? You have continued in your wrath from generation to generation.
6. Won't you relent and give us life, that your people may rejoice in you?
7. Show us your lovingkindness, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.
8. Let me hear what the Lord GOD says, for He speaks peace to His people, even to His faithful!  
Only, let them not turn back to folly.
9. Indeed, His salvation is near those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.
10. Mercy and truth have met. Righteousness and peace have kissed *each other*.
11. Truth will spring up from the earth, and righteousness will look down from heaven.
12. Yea, Jehovah will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
13. Righteousness will go before Him, and will make His footsteps a pathway.

Chapter 86  
Vince  
*A prayer of David.*

- ¶1. Incline your ear, O LORD; answer me, for I am poor and needy.
2. Preserve my soul, for I am a godly man! Save your servant who trusts in you! You are my God!
3. Pity me, O my Lord, for I cry out to you all the day long!
4. Make glad the soul of your servant, O my Lord, for to you do I lift up my soul.
5. For you, O my Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and of great lovingkindness to all who call upon you.
6. Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications!
7. In the day of my trouble, I call on you because you answer me.
8. There is none like you among the gods, O my Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
9. All nations whom you have made will come and bow down before you, O Lord, and they will glorify your name.
10. For you are great, and do wondrous things. You, you alone, are God!
11. Teach me your way, O LORD; I will live by your truth. Unite my heart to fear your name.
12. Let me praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and let me glorify your name forever,
13. for your lovingkindness toward me is great, and you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
14. O God, the insolent withstood me, and the congregation of ruthless men sought my life and did not set you before them.
15. But you, my Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, and abundant in mercy and truth.
16. Turn to me, and be gracious to me! Give your servant your strength, and save the son of your maidservant!
17. With me, create a sign for good, and let those who hate me see it and be ashamed. For you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Chapter 87  
Vince  
*A melody for the sons of Korah. A song.*

- ¶1. His foundation is in the mountains of holiness.
2. The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.
3. Glorious things are spoken in you, O city of God! Selah.
4. I will bring to remembrance the Proud One and Babylon for those who know me. Behold! Philistia and Tyre, with Cush! This man was born there.
5. And to Zion, it will be said, “*This* man and *that* man were born in her.” And the Most High Himself will establish her.
6. The LORD will note in the record of the nations: “This man was born there.” Selah.

7. And singers with dancers *will sing*, “All my springs are in you.”

## Chapter 88

Vince

*A song. A melody for the sons of Korah.  
To the chief musician to sing upon Mahalath.  
A wisdom song by Heman the Ezrahite.*

- ¶1. O LORD, God of my salvation, by day and by night, I cry out before you.
2. Let my prayer come before you! Incline your ear to my cry!
3. For my soul is filled with troubles, and my life has come into Sheol.
4. I am counted with those who have gone down into the Pit. I have become like a helpless man.
5. Among the dead, I am free, like the slain lying in a grave, whom you will no more remember, and they have been cut off from your hand.
6. You have set me in the lowest Pit, in the darkest of depths.
7. Your burning anger pressed upon me; you overwhelmed me with all your waves. Selah.
8. You put my acquaintances far from me; you made me an abomination to them. I am shut up, and I cannot come out.
9. My eye has grown dim with affliction. I have cried out to you, O LORD, every day. I have stretched out my hands toward you.
10. Will you work a miracle for the dead? Will the shades rise up and praise you? Selah.
11. Will your lovingkindness be declared in the grave, or your faithfulness by Abaddon?
12. Will your Wonder be revealed in the darkness, and your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
13. But as for me, O LORD, I have cried out for salvation, and in the morning, my prayer came before you.
14. Why, O LORD, are you casting me off? You are hiding your face from me.
15. I have been afflicted and dying since my youth. I have borne your terrors. I am desperate.
16. Waves of your burning anger swept over me; your terrible acts put an end to me.
17. They surrounded me every day like water; together, they closed in on me.
18. You put far from me both friend and fellow. My companions are those in the region of darkness.

## CHAPTER 89

*A wisdom song by Ethan the Ezrahite.*

1. Let me sing of the LORD's eternal mercies! Let me make known with my mouth your faithfulness through all generations!
2. Truly, I say, eternal mercy shall be established; in heaven shall you establish your faithfulness.
3. I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David, my servant,
4. “I will establish your seed forever, and I will build up your throne through all generations.” Selah.

5. Then heaven will praise your Wonder, O Jehovah! How much more *shall* your faithfulness *be praised* in the assembly of the saints!
6. For who in the sky is comparable to Jehovah? He is like Jehovah among the sons of God!
7. God is greatly feared in the company of the saints, and revered above all those around Him.
8. O Jehovah, God of hosts! Who around you is mighty like you and your faithfulness, O J'ah?
9. You rule over the swelling of the sea; when its waves rise, you calm them.
10. You crushed the Proud One as a defiled thing; with your strong arm, you scattered your enemies.
11. Heaven is yours; the earth also is yours; the world and its fullness. You laid their foundations.
12. The north and the south; you created them. Tabor and Hermon shout with joy at your name.
13. Yours is a mighty arm; your hand is strong, your right hand is exalted.
14. Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of your throne. Lovingkindness and truth go before you.
15. Blessed are the people who know the joyful shout; they shall walk, O Jehovah, in the light of your countenance!
16. In your name, they will shout with joy all the day, and by your righteousness they will be exalted!
17. For you are the beauty of His strength, and by your favor our horn will be exalted.
18. For our shield belongs to Jehovah, and our king to the holy One of Israel.
19. Of old, have you spoken by a vision to your faithful ones, saying, "I have laid help upon a mighty one; I have exalted one chosen from among the people."
20. I have found David my servant. With my holy oil, I have anointed him,
21. with whom my authority will be established. My arm will surely strengthen him.
22. No enemy will oppress him, and no wicked man will humble him.
23. But I will crush his adversaries before him, and those who hate him will I strike down.
24. My faithfulness and my lovingkindness are with him, and in my name will his horn be exalted.
25. And I will set his hand in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.
26. He will cry out to me, "My Father, you are my God, and the rock of my salvation!"
27. Yes, and I will make him my firstborn, higher than kings of the earth.
28. I will forever treasure up my lovingkindness as his, and my covenant shall be established as his.
29. And his seed will I preserve forevermore, and his throne as the days of heaven.
30. If his children forsake my law and do not live by my judgments,
31. if they profane my statutes and do not keep my commandments,
32. then I will punish their transgression with a rod and their sin with stripes.
33. Nevertheless, I will not withdraw my lovingkindness from him, nor be inconstant with my faithfulness.
34. I will not break my covenant nor alter that which goes out from my lips.
35. Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness, "*I will damn myself* if I lie to David."

36. His seed shall endure forever, and his throne, as the sun before me.
37. Like the moon, he shall be established forever, a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.
38. Oh, but you have cast off and rejected *him*; you are furious with your Messiah.
39. You have repudiated the covenant of your servant; you have profaned his crown in the dirt.
40. You have broken down all his walls; you have made his strongholds a ruin.
41. All who pass along the way plunder him; he is a reproach to his neighbors.
42. You exalted the right hand of his adversaries; you made all his enemies rejoice.
43. You also have taken back the strength of his sword and caused him not to stand in the battle.
44. You made his glory cease and cast his throne to the ground.
45. You shortened the days of his youth. You covered him with shame. Selah.
46. How long, O Jehovah? Will you hide yourself forever? Your anger burns like fire!
47. Remember me, what the length of my life is! For what vanity have you created all the sons of men?
48. What man lives and does not see death? He will save his soul from the hand of Sheol! Selah.
49. Where are your former lovingkindnesses, Lord? You swore to David in your faithfulness.
50. Remember, O Lord, the reproach of your servants. I carry in my bosom all the many peoples,
51. which your enemies have mocked, O Jehovah. They have mocked the steps of your Messiah.
52. Blessed be Jehovah forever!
- ¶Amen and amen.

## Chapter 90

*Aaron*

*A prayer of Moses, the man of God.*

- ¶1. Lord, you have been our habitation from generation to generation.
2. Before the mountains were brought forth, and before you brought forth the earth and the world, even from eternity to eternity, you are God.
3. You return man to dust, and say, "Return, *you* sons of man!"
4. (For a thousand years in your sight is like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.)
5. You sweep them away as with a flood. They are like sleep when morning comes, like grass which passes away.
6. In the morning, it flourishes and sprouts. At evening, it withers and is dried up.
7. For we are consumed by your anger, and we are dismayed by your wrath.
8. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret in the light of your face,
9. and so, all our days pass away because of your fury. We end our years like a sigh.
10. The days of our years are seventy years, but even if by reason of strength they be eighty years, their pride is but toil and trouble. Quickly, it passes, and then away we fly.

11. Who knows the power of your anger, or *knows* your wrath to the measure of the fear that is due you?
12. So, teach us to number our days, that we may apply our heart to wisdom.
13. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your slaves!
14. Let your lovingkindness satisfy us in the morning, and let us sing and rejoice all our days.
15. Make us glad according to the days you afflicted us, and the years we have seen evil.
16. Let your work be known to your servants, and let your glory be upon their children!
17. May the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us. And establish for us the work of our hands. Yea, the work of our hands, establish it!

### Chapter 91

Tom and Suzi

- ¶1. He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
2. I will say to the LORD, “*You are* my refuge and my stronghold, my God, in whom I will trust.”
3. He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler, from deadly plagues.
4. He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will take refuge. His truth is a shield and buckler.
5. You will not be afraid of terror by night, nor of an arrow that flies by day,
6. nor of the pestilence that comes in darkness, nor of destruction that devastates at midday.
7. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
8. Only, with your eyes you will look and see the retribution of the wicked.
9. Because you have made the LORD my refuge, the Most High, your habitation,
10. no evil will befall you, nor disease come near your dwelling,
11. for He will give angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.
12. In their hands will they bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
13. You will tread on the lion and the adder. You will trample the young lion and the serpent.
14. Because he has loved me, I will deliver him. I will exalt him because he has known my name.
15. He will call on me, and I will answer. I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him, and I will glorify him.
16. I will satisfy him with long life, and I will show him my salvation.

### Chapter 92

*Vince*

*A melody.*

*A song for the Sabbath.*

- ¶1. It is good to give thanks to Jehovah and to make music to your name, O Most High,
2. to make known your lovingkindness in the morning and your faithfulness every night,
3. with a ten-stringed instrument and with a harp, with music on a lyre.

4. For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your creation. I will shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
5. How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are exceedingly deep!
6. A brutish man cannot understand, neither can a dullard perceive this.
7. When the wicked spring up like grass and all the workers of iniquity flourish, it is that they may be destroyed for ever and ever.
8. But you are on high forever, O LORD!
9. For, behold, your enemies, O LORD, yea, behold, your enemies will perish! All workers of iniquity will be scattered!
10. But you will exalt my horn like the wild oxen. I will mix with fresh oil.
11. And my eye will look upon my enemies when those wicked men rise up against me. My ears will hear.
12. A righteous man will shoot up like the palm tree; like a cedar tree in Lebanon will he grow.
13. Plantings in the house of Jehovah, in the courts of our God, will flourish.
14. They will continue bearing fruit in old age; they will remain full of sap and green,
15. to show that the LORD, my rock, is upright, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

### Chapter 93

Gary

1. The LORD reigns; He is clothed in majesty. The LORD is clothed with strength; He has girded Himself. Yea, the world is established; it shall not be moved.
2. Your throne has been established from ancient times; you are from everlasting.
3. The floods lifted up, O LORD, the floods lifted up their voice; the floods lifted up their crushing *waves*.
4. More majestic than the thunderings of many waters, mighty breakers of the sea, is the LORD on high!
5. Your testimonies are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, for all days to come.

### Chapter 94

Gary/Tom and Suzi

- ¶1. O, God of vengeance, Jehovah! God of vengeance, shine forth!
2. Rise up, O Judge of the earth! Render a recompense to the proud!
3. O LORD, how long will the wicked, how long will wicked people triumph?
4. They spew out arrogance when they speak; all the workers of iniquity vaunt themselves.
5. They crush your people, O LORD, and they oppress your heritage.
6. Widow and sojourner they kill, and the fatherless they murder,
7. and say, "J'ah pays it no mind," and "The God of Jacob does not consider it."
8. Understand, *you* stupid people! And *you* fools, when will *you* ever understand?
9. He who planted the ear, does He not hear, or formed the eye, does He not see?
10. He who chastens Gentiles, will He not reprove *us*? He who teaches mankind knowledge,
11. the LORD, knows the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.

12. Blessed is the man whom you chasten, O J'ah, and teach out of your law,
13. to cause him to rest during evil times until the Pit is dug for the wicked.
14. For the LORD will not abandon His people, nor forsake His heritage.
15. But judgment will return to righteousness, all the upright in heart will follow it.
16. Who will stand up for me against evildoers? Who will take a stand for me against those doing wickedness?
17. If the LORD had not been my help, my soul would have soon dwelt in silence.
18. When I thought my foot had slipped, your lovingkindness, O LORD, was holding me up.
19. In a multitude of my troubled thoughts within me, your consolations delight my soul.
20. Can an authority with wicked desires, who frames hardship by statute, have fellowship with you?
21. They attack the life of a righteous man, and deem an innocent man to be guilty of blood.
22. But Jehovah is my stronghold, and my God, the rock of my refuge,
23. and He will cause their own wickedness to come back on them, and will destroy them by means of their own evil. Jehovah our God will destroy them!

## Chapter 95

### Damien

- ¶1. Oh come! Let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout to the Rock of our salvation!
2. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving in songs! Let us shout to Him!
3. For Jehovah is the great God, and a great King over all gods,
4. in whose hand are the deep places of earth, and the mountain peaks are His,
5. whose is the sea, for He made it, and the dry land that His hands formed.
6. Oh come! Let us worship and bow down! Let us kneel before Jehovah our Maker!
7. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the flock of His hand. Today, if you hear His voice,
8. do not harden your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah, in the wilderness,
9. when your fathers tested me. They put me to the test and saw my work.
10. Forty years, I loathed that generation, and I said, "They are a people whose heart goes astray, and they do not know my ways,"
11. of whom I swore in my wrath, "*I will damn myself*<sup>f18</sup> if they'll enter into my rest!"

## Chapter 96

### Aaron

- ¶1. Sing a new song to the LORD! Sing to the LORD, all the earth!
2. Sing to the LORD! Bless His Name! Tell of His Salvation from day to day!
3. Declare His Glory among the Gentiles, His wonders among all the nations,
4. for the LORD is great and greatly to be praised! He is to be feared above all gods,
5. for all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

6. Majesty and splendor are in His presence; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
7. Ascribe to the LORD, **you** families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
8. Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name! Bring an offering and come into His courts!
9. Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Dance before Him, all the earth!
10. Say among the Gentiles, “The LORD is King! The world shall be established; it shall not be moved. With upright men will He judge the nations.”
11. The heavens will be glad, and the earth will rejoice! The sea and its fullness will thunder!
12. The field and all that is in it will exult, and all the trees of the forest will sing for joy
13. **before the LORD, for he will have come! For he will have come to judge the earth! He will judge the world in righteousness and the nations in his faithfulness.**

**\*\*Check this verse in the Revelation book.**

## Chapter 97

**Aaron**

- ¶1. The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice! Let the many coastlands be glad!
2. Clouds and thick darkness surround Him. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.
3. Fire goes before Him and burns up His adversaries round about.
4. His bolts lit up the world. The earth saw it and trembled.
5. Mountains melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6. The heavens made his righteousness known, and all the nations saw his glory.
7. All who worship the image, who glory in the worthless men, will be put to shame. All the gods will bow before him!
8. Zion heard and rejoiced, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced on account of your judgments, O LORD.
9. For you, O LORD, Most High, are over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
10. **You** who love the LORD, hate evil! He watches over the souls of His holy ones. He will deliver them from the power of evil beings.
11. Light is sown for the righteous man, and joy for the upright of heart.
12. Rejoice in the LORD, O righteous men, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

## Chapter 98

**Aaron**

*A melody.*

- ¶1. Sing a new song to the LORD, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand, even the arm of His holy one, has brought Him victory.
2. The LORD will make His Salvation known! In the sight of the Gentiles, He will reveal His righteousness.
3. He will remember His lovingkindness and His truth toward the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth will see our God’s Salvation.

4. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Break forth, and sing for joy, and play music!
  5. Play music to the LORD with a lyre, with a lyre and melodious sound!
  6. With the clarions and the sound of a trumpet, make a joyful sound before the King, Jehovah.
  7. The sea and its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it, will roar.
  8. The rivers will clap *their* hands together. Mountains will sing
  9. before Jehovah, for He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world by righteousness and with upright men *will He judge* the nations.
- \*\*check revelation book for verse 9**

## Chapter 99

### Aaron

- ¶1. The LORD reigns; let the nations tremble! He sits upon cherubim; let the earth quake!
2. O LORD, *your* great One is in Zion, and he will be exalted over all the nations.
3. They will praise your great and fearful Name. He is holy
4. and powerful, a King who loves justice. You establish equitable judgment; you work righteousness in Jacob.
5. Exalt the LORD our God, and bow down at His footstool! He is holy!
6. Moses and Aaron, among His priests, and Samuel, are among those who call on His Name. They are calling out to the LORD, and He will answer them!
7. In a pillar of cloud will He speak to them. They kept His testimonies and the law that He gave them.
8. O LORD our God, you answered them! You were a forgiving God to them, but the Avenger of their evil deeds.
9. Exalt the LORD our God, and bow down at His holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy!

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18. This will be written for the generation to come, and a people that will be created will praise the LORD.

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14. He causes grass to grow for cattle, and vegetation for the service of man, that he may produce food from the earth,
15. and wine that makes man's heart glad, and oil that makes *his* face to shine, and bread to sustain man's heart.
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24. How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom, you made them all! The earth is filled  
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16. He called for a famine upon the land; He broke the whole staff of bread.
17. He sent a man before them, Joseph, *who was* sold as a slave,
18. They humbled his feet with fetters; his neck was put in irons
19. until the time that His word came. The word of the LORD refined him.

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<sup>19</sup> “Hallelujah” is a command for people to praise the LORD. Literally, “Praise Jah!”

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15. He gave them what they asked for, but sent desolation into their souls.
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34. They did not destroy the nations, as the LORD had commanded them,
35. but they mixed themselves with the nations and learned their works,
36. and they served their idols, which became a snare to them.
37. They also sacrificed their sons and daughters to demons,
38. and they shed innocent blood – the blood of their sons and their daughters whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was defiled with the blood,
39. and they were defiled by their works and played the harlot with their deeds.
40. Then the anger of the LORD burned hot against His people, and He made His inheritance an abomination.
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8. Oh, that men would praise the LORD for His lovingkindness, and for His wondrous works for  
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33. He makes rivers into a desert, and springs of water into thirsty ground.
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35. He makes a desert into a pool of water, and parched land into springs of water.
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## Chapter 108

John

*A song. Melody by David*

- ¶1. My heart is fixed, O God! Yea, my Glory, I will sing and make melody!
2. Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake at dawn.
3. I will praise you among the nations, O Jehovah, and sing your praise among the peoples,
4. for your lovingkindness is higher than heaven, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
5. Be exalted above heaven, O God, and let your glory be over all the earth!
6. That the ones you love may be delivered, save with your right hand, and answer me!
7. God has spoken in His holiness, "I will exult; I will apportion Shechem and mete out the Valley of Succoth.
8. Gilead is mine; Manesseh is mine; and Ephraim is a shelter for my head. Judah is my law-giver.
9. Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast my shoe. I will shout in triumph because of Philistia."
10. Who will escort me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom?
11. O God, have you not rejected us? For you will not go out, O God, with our armies.
12. Give us help against the adversary, for salvation through man is vain!
13. Through God shall we do valiantly, and He Himself shall trample our adversaries.

## Chapter 109

John

*To the chief musician. A melody by David*

- ¶1. O God of my praise, do not be silent!
2. For the mouth of a wicked man and a mouth of deceit have been opened against me; they speak falsehood about me with their tongue.
3. They also surround me with words of hatred, and they make war against me without cause.
4. In return for my love, they are become my adversaries. But I *give myself to* prayer.
5. They have repaid me evil for good, and hatred for my love.
6. Set a wicked man over him, and let Satan stand at his right hand!
7. When he is judged, let him be guilty! Let his prayer be accounted sin.
8. Let his days be few, and let another take his office.
9. Let his children be orphans, and his wife a widow.
10. Let his children always be vagabonds, and beg. Let them seek food from their waste places.
11. Let the creditor seize all he owns, and let strangers plunder his property.
12. Let no one show him kindness; nor let anyone provide for his orphans.
13. Let his posterity be cut off; in the generation following, let their name be wiped out.
14. Let the wickedness of his fathers be remembered by the LORD, and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.
15. Let them be before the Lord continually; let Him cut off their memory from the earth

16. because he did not remember to be kind, but he persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might take the life of the brokenhearted.
17. Since he loved cursing, let it come to him. And since he took no pleasure in blessing, let it be far from him.
18. Since he clothed himself with cursing like his garment, let it enter like water into his inner parts, and like oil into his bones.
19. Let it be to him like the garment that wraps about him, and for a girdle with which he is girded continually.
20. Let this be the reward of my adversaries from Jehovah, and of those who speak evil against my soul!
21. But you, O Jehovah my Lord, do *something* for me for your name's sake. For your lovingkindness is good. Oh, deliver me!
22. For I am poor and needy, and my heart is pierced within me.
23. Like a lengthening shadow, I am passing away. I am shaken off like a locust.
24. My knees stagger because of fasting, and my flesh is void of fatness.
25. Nevertheless, I have become a joke to them; they see me and shake their head.
26. Help me, O LORD, my God! Save me according to your lovingkindness!
27. Yet, they know that this is your hand, that you, O LORD, did it!
28. They are cursing, but you will bless! They have risen, but they will be put to shame, and your servant will rejoice.
29. My accusers will be clothed with dishonor, and they will wrap themselves with their own shame as with a robe.
30. I will praise Jehovah greatly with my mouth; yea, in the midst of many people with I praise Him,
31. for he stands at the right hand of the needy, to save him from those who condemn his soul.

## Chapter 110

John

*A melody by David.*

- ¶1. The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool."
2. The LORD will send from Zion your mighty rod. Rule in the midst of your enemies!
3. Your people *will be* willing in the day of your power. In beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, you have had the dew of your youth.
4. The LORD has sworn, and will not repent, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."
5. My Lord is at your right hand; in the day of his wrath, he will strike through kings.
6. He will execute judgment among the nations; he will fill *them* with dead bodies; he will strike through the head of the vast earth.
7. He drinks from the brook along the way; therefore, He will exalt *his* head.

## Chapter 111

## John

- ¶1. Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the congregation.
2. Great are the works of the LORD, sought out by all who delight in them.
3. His work is majestic and honorable, and His righteousness endures forever.
4. He has created a memorial to His wondrous works. The LORD is gracious and compassionate.
5. He has given sustenance to those who fear Him. He is ever mindful of His covenant.
6. He will reveal the power of His works to His people by giving them the nations as an inheritance.
7. The works of His hands are truth and judgment; all His precepts are sure,
8. upheld for ever and ever and carried out in truth and uprightness.
9. He has sent a ransom for His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and reverend is His name.
10. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. A good understanding have all who do them. His praise endures forever.

### Chapter 112

## John

- ¶1. Hallelujah! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD; he takes great delight in His commandments.
2. His seed will be mighty in the earth; the generation of upright men will be blessed.
3. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.
4. To the upright, he rises as a light in the darkness, gracious, and merciful, and righteous.
5. A good man is generous and lends; he handles his affairs justly.
6. Because he is never moved, the righteous man will be remembered forever.
7. He does not fear an evil report; his heart is fixed, trusting in Jehovah.
8. His heart is at rest; he is not afraid even when he sees his adversaries.
9. He has dispersed; he has given to the needy. His righteousness endures forever; his horn will be exalted in glory.
10. The wicked man will see *it* and be vexed; he will grind his teeth and melt away. The desire of wicked men will perish.

### Chapter 113

## John

- ¶1. Hallelujah! Give praise, O servants of the LORD, give praise to the name of the LORD!
2. Let the name of the LORD be blessed from this time throughout eternity.
3. From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised.
4. The LORD is high above all nations. His glory is above the heavens.
5. Who *is* like the LORD our God, who makes His home on high?
6. He abases Himself to look at *what is* in heaven as well as on earth?
7. He raises up the poor man from the dust; He exalts the needy man out of the dunghill,

8. to make *him* to sit with princes, even the princes of His people.
9. He makes the barren woman to keep house and to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

#### Chapter 114

John

- ¶1. When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of a strange tongue,
2. Judah was His sanctuary; Israel, His realm.
3. The sea saw *it*, and fled; the Jordan turned back.
4. The mountains skipped about like rams; the hills, like lambs.
5. What's wrong with you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?
6. O mountains, that *you* skipped about like rams? O hills, like lambs?
7. Writhe in anguish, O land, before the Lord, before the God of Jacob,
8. who turned the rock into a water-spring, the flint into His water fountain.

#### Chapter 115

John

- ¶1. Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for your lovingkindness and for your faithfulness.
2. Why do the Gentiles say, "Where, now, is their God?"
3. But our God is in the heavens. He has done whatever He pleased.
4. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of man's hands.
5. They have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see;
6. they have ears, but they do not hear; they have noses, but they cannot smell;
7. hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk, nor do they make a sound with their throat.
8. Those who make them become like them, *as will* everyone who trusts in them.
9. O Israel! Trust in Jehovah! He is their strength and their shield.
10. O house of Aaron! Trust in Jehovah! He is their strength and their shield.
11. *You* who fear GOD! Trust in Jehovah! He is their strength and their shield.
12. Jehovah is mindful of us. He will surely bless the house of Israel. He will bless the house of Aaron.
13. He will bless you who fear GOD, the small with the great.
14. May the LORD increase *you*, *you* and *your* children.
15. May *you* be blessed by the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth.
16. The heaven of heaven is the LORD's, but the earth, He has given to the sons of man.
17. The dead do not praise J'ah, nor any who go down to silence,
18. but as for us, we will bless J'ah from this time forth and for evermore. Hallelujah!

#### Chapter 116

John

- ¶1. I love the LORD, for He has heard the voice of my supplication.
2. Because He has inclined His ear to me, I will call *on Him* all my days.

3. The snares of death encompassed me; the confines of Sheol found me, and I found sorrow.
4. Then I called on the name of the LORD, "O LORD, I pray, deliver me!"
5. The LORD is gracious and merciful, and our God is compassionate,
6. The LORD watches over the simple; I was brought low, but He saved me.
7. Return, O my soul, to your resting-place. For the LORD has dealt bountifully with me.
8. Because the Lord has drawn my soul out from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling,
9. I will walk about in the presence of the LORD among living creatures.
10. I kept the faith when I said, "I am very afflicted."
11. I said in my haste, "Every man is a liar."
12. How can I repay the Lord for all His benefits to me?
13. I will take the cup of full salvation, and call on the name of the LORD.
14. If you please, I will pay my vows to the LORD before all His people.
15. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.
16. Please, O LORD – for I am your slave! I am your slave, the son of your handmaid – loosen my bonds!
17. To you will I offer a sacrifice of praise, and I will call on the name of the LORD.
18. If you please, I will pay my vows to the LORD before all His people.
19. In the confines of the house of the Lord – in me, O Jerusalem! – Hallelujah!

### Chapter 117

John

- ¶1. Let all nations praise the Lord! Let the peoples worship Him!
2. For His lovingkindness is great toward us; and Jehovah's truth is eternal. Hallelujah!

### Chapter 118

John

- ¶1. O give thanks to the LORD because of His goodness. His lovingkindness is forever.
2. Let Israel now say, "His lovingkindness is forever!"
3. Let the house of Aaron now say, "His lovingkindness is forever!"
4. Let the GOD-fearers now say, "His lovingkindness is forever!"
5. In desperate straits, I called on J'ah. J'ah answered me with His wide place.
6. Jehovah is for me; I will not be afraid of what man can do to me.
7. Jehovah is for me, my great Helper, and so, I will look on those who hate me.
8. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.
9. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.
10. All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD will I have them circumcised.
11. They surrounded me; yea, they were all about me! In the name of the LORD will I certainly have them circumcised.
12. They surrounded me like bees; they were extinguished like a fire among thorns. In the name of the LORD will I certainly have them circumcised.

13. I was violently assailed so that I fell, but Jehovah helped me.
14. J'ah is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.
15. A sound of joy and salvation is in the tents of righteous people. The right hand of Jehovah has done a mighty thing.
16. The right hand of the LORD is to be exalted! The right hand of Jehovah has done a mighty thing.
17. I will not die, but live and declare the works of J'ah.
18. J'ah has chastened me sore, but He has not given me over to death.
19. Let the gates of righteousness open for me! I will enter in through them and praise J'ah.
20. This is the gate of the LORD. Righteous people will enter in through them.
21. I will praise you because you answered me and became my salvation.
22. The Stone that the builders rejected, the same has become the head of the corner.
23. This is from the LORD; it is astonishing in our eyes.
24. This is the day that the LORD has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it.
25. Oh, Jehovah! Save *me*, I pray! Oh, Jehovah, make me to prosper!
26. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we do bless *you* from the house of the LORD.
27. Jehovah is God, and He has given light to us.
28. Let them bind the festal sacrifice to the horns of the altar with cords!
29. You are my God, and I will praise you, my God! I will lift you high!

## Chapter 119

John

### *Aleph*

- ¶1. As they walk in the law of the LORD, the perfect in the way are blessed.
2. Blessed are they who keep His testimonies; they seek Him with all *their* heart.
3. Yea, they do no wrong; they walk in His ways.
4. You have commanded your precepts to be diligently kept.
5. Oh, that my ways may be established to keep your statutes!
6. When I have regard to all your commandments, then will I not be ashamed.
7. I will praise you with an upright heart when I have learned your righteous judgments.
8. I keep your statutes. Do not utterly forsake me.

### *Bet*

- ¶9. By what shall a young man cleanse his way, that he might live according to your word?
10. I have sought you with all my heart. Do not cause me to stray from your commandments.
11. I have hidden your word in my heart so that I will not sin against you.
12. O LORD, blessed are you! Teach me your statutes!
13. I have declared with my lips all the judgments of your mouth.
14. I rejoice in the way of your testimonies as much as in all riches.
15. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.
16. I delight myself in your statutes. I do not forget your word.

### *Gimel*

- ¶17. Come bless your servant. Let me live and keep your word.  
 18. Open my eyes! Let me behold wondrous things from your law!  
 19. I am an alien in the world. Oh, do not hide your commandments from me!  
 20. My souls aches all the time with longing for your judgments.  
 21. You rebuke the arrogant; they are cursed who stray from your commandments.  
 22. Take reproach and contempt away from me, for I have kept your testimonies.  
 23. Though rulers assemble and speak against me, your servant meditates on your statutes.  
 24. Yea, your testimonies are my delight; they are my counsellors.

### *Dalet*

- ¶25. Dust is become my soulmate. Restore me to life, according to your word.  
 26. I confessed my ways, and you answered me. Teach me your statutes.  
 27. Make me to understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate upon your wonders.  
 28. My soul weeps for sadness. Bear me witness, according to your word.  
 29. Turn the way of deceitfulness away from me, and favor me with your law.  
 30. I have chosen the way of truth; your judgments have I set *before me*.  
 31. I cling to your testimonies. O LORD, do not put me to shame!  
 32. I run the way of your commandments, for you have opened wide my heart.

### *He*

- ¶33. Educate me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes, and I will keep it *without* end.  
 34. Give me understanding, that I might keep your law, and I will observe it with my whole heart.  
 35. Lead me in the pathway of your commandments, for I delight in it.  
 36. Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to unjust gain.  
 37. Turn my eyes from beholding vanity. Make me alive in your ways.  
 38. Confirm your word to your servant who is devoted to your fear.  
 39. Take away my reproach, which I dread, for your judgments are good.  
 40. Oh, the love I have for your precepts! Make me alive in your righteousness!

### *Waw*

- ¶41. For me, let your lovingkindness come, O LORD, your salvation according to your word.  
 42. Then will I answer the talk of him who reproaches me, for I trust in your word.  
 43. Do not remove the word of truth altogether out of my mouth, for I wait for your judgments.  
 44. So will I keep your law always, forever and ever,  
 45. and live in liberty, for I have sought your precepts,  
 46. and declare your testimonies before kings and not be ashamed,  
 47. and greatly delight in your commandments, which I love,  
 48. and lift up my hands to your commandments, which I love, and meditate on your statutes.

### *Zayin*

- ¶49. Give mind to the word to your servant upon which you have made me hope.

50. This is my comfort in my distress, for your word gave me life.  
 51. The proud derided me greatly, *but* I did not turn aside from your law.  
 52. I remember your judgments from old, O LORD, and I am comforted.  
 53. Hot indignation took hold of me when the wicked forsook your law.  
 54. Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.  
 55. I have remembered your name in the night, O LORD, and I heed your law.  
 56. This has been my *comfort*, that I have kept your precepts.

### *Heth*

- ¶57. Having the LORD as my portion, I am determined to heed your words.  
 58. With all my heart have I sought your face. Be merciful to me, according to your word.  
 59. I considered my ways, and I turned my feet to your testimonies.  
 60. I made haste; I did not hesitate to keep your commandments.  
 61. Cords of the wicked wrapped around me, but I did not forget your law.  
 62. In the middle of the night, I rise to praise you for your righteous judgments.  
 63. I am a friend to all who fear you, those who keep your precepts.  
 64. Your lovingkindness, O LORD, has filled the earth. Oh, teach me your statutes!

### *Teth*

- ¶65. In keeping with your word, O LORD, you have dealt well with your servant.  
 66. Teach me goodness, discernment, and knowledge, for I have trusted in your commandments!  
 67. Before I was afflicted, I was going astray, but now, I take heed to your word.  
 68. You are good, and you do good. Teach me your statutes.  
 69. The proud smeared me with a lie, but I keep your precepts with all my heart.  
 70. Their heart has become gross, like fat, but I delight in your law.  
 71. It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.  
 72. The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver.

### *Yod*

- ¶73. *Jehovah*, your hands created and fashioned me. Give me understanding, that I might learn your commandments.  
 74. Those who fear you will see me and be glad, for I waited for your word.  
 75. I know, O LORD, that your judgments are right and that in faithfulness, you have afflicted me.  
 76. Let your lovingkindness be there to comfort me, according to your word to your servant.  
 77. Let your comforts come to me, that I might live, for your law is my great delight.  
 78. Let the proud be put to shame, for they have deceitfully subverted me, but I meditate on your precepts.  
 79. Let those who fear you turn to me, and they will know your testimonies.  
 80. Let my heart be perfect in your statutes, so that I will not be ashamed.

### *Kaph*

- ¶81. Keeping my watch for your salvation, I wait for your word.

82. Weary with longing for your word, my eyes say, “When will you comfort me?”
83. Though I am become like a wineskin in smoke, I have not forgotten your statutes.
84. How many are the days of your servant? When will you execute judgment against my persecutors?
85. The proud have dug pits for me, which is not according to your law.
86. All your commandments are sure. They persecute me wrongfully. Oh, help me!
87. They have almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your precepts.
88. According to your lovingkindness, give me life, that I might keep the testimonies of your mouth.

### *Lamed*

- ¶89. LORD, your word is forever settled in heaven.
90. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you established the earth, and it stands fast.
91. They have continued to this day because of your judgments, for all are your servants.
92. Had not your law been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.
93. I never forget your precepts, for by them, you have given me life.
94. I am yours! Save me! For I have sought your precepts.
95. The wicked lie in wait for me, to destroy me, *but* I contemplate your testimonies.
96. I have seen an end to all perfection. Your commandment is very broad.

### *Mem*

- ¶97. My, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.
98. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies. It is mine forever!
99. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.
100. I have more understanding than the elders, for I have kept your statutes.
101. I have withheld my feet from every evil way so that I might keep your word.
102. I do not turn away from your judgments because you have taught me.
103. How sweet to my taste is your word! *Sweeter even* than honey to my mouth.
104. Through your precepts, I get understanding; therefore, I hate every false way.

### *Nun*

- ¶105. Now is your word a lamp to my foot, a light to my path.
106. I took an oath, and I have performed it, to keep your righteous judgments.
107. I am sorely afflicted. O LORD, let me live, according to your word!
108. O LORD, accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, and teach me your judgments.
109. My life is continually in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.
110. The wicked have laid a snare for me, yet I do not stray from your precepts.
111. I have taken your testimonies as my eternal heritage, for they are the joy of my heart.
112. I have inclined my heart to do your statutes forever, *without* end.

### *Samek*

- ¶113. Oh, I hate divisions! But oh, I love your law!
114. You are my hiding place and my shield; I wait for your word.
115. Depart from me, *you* evildoers, that I may keep the commandments of my God.

116. Uphold me, according to your word, that I might live, and do not make me ashamed of my hope.
117. Hold me up, and I will be saved and will always regard your statutes.
118. You spurn all who go astray from your statutes; truly, their treachery is in vain.
119. You will discard the dross, all the wicked of earth; therefore, I love your testimonies.
120. My flesh bristles up in fear of you; I am afraid of your judgments.

### *Ayin*

- ¶121. *Perfect* justice and righteousness have I done. Do not leave me to my oppressors!
122. Be surety for your servant for good. Let not the proud oppress me.
123. My eyes fail with watching for your salvation and for the word of your righteousness.
124. Deal with your servant according to your lovingkindness, and teach me your statutes.
125. I am your servant. Give me understanding, that I might know your testimonies.
126. It is time for the LORD to work. They have made your law of no effect.
127. Nevertheless, I love your commandments more than refined gold.
128. Therefore, I esteem all your precepts concerning all things to be right. I hate every false way.

### *Pe*

- ¶129. Quite marvelous are your testimonies; therefore, my soul keeps them.
130. The entrance of your words gives light, making wise the simple.
131. I opened my mouth and panted because I longed for your commandments.
132. Turn to me and show me favor, as is right for those who love your name.
133. Establish my footsteps by your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.
134. Redeem me from the oppression of man, that I might keep your precepts.
135. Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.
136. Rivers of water run down my eyes because they do not keep your law.

### *Tsade*

- ¶137. Righteous are you, O LORD, and right are your judgments.
138. You commanded your testimonies in righteousness and in perfect faithfulness.
139. My zeal has consumed me because my adversaries have forgotten your words.
140. Your word has been greatly tried, and your servant loves it.
141. I am insignificant and despised. I do not forget your precepts.
142. Your righteousness is an eternal righteousness, and your law is truth.
143. Trouble and distress have found me. Your commandments are my great delight.
144. The righteousness of your testimonies is eternal. Give me understanding, that I might live.

### *Koph*

- ¶145. Sincerely have I called out. Answer me, O LORD! I will keep your statutes.
146. I have called upon you. Save me, and I will keep your testimonies.
147. Even before dawn, I cry out for help. I wait upon your words.
148. My eyes anticipate the night-watches, for I meditate on your word.
149. In your lovingkindness, hear my voice, O LORD, and in your justice, give me life.

150. They have drawn near who pursue wickedness; they are far from your law.  
 151. You are near, O LORD, and all your commandments are truth.  
 152. Of old have I known from your testimonies that you established them forever.

### *Resh*

- ¶153. Take note of my affliction, and deliver me. For I do not forget your law.  
 154. Plead my cause, and redeem me. According to your word, give me life.  
 155. Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes.  
 156. Your compassions are many, O LORD. According to your judgments, give me life.  
 157. My persecutors and adversaries are many, *yet* I have not strayed from your testimonies.  
 158. I watch the treacherous, and I am repulsed because they do not keep your word.  
 159. See how I love your precepts, O LORD. According to your lovingkindness, give me life.  
 160. The sum of your word is truth, and every judgment of yours is eternally righteous.

### *Shin*

- ¶161. Unjustly, princes persecute me, but my heart stands in awe of your word.  
 162. I rejoice at your word like one who comes upon great spoil.  
 163. I hate and abhor a lie. Your law do I love.  
 164. Seven times a day do I praise you for your righteous judgments.  
 165. Great peace have they who love your law, and there is no stumbling-block to them.  
 166. I have waited for your salvation, O LORD, and I have done your commandments.  
 167. My soul has kept your testimonies, and I love them deeply.  
 168. I keep your precepts and your testimonies, for all my ways are before you.

### *Tau*

- ¶169. Vouchsafe to me understanding, according to your word. O LORD, let my cry come before you.  
 170. Let my supplication come before you. Deliver me, according to your word!  
 171. My lips pour forth praise because you teach me your statutes.  
 172. My tongue sings of your word because all your commandments are righteous.  
 173. Your hand is ready to help me because I have chosen your precepts.  
 174. I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my great delight.  
 175. My soul lives to praise you, and your judgments sustain me.  
 176. I have gone astray like a lost sheep. Seek out your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

## Chapter 120

### John

#### *A song for the ascents.*

- ¶1. In my distress, I called to the LORD, and He answered me.  
 2. O Lord, deliver my soul from lying lips and from the treacherous tongue!  
 3. What shall be given you, or what more added to you, O treacherous tongue?

4. Arrows of a mighty man, sharpened with glowing coals of juniper.<sup>20</sup>
5. Woe to me, that I live as a stranger in Meshech, that I dwell among the tents of Kedar!
6. Long has my soul dwelt here with him who hates peace.
7. I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war.

### Chapter 121

John

*A song for the ascents.*

- ¶1. I will lift up my eyes to the hills from which comes my help.
2. My help comes from *the one* with the LORD who made heaven and earth.
3. He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you does not fall asleep.
4. Behold, He who keeps Israel neither falls asleep nor slumbers!
5. The LORD is keeping you. O LORD, your shadow is at your right hand.
6. By day, the sunlight does not hit you, nor moonlight by night.
7. The LORD will keep you from every evil; He will keep your soul.
8. The LORD will keep you going out and coming in, from now until forever.

### Chapter 122

John

*A song for the ascents.*

- ¶1. I was glad when they said to me, “Let’s go to the house of the LORD!”
2. Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem –
3. Jerusalem, which is built as a city closely joined together!
4. Thence do the tribes ascend, the tribes of J’ah, as a testimony to Israel, to praise the name of the LORD,
5. for there sit the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! They will find rest who love you. [or, Plead for those who love you]
7. Peace is within your fortress, and rest, within your palaces.
8. For the sake of my brothers and my friends, if you please, I will say, “Peace be to you!”
9. For the sake of the house of Jehovah our God would I pursue good for you.

### Chapter 123

John

*A song for the ascents.*

- ¶1. To you who dwells in heaven do I lift up my eyes.
2. Indeed, as the eye of slaves look to their master, as the eyes of a maid-servant *look* to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes *look* to Jehovah our God for mercy.
3. Have mercy upon us, O LORD! Have mercy, for we are overwhelmed with contempt.

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<sup>20</sup> Hebrew uncertain.

4. Our life is glutted with the derision of those who are at ease and the contempt of those who are proud.

#### Chapter 124

John

*A song for the ascents.*

*By David*

- ¶1. Had it not been the LORD who was for us –
2. Let Israel now say, “Had it not been the LORD who was for us when man came up against us,
3. then they would have swallowed us up when their anger was kindled at us.”
4. then the waters would have swept us away; the river would have gone over our soul;
5. then over us would have gone the raging waters.”
6. Blessed be Jehovah, who has not given us over as a prey to their teeth.
7. Our soul is like a bird that has escaped out of the snare of the fowlers. The snare is shattered, and we are escaped.
8. Our help is in the name of the LORD, who created heaven and earth.

#### Chapter 125

John

*A song for the ascents.*

- ¶1. Those who trust in Jehovah are like Mount Zion. It cannot be shaken; it abides forever.
2. O Jerusalem! The mountains are around her, and Jehovah is around His people, from now until forever.
3. The rod of the wicked one shall not rest over lot of the righteous, lest the righteous put forth their hands with unrighteousness.
4. Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.
5. But those who spread about their crooked ways will Jehovah cause to go with those who work wickedness. Peace be to Israel!

#### Chapter 126

John

*A song for the ascents.*

- ¶1. When Jehovah returned the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream.
2. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then, they will say among the Gentiles, “Jehovah has done a great thing with them!”
3. Jehovah has done a great thing with us! We are rejoicing!
4. Return, O LORD, our captivity, like stream beds in the Negev.
5. Those who sow in tears shall reap with joy!
6. Those who trudge out weeping, carrying seed for sowing, will surely come in rejoicing, carrying his sheaves.

#### Chapter 127

John  
*A song for the ascents.*  
*For Solomon.*

- ¶1. If Jehovah does not build the house, they labor in vain who build it. If Jehovah does not keep a city, the watcher watches in vain.
2. It is vain for *you* to rise early, or to go late to rest, eating the bread of labors when He has given His beloved sleep.
3. Behold, children are a heritage from Jehovah, the fruit of the womb, a reward.
4. Like the arrows in a mighty man's hand, so are the children of young men.
5. Happy is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they speak with enemies in the gate.

Chapter 128  
 John  
*A song for the ascents.*

- ¶1. Blessed are all they who fear Jehovah, who walk in His ways,
2. for you will reap the toil of your hands. You will be happy, and it will be well with you.
3. Your wife will be a vine bearing fruit within your house; your children, like grafted olive trees around your table.
4. Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears Jehovah.
5. The LORD bless you from Zion! And may you see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
6. May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

Chapter 129  
 John  
*A song for the ascents.*

- ¶1 Often have people maltreated me from my youth. Let Israel now say,
2. "Often have people maltreated me from my youth, yet they have not prevailed against me.
3. They ploughed my back; they made their furrows long.
4. Jehovah is righteous; He cut the ropes of the wicked people.
5. All who hate Zion shall be put to shame and turned back
6. They will be like the grass on rooftops, withering before it is fully grown,
7. with which the reaper does not fill his hand, not the binder, his bosom,
8. nor do passersby say, "The blessing of the LORD be upon *you*! We bless you in the name of there Lord!"

Chapter 130  
 John  
*A song for the ascents.*

- ¶1. From the depths, I cried to you, O Jehovah!

2. O Lord[not Jehovah], hear my voice! Let your ears incline to the voice of my supplication!
3. O J'ah my Lord, if you did not forgive iniquities, who could stand?
4. But with you is forgiveness, that you might be feared.
5. I waited for Jehovah; my soul waited, and I hoped for His word.
6. My soul looks for the Lord[not Jeh.] more than those who look for the morning; *yes, even* those who look for the morning.
7. Wait, O Israel, for Jehovah, for with Jehovah is Lovingkindness, and with Him is a great Savior, [or, He has created a great Savior *who is* with Him],
8. and it is he who will ransom Israel from all his iniquities.

### Chapter 131

John

*A song for the ascents.*

*By David.*

- ¶1. Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor are my eyes lofty. Neither do I pursue great things, nor things too wondrous for me.
2. By my life, I have made my soul calm and quiet, like a child weaned of his mother. My soul is like a child weaned of me.
3. Put your hope in Jehovah, O Israel, from now until forever.

### Chapter 132

John

*A song for the ascents.*

- ¶1. Jehovah, remember for David all his affliction,
2. who swore to Jehovah and made a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob,”
3. “*Let me die* if I enter into the tabernacle of my house, if I go up to the couch of my bed,
4. or is I give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,
5. until I have found a place for Jehovah, a dwelling-place for the Mighty One of Jacob.”
6. Behold! We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in Sidajahar.
7. Let us go to His dwelling-place! Let us worship past His footstool!
8. Ascend, O Jehovah, to your resting-place! You and the Ark of your strength.
9. Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and your saints shout for joy!
10. For the sake of David your servant, do not turn away the face of your Messiah!
11. Jehovah swore in truth to David; He will not repent of it. Of the fruit of your loins will I set on your throne.
12. If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies that I will teach them, their sons also will sit on your throne forever and ever.
13. For Jehovah has made choice. He has desired His dwelling to be in Zion.
14. “This is my resting-place forever and ever. Here will I dwell, for I have desired it
15. Her provision will I abundantly bless; her needy will I satisfy with bread;
16. and her priests will I clothe with salvation; and her saints will shout aloud for joy.

17. There will I cause a Horn to sprout up for David; I have prepared a lamp for my Messiah[?].
18. His enemies will I clothe with disgrace, but upon him, his crown will sparkle.

### Chapter 133

John

*A Song of Ascents.*

*By David.*

- ¶1. Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brothers to dwell together in unity.
2. It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, which ran down upon the hem of his garments.
3. It is like the dew of Hermon, coming down upon the mountains[?] of Zion, for there the LORD commanded the blessing: eternal life.

### Chapter 134

John

*A song for the ascents.*

- ¶1. Behold! Bless the LORD, all *you* servants of the LORD who stand in the house of the LORD by night!
2. Lift up *your* hands in the holy place and bless Jehovah!
3. May Jehovah, Maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion!

### Chapter 135

John

- ¶1. Hallelujah! Praise the name of the LORD! Give Him praise, O servants of the LORD
2. who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!
3. Hallelujah! For Jehovah is good! Sing to His name, for he is delightful!
4. For J'ah has chosen Jacob for Himself, and Israel as His peculiar treasure.
5. For I truly know that Jehovah is great; our Lord[not Jeh] is above all gods.
6. All that the LORD pleased, He did in heaven, and on earth, in the seas, and all deep places.
7. He causes vapors to rise from the end of the earth, and makes lightings for the rain, and causes wind to come out from His storehouses.
8. He struck the firstborn of Egypt, both man and beast.
9. He sent signs and wonders in your midst, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh and all his servants.
10. He struck down many nations and slew mighty kings,
11. Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, King of Bashan, and all the kings of Canaan,
12. and gave their land as a heritage, a heritage for Israel, His people.
13. Your name, O LORD, is forever. Your memorial, O LORD, forever and ever.
14. For the LORD will judge His people, and He will have compassion on His servants.
15. Idols of the nations are silver and gold, made by hands of men.
16. They have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see;

17. they have ears, but they do not hear; and there is no breath in their mouth.
18. Those who make them are like them; *likewise*, all who trust in them.
19. O house of Israel, bless the LORD! O house of Aaron, bless the LORD!
20. O house of Levi, bless the LORD! O GOD-fearers, bless the LORD!
21. Blessed be the LORD from Zion, who dwells in Jerusalem! Hallelujah!

### Chapter 136

John

- ¶1. O give thanks to Jehovah, for He is good. For His lovingkindness is forever!
2. Give thanks to the God of gods. For His lovingkindness is forever!
3. Give thanks to the Lord(plural!) of lords. For His lovingkindness is forever!
4. To Him who alone does great wonders. For His lovingkindness is forever!
5. To Him who by wisdom made the heavens. For His lovingkindness is forever!
6. To Him who spread out the earth over the seas. For His lovingkindness is forever!
7. To Him who made great lights. For His lovingkindness is forever!
8. The sun to rule by day. For His lovingkindness is forever!
9. The moon and stars to rule by night. For His lovingkindness is forever!
10. To Him who struck Egypt in their firstborn. For His lovingkindness is forever!
11. And brought Israel out from their midst. For His lovingkindness is forever!
12. With a strong hand and an outstretched arm. For His lovingkindness is forever!
13. To Him who divided the Sea of Reeds in two. For His lovingkindness is forever!
14. And led Israel through the midst of it. For His lovingkindness is forever!
15. But shook off Pharaoh and his army in the Sea of Reeds. For His lovingkindness is forever!
16. To Him who led His people in the desert. For His lovingkindness is forever!
17. To Him who slew great kings. or His lovingkindness is forever!
18. And killed majestic kings. For His lovingkindness is forever!
19. Sihon, King of there Amorites. For His lovingkindness is forever!
20. And Og, King of Bashan. For His lovingkindness is forever!
21. And gave their land as a heritage. For His lovingkindness is forever!
22. A heritage for Israel, His servant. For His lovingkindness is forever!
23. He remembered us in our lowly state. For His lovingkindness is forever!
24. And took us away from our enemies. For His lovingkindness is forever!
25. He gives sustenance to all flesh. For His lovingkindness is forever!
26. O give thanks to the God of heaven! For His lovingkindness is forever!

### Chapter 137

John

- ¶1. By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion.
2. We hung our lyres on the poplars in her midst,

3. though there our captors asked of us words of a song, and those who wasted<sup>21</sup> us, for mirth, saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”
4. How can we sing Jehovah’s song in a foreign land?
5. If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand shrivel<sup>22</sup>.
6. Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not place Jerusalem above my greatest joy.
7. Remember, O Jehovah, against the children of Edom the day of Jerusalem, who said, “Raze it! Raze it to its foundation!”
8. O daughter of Babylon, who is to be destroyed! Blessed will he be who repays you for what you have done to us.
9. Blessed will he be who takes and dashes your little ones to pieces against the rock.

### Chapter 138

John

*by David.*

- ¶1. I will give you thanks with all my heart; before the gods will I sing you praise.
2. I will bow toward your holy temple, and I will praise your name for your lovingkindness, and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your word above all your name.
3. You answered me the day I called you; you emboldened my soul with strength.
4. All the kings of earth will praise you when they have heard the words of your mouth,
5. and they will sing of the ways of Jehovah, for great is the glory of Jehovah.
6. Though Jehovah is high, he regards the lowly one; but the haughty, He knows from afar.
7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me. Against the wrath of my enemies, you stretch out your hand, and your right hand saves me.
8. Jehovah will perfect that which concerns me. O LORD, your lovingkindness is everlasting! You will not abandon the works of your hands.

### Chapter 139

John

*To the chief musician.*

*A melody by David*

- ¶1. O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
2. You know when I sit and when I rise up. You understand my intentions from afar.
3. You examine my journeying and my lying down, and you are fully acquainted with all my ways.
4. For there is not a word on my tongue. O LORD, but that you know it altogether.
5. You have me besieged, before and behind, and have placed your hand over me.
6. Knowledge is too wonderful, too high, for me; I am insufficient for it.
7. Where could I go from your Spirit? Where could I flee from your presence?
8. If I ascend into heaven, you are there. If I go down to Sheol, behold, there you are.

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<sup>21</sup> Hebrew uncertain.

<sup>22</sup> Literally, “let my right hand forget.”

9. If I take the wings of morning and dwell in the uttermost part of the sea,
10. even there would your hand guide me, and your right hand hold me fast.
11. And were I to think, “Ah, but darkness will harm me,” even the night about me becomes light.
12. Even darkness is not dark to you, but night shines as the day; to you, darkness is as the light.
13. For you created my inward part; you wove me together in my mother’s womb.
14. I praise you, for I am fearfully[fem.pl.!], wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, and my soul knows *that* quite well.
15. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in secret, skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
16. Your eyes saw my embryonic self, and on your scroll were my pre-ordained days written, all of them, when not one of them yet existed.
17. How precious are your purposes for me, O God! How vast is the sum[pl.] of them!
18. I try to count them. They are more than the sand. When I wake, I will still be with you.
19. Surely, you will slay the wicked man, O God, and the bloody men who have turned from you,
20. who speak of you craftily, taking *your name* in vain. *They are* your enemies.
21. Do I not hate them, O Jehovah, that hate you, and loathe those who rise up against you?
22. I hate them with perfect hatred.
23. Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me, and know my thoughts
24. And see if there be any hurtful way about me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

## Chapter 140

John

*For the chief musician.*

*A melody by David.*

- ¶1. Deliver me, O Jehovah, from the wicked man; oh, keep me [imperf.] from the violent men
2. who devise evils in their heart every day. They stir up wars.
3. They make their tongue sharp, like a serpent. Adder’s poison is under their lips. Selah.
4. Preserve me, O Jehovah, from the wicked one’s hands! Keep me from the violent men, who mean to trip up my feet.
5. The proud have hidden a trap for me, and *with* cords, they have spread out a net by the trail; they have set snares for me. Selah.
6. I said to Jehovah, “You are my God! Hear, O Jehovah, the voice of my supplication!
7. O Jehovah my Lord, my mighty Savior! You covered my head in the day of battle<sup>23</sup>.”
8. Do not grant, O Jehovah, the desires of the wicked one! Do not sanction his scheme!”
9. As for the head of those who surround me, the mischief of his[?] own lips will cover him[?].
10. Burning coals will come down upon them; he will cause them to fall into deep pits, and they will never rise.

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<sup>23</sup> Lietrally, “weapon”.

11. A man of talk will not be established in the land; destruction will quickly hunt down the violent man.
12. I know that Jehovah maintains the cause of the poor and executes justice for the needy.

### Chapter 141

John

*A melody by David*

- ¶1. O LORD, I call on you. Come quickly to me! Hear my voice when I call on you.
2. Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!
3. Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord! Keep the doors of my lips!
4. Do not incline my heart to an evil thing, to practice wicked deeds with men who do iniquity, nor let me eat of their delicacies.
5. Let the righteous one strike me; *it will be* lovingkindness. Let him reprove me; *it will be* oil *upon my* head. Let not my head refuse it! Yet, my prayer will still be in their distress.
6. Their judges have been thrown down at the side the rock, and they shall hear my words, for there are pleasant.
7. Like one cutting and breaking on earth who our bones have been scattered at the mouth of Sheol.
8. But my eyes are toward you, Jehovah my Lord. In you do I take refuge. Do not leave my soul destitute!
9. Keep me from the power of the trap they have laid for me, and from the snares of evil doers!
10. The wicked will fall into their own nets together, while I escape.

### Chapter 142

John

*A wisdom song by David when he was in the cave.*

*A prayer.*

- ¶1. With my voice, I cry aloud to Jehovah. With my voice, I make supplication to Jehovah.
2. I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare my trouble before Him.
3. When my spirit faints within me, you know my way; in the path where I walk, they have laid a trap for me.
4. Look on my right, and see; for no one acknowledges me. Refuge is gone from me. No one cares for my soul.
5. I cry aloud to you, O LORD! I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."
6. Attend to my cry! For I am brought very low. Deliver me from my persecutors! For they are too strong for me.
7. Bring my soul out of the dungeon that I might praise your name. The righteous will surround me because you will deal bountifully with me.

### Chapter 143

John  
*A melody by David.*

- ¶1. O LORD, hear my prayer! Give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness! Answer me in your righteousness,
2. and 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 to dwell in dark places, like those long dead.
4. My spirit in me is fainting away. My heart within me is desolate.
5. I remember days of old. I meditate on all your acts; I ponder over the work of your hands.
6. I spread out my hands to you; my soul is like thirsty land, *longing* for you. Selah.
7. Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit is exhausted. Oh, do not hide your face from me, or I will be like those who descend into the Pit!
8. Make me to hear your lovingkindness in the morning, for I have put my trust in you. Make me to know which way I should go, for I lift up my soul to you.
9. Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies. I have come to you for refuge.
10. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; your Spirit is good. Guide me in the land of uprightness.
11. For your name's sake, O LORD, let me live with your righteousness! Take my soul out of distress,
12. and in your lovingkindness, annihilate my enemies and slay all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

Chapter 144  
 John  
*by David.*

- ¶1. Blessed by Jehovah, my rock, who trains my hands for battle, and my fingers for war.
2. My lovingkindness and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer – mine! – my shield and Him in whom I have taken refuge, who subdues my people under me.
3. O LORD, what is man that you take notice of him? Or the son of man, that you think on him?
4. Man is a breath; his day are like a passing shadow.
5. O LORD, bend your heavens and come down! Touch the mountains, and they will smoke.
6. Make lightning flash, and scatter them! Shoot forth your arrows and discomfit them!
7. Stretch out your hand from above! Set me free and rescue me out of many waters, out of the hand of foreigners,
8. whose mouths speak vanity, and their right hand is a hand of deception!
9. O God, I will sing a new song to you! With a ten-stringed instrument will I sing you praise,
10. who gives victory to kings, who rescues His servant David from the sword of the wicked one.
11. Set me free and rescue me out of the hand of foreigners, whose mouths speak vanity, and their right hand is a hand of deception!

12. When sons become like fully grown plants in their youth, our daughters, like corner-*pillars*, carved for the building of a palace,
13. *when* our are full, providing all kinds of store, and our flocks bear multiplied thousands in our fields,
14. *when* our cattle are heavy with young, *and* there is no miscarriage nor going astray, and there is no cry of distress in our streets,
15. happy will be the people who are in such a case. Happy will the people be whose God is Jehovah.

## Chapter 145

John

*A song of praise by David.*

- ¶1. I will extol you, my Good and my King, and bless your name forever and ever.
2. Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.
3. Jehovah is great, and greatly to be praised. Oh, His greatness is unfathomable!
4. One generation will praise your your works to another, and they will declare your mighty deeds.
5. (I am thinking of the glorious splendor of your majesty and your wondrous works.)
6. They will speak of the power of your fearful acts, and I will recount your great deeds.
7. They will burst with the memory of your great goodness; they will sing of your righteousness.
8. Jehovah is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and of great lovingkindness.
9. Jehovah is good to all, and His compassion is over all His works.
10. All your works praise you, O LORD.
11. They speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
12. to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious splendor of His kingdom.
13. Your kingdom is an eternal kingdom, and your dominion is from generation to generation.
14. Jehovah upholds all those who fall, and lifts up all who are bowed down.
15. The eyes of all wait for you, and you give them their food in its time.
16. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
17. Jehovah is righteous in all His ways, and merciful in all His doings.
18. The LORD is near to all who call on Him – to all who call on Him in truth.
19. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will hear their cry for help, and deliver them.
20. Jehovah watches over all who love Him, but He will utterly destroy all who do evil.
21. My mouth will declare the praise of Jehovah, and all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.

## Chapter 146

John

- ¶1. Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
2. I will praise the LORD while I live. I will sing praises to my God as long as I endure.
3. Do not put **your** trust in princes, nor in the son of man; there is no salvation in him.
4. When his breath leaves, 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 Jehovah his God,
6. Maker of heaven and earth, and the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps truth forever.
7. The LORD executes justice for the oppressed, and gives bread to those who are hungry. He sets prisoners free.
8. The LORD opens **the eyes** of the blind; the LORD raises up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves righteous men.
9. The LORD protects the strangers and relieves the orphan and the widow, but He thwarts the way of wicked men.
10. The LORD will reign forever; your God, O Zion, **will reign** from generation to generation. Hallelujah!

Chapter 147  
Tom and Suzi

- ¶1. Hallelujah! For it is good to sing praise to our God. For it is delightful, and praise is comely.
2. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the dispersed of Israel.
3. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their hurts.
4. He numbers the stars, calling them all by name.
5. Great is our Lord, and great is His power. His understanding is infinite.
6. The LORD upholds the meek, but He brings the wicked down to the earth.
7. Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving! Make music to our God with a lyre,
8. who covers the heavens with dark clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, and who causes grass to grow on the hills.
9. He gives to the beast its food, and to the young ravens that cry.
10. He does not delight in the strength of a horse, nor is He pleased with the legs of a man.
11. The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, those who hope in His lovingkindness.
12. Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
13. For He has made the bars of your gates strong; He has blessed your sons within you,
14. who makes your border peace, who satisfies you with the finest wheat,
15. who sends His word to earth; His word runs very swiftly,
16. who gives snow like wool. He scatters frost like ashes,
17. casting forth His ice like crumbs. Who can stand before His cold?
18. He sends forth His word and makes them melt. He makes His wind blow; waters flow,
19. revealing His word to Jacob, His statutes and His judgments to Israel.
20. He has not done the same for any **other** nation, and they have not known His judgments. Hallelujah!

Chapter 148  
Tom and Suzi

- ¶1. Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest places.
2. Praise Him all His angels. Praise Him all His hosts.
3. Praise Him sun and moon. Praise Him all stars of light.
4. Praise Him heavens of heavens and the waters which are above the heavens.
5. Let them praise the name of Jehovah because He commanded and they were created.
6. He also established them forever and ever, He gave a decree and it will not be passed over.
7. Praise Jehovah from the earth. Sea-monsters and all depths,
8. fire and hail, snow and smoke, and whirlwind are performing His word:
9. the mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedar trees,
10. the beasts, and all cattle, creeping things, winged birds,
11. kings of the earth, and all people, princes and all judges of the earth,
12. young men and also virgins, old men with boys,
13. let them praise the name of Jehovah because His name alone is exalted, His majesty is above the earth and the heavens.
14. He also has raised up a horn for His people, the praise of all His faithful ones, of the sons of Israel, of a people near to Him. Hallelujah!

Chapter 149  
Gary

- ¶1. Hallelujah! Sing unto Jehovah a new song; praise him in the congregation of the faithful.
2. Let Israel rejoice in his maker; let the sons of Zion rejoice in their king.
3. Let them praise His name in dance; with timbrel and lyre let them sing to Him.
4. For Jehovah is pleased with His people; He will beautify the meek with salvation.
5. Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.
6. Let the high praise of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand
7. to execute vengeance on the nations, chastisements on the people.
7. To execute vengeance among the Gentiles, reproofs among the nations,
8. To bind their kings with chains, and their honored ones with iron fetters.
8. to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,
9. To execute in them the judgments (as) written; this honor have all the faithful - Hallelujah!.
9. to execute upon them the judgment written; this honor belongs to all His saints. Hallelujah!

Chapter 150  
Gary

- ¶1. Hallelujah! Praise God in his sanctuary (holy place); praise Him in the firmament of His strength.
2. Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him for His abundant greatness.
3. Praise Him with a trumpet (shofar) blast; praise Him with a harp (stringed instrument) and lyre.
4. Praise Him with a timbrel and a dance; praise Him with strings and flutes.
5. Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with cymbals of shouting (joy).
6. Let all that breathe praise J'ah! Hallelujah!