

PSALM 68 August 24, 2016

To the Chief Musician, a psalm or song of David.

A song of praise to God for giving victory in battle.

1. Let God arise; His enemies - let them dispersed be.
Let them also that do Him hate, away from His face flee.
2. As smoke is driven away, even so do Thou them drive away.
As wax at fire melts, in God's sight let wicked so decay.
3. But let the righteous ones be glad! O, let them joyful be
before the Lord! Also, let them rejoice exceedingly!
4. Sing to God! to His name sing praise! extoll Him that doth ride
on skies, by His name JAH! Before His face, joyful abide!
5. A father of the fatherless, and of the widow's case,
God is a judge, and that within His holy dwelling place.
6. God seats the desolate in house; brings forth those that are bound
in chains. But the rebellious dwell in a barren ground.
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7. O God, when as Thou didst go forth in presence of Thy folk -
when through the desert wilderness Thou diddest marching walk - Selah.
9. the earth did at God's presence shake! From heav'ns, the drops down fell:
Sinai itself moved before the God of Israel!
9. O God, Thou on Thy heritage didst send a plenteous rain,
whereby when as it weary was, Thou it confirm'd again.
10. Thy congregation hath dwelt therein; Thou dost prepare,
O God, of Thy goodness for them that poor afflicted are.
11. The Lord the Word gave: great their troop that it have published.
12. Kings of hosts fled; fled! He that stayed at home, spoil divided.
13. Though ye have lain among the pots, be like doves' wings shall ye:
with silver decked, and her feathers like yellow gold that be.
14. When there th'Almighty scattered kings, t'was white as Salmon's snow.
15. God's hill, like Bashan Hill; high hill, like Bashan Hill, unto.
16. Why do ye leap, ye lofty hills? This is the very hill
in which God loves to dwell. The Lord dwell in it, ever will.
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17. God's chariots twice ten thousand fold, thousands of Angels be;
with them, as in His holy place on Sinai Mount, is He.
18. Thou didst ascend on high; Thou led'st captivity captive.
For men — yea, for rebels also! — Thou diddest gifts receive;
That the Lord God might dwell with them, 19. Who daily doth us load

- with benefits. Blessed be the Lord that's our savations' God. Selah.
20. He is God of salvation that is our God most strong:
and unto Jehovah, the Lord, issues from death belong.
21. But God shall wound the enemy's head; the hairy scalp, also,
of him that in his trespasses on forward still doth go.

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22. The Lord said, "I'll bring back again - again from Bashan Hill -
my people; from the depths of seas, bring back again I will!
23. That Thy foot may be dipped within blood of Thine enemies;
imbued the tongue of they dogs may be in the same, likewise.
24. They have Thy goings seen, O God, Thy goings in progress;
ev'n of my God, my King, within place of His holiness.
25. Singers went first; musicians then; in midst: maids with timbrels.
26. Bless God i'th Churches; the Lord from the spring of Israel.
27. There little Benjamin the chief, with Judah's lords and their
counsel, with Zebulon's princes and Naphtali's lords were.
28. That valiant strength, the which Thou hast, Thy God hath commanded.
Strengthen, O God, the thing which Thou for us hast effected.

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29. For Thy house at Jerusalem, kings shall bring gifts to Thee.
30. Rebuke the troops of spearmen — troops of bulls that mighty be,
with peoples' calves, with him that stoops with pieces of silver —
O, scatter Thou the people that delight themselves in war.
31. Princes shall out of Egypt come, and Ethiopia's land
shall speedily unto the Lord reach her out-stretched hand.
12. Earth's kingdoms - sing ye unto God! Unto the Lord sing praise! Selah.
33. To Him that rides on heav'ns of heav'ns that were of ancient days!
Lo! He His voice, a strong voice gives! 34. To God ascribe ye might!
His excellence o're Israel is, and His strength in the height!
35. God, fearful from His holy place, the God of Israel — He
gives strength and power unto His folk! O, let God blessed be!

PSALM 69 August 25, 2016

To the Chief Musician upon Shoshannim, a psalm of David.

A cry of faith for deliverance from false accusers.
Christ's thoughts and prayers while on the cross.

1. The waters in unto my soul are come. O, God, me save!

2. I am in muddy deep sunk down, where I no standing have:
Into deep waters I am come, where floods me overflow.
3. I of my crying weary am; my throat is dried so;
Mine eyes fail: I wait for my God. 4. They that have hated me
without a cause, than mine head's hairs they more in number be:
Also, mine enemies - wrongfully they are - that would me slay:
mighty they are. Then I restor'd what I took not away.
5. O God, Thou know'st my foolishness; my sin's not hid from Thee.
6. Who wait on Thee, Lord God of hosts, let not be sham'd for me:
O, never suffer them, who do for Thee inquiry make,
O God of Israel, to be confounded for my sake.

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7. By reason that I for Thy sake reproach have suffered,
confusion my countenance hath over-covered.
8. I as a stranger am become unto my brethren,
and am an alien unto my mother's childerren.
9. For of Thy house the zeal me hath up eaten. Every one
who Thee reproach, their reproaches are fallen me upon.
10. In fasts, I wept and spent my soul. This was reproach to me.
11. And I my garment sackcloth made, yet must their proverb be.
12. They that do sit within the gate, against me speak they do.
Unto the drinkers of strong drink, I was a song also.
13. But I in an accepted time to Thee, Lord, make my prayer.
Me Lord, in Thy salvation's truth, in Thy great mercy, hear.

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14. Deliver me out of the mire, and me from sinking keep.
Let me be freed mine haters from, and out of waters deep.
15. O'reflow me let not water floods, nor me let swallow up
the deep. Also, let not the pit her mouth upon me shut.
16. Jehovah, hear Thou me, for good is thy benignity.
Turn unto me according to greatness of Thy mercy,
17. and hide not Thou Thy countenance from Thy servant away.
Because that I in trouble am, hear me without delay!
18. O, draw Thou nigh unto my soul; do Thou it vindicate!
Give me deliverance, because of them that do me hate.
19. Thou hast known my reproach, also my shame, and my disgrace.
Mine adversaries, every one, they are before Thy face.

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20. Reproach, mine heart brake; I was griev'd. For some me to bemoan
I sought, but none there was; and for comforters, but found none.

21. Moreover, instead of my meat, unto me gall they gave;
and in my thirst they vinegar for drink made me to have.
22. Their table set before their face, to them become a snare:
and that let be a trap which should have been for their welfare.
23. And let their eyes be darkened, that they may never see.
With trembling, also, make their loins to shake continually.
24. Pour out Thine ire on them; let seize on them Thine anger fell.
25. Their palace let be desolate: none in their tents let dwell.
26. Because they Him do persecute on whom Thy stroke is found:
also they talk unto the grief of them whom thou dost wound.
27. Thou unto their iniquity, iniquity do add;
into Thy righteousness, for them let entrance none be had.
28. Out of The Book of the Living, O do Thou them forth blot,
and amongst them that righteous are, be written let the not.

(5)

29. But Lord, I'm poor and sorrowful: let Thy health lift me high.
30. With song I'll praise the name of God: with thanks Him magnify.
31. Unto Jehovah this also shall be more pleasing far
than any ox or bullock young that horn'd and hoofed are.
32. This thing, when as they shall behold, then shall be glad the meek;
also their heart shall ever live that after God do seek.
33. For the Lord hears the poor, nor doth despise whom He hath bound.
34. Let Heav'n, earth, seas and all therein that moves, His praises sound.
35. For God will Juhah's cities build, and Zion He will save:
that they may dwell therein, and may it in possession have.
36. The seed also of His servants, inherit shall the same:
also therein inhabit shall they that do love His name.

PSALM 70 August 26, 2016

To the Chief Musician, a psalm to bring to remembrance.

A desperate cry for help from God.

1. O God, to rescue me, Lord, to mine help make haste!
2. Let them that after my soul seek, ashamed be and abashed.
Turned back and shamed let them be that in my hurt delight.
3. Turned back let them be, "Ha ha!" that say, their shame for to requite.
4. Let all those that Thee seek, joy and be glad in Thee.
Let such as love Thy health say still, "Magnified let God be!"

5. Make haste to me, Lord, for I poor am and needy.
Thou art mine aid and mine helper. O Lord, do not tarry!

PSALM 71 August 27, 2016

A plea to God, in faith, for deliverance from enemies.

1. Jehovah, I for safety do betake myself to Thee:
O, let me not at any time put to confusion be.
2. Me rescue in Thy righteousness; let me deliverance have.
To me do Thou incline thine ear, also do Thou me save.
3. Be Thou my dwelling Rock, whereto I always may resort.
Thou gav'st commandment me to save, for Thou my Rock and Fort.
4. Out of the hand of the wicked, my God, deliver me;
out of the hand of the unjust, leaven'd with cruelty.
5. For Thou, O God Jehovah, art mine expectation,
and Thou art He Whom from my youth my trust is set upon.
6. Thou hast upheld me from the womb; Thou art He that tookest me
out of my mother's belly. Still my praise shall be of Thee!
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7. To many, I a wonder am; but Thou my Refuge strong.
8. Let my mouth filled be with Thy praise and honor all day long.
9. Within the time of elder age, O, cast me not away;
and do not Thou abandon me when my strength doth decay.
10. Because they that be enemies to me against me spake,
and they that for my soul lay wait, counsel together take.
11. Saying, "God hath forgotten him: do ye him now pursue
and apprehend him, for there is not one him to rescue."
12. Depart not far from me, O God! My God, haste to help me!
13. The adversaries of my soul, let them ashamed be.
Let them consumed be; let them be also covered
both with reproach and dishonor, that for my hurt waited.
(3)
14. But I with patience will wait on Thee continually,
and I will add yet more and more to all the praise of Thee.
15. My mouth forth shall Thy righteousness and Thy salvation show
from day to day, for of the same no number do I know.
16. In the strong might of God, the Lord, go on along will I;
I'll mention make of Thy justice, yea, ev'n of Thine, only.

17. From my youth up, O Mighty God, Thou hast instructed me;
and hitherto I have declared the wonders wrought by Thee.
18. And now unto mine elder age and hoary head, O God,
do not forsake me 'till I have Thy power shown abroad
unto this generation and unto everyone
that shall hereafter be to come, Thy strong dominion.

(4)

19. Thy righteousness, O God, it doth reach up on high; also,
great are the things which Thou hast done; Lord, who's like Thee unto?
20. Thou Who hast caused me to see afflictions great and sore
shalt me revive, and me again from depths of earth restore.
21. Thou shalt my greatness multiply and comfort me always.
22. Also with tuned psaltery I will show forth Thy praise.
O, Thou my God, I will sing forth to Thee, mine Harp upon,
Thy verity and faithfulness, O Israel's Holy One.
23. My lips with shouting shall rejoice when I shall sing to Thee;
my soul, also, which freely Thou hast brought to liberty.
24. Likewise my tongue shall utter forth Thy justice all day long:
for they confounded are and brought to shame that seek my wrong.

PSALM 72 August 29, 2016

A psalm for Solomon. (obviously referring prophetically to Christ)

Concern about the prosperity of the wicked tempered by an understanding of their end.

1. O God, Thy judgments give the king, and Thy justice to the king's son.
2. He shall Thy folk with justice judge, and to Thy poor see judgment done.
3. The mountains shall abundantly unto the people bring forth peace;
the little hills shall bring the same, by executing righteousness.
4. Poor of the people he shall judge, and children of the needy save;
and he in pieces shall break down each one that them oppressed have.
5. They shall Thee fear, while sun and moon endure through generations all.
6. Like rain on mown grass, he shall come; as showers on earth distilling fall.
7. The just shall flourish in his days, and store of peace, 'till no moon be.
8. And from the sea unto the sea, from flood to land's end, reign shall he.
9. They that within the wilderness do dwell, before him bow they must;
and they who are his enemies, they verily shall lick the dust.

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10. Upon him presents shall bestow of Tarshish and the Isles; the kings,

- Shebah's, and Sebah's kings also, shall unto him give offerings.
11. Yea to him all the kings shall fall, and serve him every nation:
 12. For needy, crying, save he shall; the poor, and - helper - that hath none.
 13. The poor and needy he shall spare, and the souls of the needy save.
 14. Their souls, from fraud and violence, by him shall free redemption have.
And precious in his sight shall be 15. the blood of them. And he shall live, and unto him shall everyone of pure gold of Shebah give.
Also each one their humble prayer in his behalf shall make always; and every one his blessedness shall daily celebrate with praise.

(3)

16. Of corn, an handful there shall be in the land the mountains' tops upon, the fruit whereof shall moving shake like to the trees of Lebanon:
And they that of the city be, like grass on earth, shall flourish all.
17. His name forever shall endure as long as sun continue shall.
So shall his name continued be, and men in him themselves shall bless, and all the nations of the word shall him the blessed one profess.
18. O, let Jehovah blessed be, the God, the God of Israel!
He worketh by Himself, alone, such things whereat men may marvel.
19. And blessed be His glorious name forever! Let the whole earth be filled full with glory of the same! Amen! Also, Amen, say we!
(This, after the common tunes.)
19. And aye be blessed His glorious name! Also let the earth, all, be filled with His glorious fame! Amen! and so it shall!
20. The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

THE THIRD BOOK

PSALM 73 August 31, 2016

A psalm of Asaph.

1. Truly, to Israel, God is good: to men of a clean heart.
2. But my feet almost slipped; my steps aside did well nigh start.
3. For I was envious at the fools, in peace to see the ill.
4. For in their death no bands there are, but firm their strength is still.
5. Like other mean men, they are not in toilsome misery;
nor are they stricken with like plagues, as other mortals be.
6. Therefore doth pride like to a chain encompass them about,
and like a garment, violence doth cover them throughout.
7. Within the fatness which they have extended are their eyes;
greater prosperity they have than their hearts can devise.
8. Corrupt they are, and wicked. Speak guile; proudly they talk.

9. Against the heav'ns they set their mouth; their tongue through th'earth doth walk.

(2)

10. Therefore His people unto them have hither turned in,
and waters out of a full cup wrung out to them have been.

11. And they have said, "How can it be that God this thing should know?"
and, "Is there in the Highest One knowledge hereof?" also.

12. Lo, these are the ungodly ones who have tranquillity:
within the world they do increase in rich ability.

13. Surely, in vain in purity cleansed my heart have I;

14. and hands in innocence have washed: for plagued am I daily,
and every morning chastened. 15. If I think thus to say,
thy children's generation, lo, then I should betray.

16. And when this point to understand, casting, I did devise,
the matter too laborious appeared in mine eyes.

17. Until unto the sanctuary of God I went, and then
I prudently did understand last end of these men.

(3)

18. Surely, in places slippery these men Thou placed hast:
and into desolations Thou dost them downward cast.

19. As in a moment, how are they brought to destruction!
How are they utterly consumed with sad confusion!

20. Like to a dream when as a man awaking doth arise,
so Thou, O God, when Thou awak'st, their image shalt despise.

21. My heart thus was leaven'd with grief; pricked were my reins by me;

22. so foolish was I, and knew not - like a beast before Thee.

(4)

23. Never the less, continually before Thee I do stand:

Thou hast upheld me stedfastly, also, by my right hand.

24. Thou with Thy prudent counsel shalt guidance unto me give;
up afterward, also, Thou shalt to glory me receive.

25. In heav'n above, but Thee alone, who is it that I have?
and there is nothing upon earth, besides Thee, that I crave.

26. This flesh of mine - my heart, also - doth fail me altogether:
but God the strength is of my heart, and portion mine forever.

27. For, lo, they that are far from Thee, utterly perish shall:
those who a whoring go from Thee, Thou hast destroyed, all.

28. But as for me . . . for me it's good, near God for to repair:
in God the Lord I put my trust, all Thy works to declare.

PSALM 74 September 1, 2016
Maschil of Asaph.

An prayer for deliverance from continual and increasing ungodliness and oppression.

1. O God, why hast Thou cast us off? Why doth Thy rage endure -
forever smoking out against the sheep of Thy pasture?
2. Thy congregation call to mind - of old by Thee purchased -
the rod of Thine inheritance which Thou redeemed hast:
This Mount Zion wherein Thou dwel'st. 3. Lift up Thy foot on high
unto the desolations of perpetuity:
Thy foe within the Sanctuary hath done all lewd designs.
4. Amidst Thy Church Thy foes do roar; their banners set for signs.
5. The man, that axes on thick trees did lift up, had renown.
6. But now with axe and mauls, at once, her carv'd works they beat down.
7. Thy sanctuaries into fire they cast; the dwelling place
of Thy name, down unto the ground profanely they did raze.
8. "Let us together them destroy", thus in their hearts they said:
God's synagogues throughout the land all in the flames they laid.
(2)
9. Our signs we see not; there's no more a prophet us among;
nor with us any to be found that understands how long.
10. How long shall the oppressing foe, O mighty God, defame?
Thine enemy - forevermore shall he blaspheme Thy name?
11. Why dost Thou thus withdraw Thine hand - the righthand of Thy strength?
Out of Thy bosom, oh, do Thou draw it forth to the length.
12. Because the Mighty God hath been from ancient time my King,
in midst of the earth He is salvation working.
13. Thou diddest by Thy mighty power divide the sea asunder:
the dragons' heads in pieces Thou didst break the waters under.
14. The heads of the Leviathan Thou into pieces brake:
to people that in deserts dwell, for meat, Thou didst him make.
15. Thou clav'st the fountain and the flood, Thou dri'dst up floods of might.
16. Thine is the day, and night is Thine: Thou sun prepar'st, and light.
17. Thou all the borders of the earth hast constituted fast:
the summer and the winter cold, the same Thou formed hast.
(3)
18. Remember this: the enemy reproachfully doth blame,
O Lord: also the foolish folk blasphemed have Thy name.
19. O, do not to the multitude Thy turtle's soul deliver;

- the congregation of Thy poor, forget not Thou forever.
20. Unto Thy cov'nant have respect: because the dark places of th'earth with habitations are full of furiousness.
 21. O let not the oppressed one return away with shame:
O let the poor and needy one give praise unto Thy name.
 22. Arise O God, plead Thine own cause: have Thou in memory how day by day the foolish man with scorn reproacheth Thee.
 23. Thine enemy's voice forget not Thou: the loud tumult of those continually on high ascends, that rise Thee to oppose.

PSALM 75 September 3, 2016

To the Chief Musician Altaschith, psalm or song of Asaph.

A coming judgment day promised by God for all the proud and arrogant Him.

1. O God, to Thee do we give thanks! Thanks give we unto Thee!
And that Thy name is near at hand, Thy wonders show to be.
2. "When I th'assembly shall receive, uprightly judge I will.
3. Th'earth and its dwellers all do melt: I stay its pillars, still!"
4. "I did unto the foolish say, 'Deal not so foolishly.'
Also unto the wicked ones, 'Lift not the horn on high.'"
5. Lift ye not up your horn on high; with stiffened neck speak not,
6. for neither from east, west, nor south, promotion can be got.
7. But God is judge: He sets up one; another down doth tread.
8. For in the Lord's hand is a cup; also, the wine is red:
It's full of mixture, and thereout He pours: but on earth, all
the wicked ones, the dregs thereof, both strain and drink them shall.
9. But as for me, I will declare; forevermore I will
sing praises unto Him that is the God of Jacob still.
10. "Of men ungodly, all the horns, also cut off will I:
but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted high."

PSALM 76 September 5, 2016

To the Chief Musician on Neginoth, a psalm or song of Asaph.

A prophetic song about God's future reign over all the earth.

1. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

2. In Salem, also, is His tent; in Zion He doth dwell.
3. There brake He the arrows of the bow; the shield, sword and battle. Selah.
4. Illustrious Thou art; Thou dost the mounts of prey excel.
5. They that are stout of heart are spoiled; they slept their sleep profound.
And of the men of might, there is none that their hands have found.
6. Of Jacob, O Thou Mighty God, as Thy rebuke out past,
the chariot also and the horse in a dead sleep are cast.

(2)

7. Thou, even Thou, art to be feared, and who is it before
Thy presence that can stand when as that Thou art angry sore?
8. Thou didst cause for to be heard judgment from Heaven above:
The earth exceedingly did fear, also it did not move
9. when as the Mighty God arose to the execution
of judgment to save all the meek that are the earth upon. Selah.
10. Assuredly unto Thy praise shall turn the wrath of man
and the remainder of the earth, also, Thou shalt restrain.
11. Vow and pay to the Lord your God; that Him surround all ye,
and bring ye presents unto Him that feared ought to be.
12. The spirit that in princes is, asunder cut He shall.
Unto the kings on earth that be, dreadful He is, withal.

PSALM 77 September 6, 2016

To the Chief Musician, to Jeduthun, a psalm of Asaph.

Great fear - and recovered peace - in a storm on the sea of life.

1. To God I cried with my voice: yea with my voice I have
cried unto the mighty God; and ear to me He gave.
2. In my distress I sought the Lord. My sore ran in the night
and ceased not; also my soul refused comfort quite.
3. I did remember God; also disquieted was I.
I did complain, and my spirit o'whelmed was, heavily. Selah.
4. Awaking, Thou dost hold mine eyes: I cannot speak for fears.
5. I have considered days of old, of ancient times the years.

(2)

6. To my remembrance I do call the song in night I had:
I communed with my heart; also strict search my spirit made.
7. Forever will the Lord cast off? And pleased will He not be?
8. His tender mercy, is it ceased to perpetuity?

- His promise doth it fail for aye? 9. Hath God forgot likewise
gracious to be? Hath He shut up in wrath His dear mercies? Selah.
10. Then did I say within myself, tis mine infirmity:
the years of the right hand I will think on of the Most High.
(3)
11. I will unto remembrance call the actions of the Lord:
Thy wondrous works of ancient time, surely I will record.
12. I'll muse also of all Thy works, and of Thy doings talk.
13. Within the temple is Thy way, O God, where Thou dost walk.
What god so great as our God is? 14. Works wonderful that are,
Thou, God, hast done. Among the folk, Thou dost Thy strength declare.
15. Those that Thy people are, Thou hast with thine own arm set free:
of Jacob also of Joseph, the children that be. Selah.
(4)
16. Thee did the waters see, O God; Thee did the waters see.
They were afraid; the deeps also could not but troubled be.
17. With waters were the clouds pour'd forth, the skies a sound out sent:
also Thine arrows on each side abroad dispersed went.
18. Thy thunder's voice in heaven was; the world illuminate
Thy lightnings did; the earth also trembled and shook hereat.
19. Thy ways i'th sea; Thy paths and steps unknown are in the deep.
20. By Moses' and by Aaron's hand Thou led'st Thy folk like sheep.

PSALM 78 September 7, 2016
Maschil of Asaph.

1. Give list'ning ear unto my law, ye people that are mine;
unto the sayings of my mouth, do ye your ear incline.
2. My mouth I'll ope' in parables; I'll speak hid things of old:
3. which we have heard and known, and which our fathers have us told.
4. Them, from their children, we'll not hide, to th'after age showing
the Lord's praises: His strength, and works of His wondrous doing.
5. In Jacob He a witness set, and put in Israel
a law, which He our fathers charged they should their children tell:
6. that th'age to come and children which are to be born might know;
that they might rise up and the same unto their children show.
7. That they upon the Mighty God they confidence might set:
and God's works and His commandment might keep and not forget,
8. And might not like their fathers be: a stiff, stout race; a race

that set not right their hearts, nor firm with God their spirit was.

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9. The armed sons of Ephraim, that went out with their bow,
did turn their backs in the day when they did to battle go.
10. God's cov'nant they kept not: to walk in His law they denied:
11. His works and wonders they forgot, that He to them descried.
12. Things that were marvelous He did within their fathers' sight:
in Egypt's land, within the field of Zoan, by His might.
13. He did divide the sea; also He caus'd them through to pass:
and He the waters made to stand, that as an heap it was.
14. With cloud by day, with fire all night 15. He led them. Rocks He clave
in wilderness, as from great deeps, drink unto them He gave.
16. Ev'n from out of the stony rock, streams He did bring also,
and caused water to run down like as the rivers do.

(3)

17. Moreover they did add yet more against Him for to sin:
by their provoking the Most High the wilderness within.
18. And also they within their heart did tempt the God of might:
by asking earnestly for meat for their souls' appetite.
19. Moreover they against God spake: they said, "Can God be able
within the desert wilderness to furnish us a table?
20. Lo, He the rock smote, thence gushed out waters, and streams did flow.
For His folk can He flesh provide; can He give bread also?"
21. The Lord heard: He was wroth for this; for kindled was a fire.
'Gainst Jacob and 'gainst Israel there came up wrathful ire.
22. For they in God believed not, nor in His health did hope.
23. Though from above He charged the clouds, and doors of heaven set ope.

(4)

24. Manna to eat He rained on them, and gave them the Heaven's wheat.
25. Each man of them ate angels' food; to th'full He sent them meat.
26. I'th heavens He made the east wind blow; brought south wind by His power.
27. He flesh on them - like dust; winged fowls - like the sea's sand, did shower.
28. And in the midst of their camp He caused it to fall
even round about on every side, their dwelling places all.
29. So they did eat; they filled were: abundantly, also!
for that which was their own desire He did on them bestow.
30. Howbeit they were not estrang'd from their lustful desire:
but while thereat was in their mouths, 31. upon them came God's ire,
and slew their fat ones: and smote down of Israel the choice men.
32. Still, for all this, they sin'd: nor did believe His wonders then!

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33. Therefore He did in vanity the days of their life spend,
and hastily He brought their years unto a fearful end.
34. When He them slew, then after Him they sought with their desire:
and they return'd; early also did after God inquire.
35. Likewise, that God was their Strong Rock, they call'd to memory:
and that the Mighty God, most high, was their Redeemer free.
36. Yet with their mouth they flatter'd Him: and to Him their tongues lied.
37. For right their heart was not in them: nor did in's cov'nant 'bide.
38. But full of mercy, He forgave their sin, and 'stroyed them not:
yea, oft He turn'd His wrath aside, nor raise'd all's anger hot.
39. For He, that they were but frail flesh, and as it were a wind
that passeth and comes not again, recalled unto mind.

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40. How oft in desert vex'd they Him and made Him there to moan?
41. Yea, they turn'd, tempted God: and did stint Isr'el's Holy One.
42. His hand they did not, nor the day keep in their remembrance
wherein He from the enemy gave them deliverance;
43. and how His signs miraculous in Egypt He had shown;
and His most fearful prodigies within the field of Zoan.
44. Also how He their rivers had converted into blood,
and (that they could not drink thereof) the waters of their flood.
45. Amongst them - which did them devour - he sent forth diverse flies;
and them amongst - which them destroyed - He sent forth frogs likewise.
46. He gave their fruit to th'caterpillar: their labour to th'Locust.
47. He did their vines destroy with hail: their sycamores with frost.
48. Also unto the hail He did their cattle shut up fast:
likewise their herds of cattle to the fiery thunder blast.
49. He cast on them fierce ire, and wrath, and indignation,
and sore distress: by sending forth ill angels them upon

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50. He made a way unto His wrath, and their soul did not save
from death: also their life over to pestilence He gave.
51. He within Egypt land also all the first born did smite:
those that within the tents of Ham, were chiefest of their might:
32. But He made like a flock of sheep His own folk forth to go:
like to a flock i'th wilderness He guided them also.
53. And He in safety did them lead so that they did not dread.
Within the sea their enemies He also covered.
54. And to the border He did bring them of His holy place:

unto this mountain which He did by His right hand purchase.
55. For them he cast the heathen out; their lot He did divide
by line: and Isr'el's tribes He made in their tents to abide.

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56. Yet they tempted the most high God, and griev'd Him bitterly:
also His testimonies they kept not attentively:
57. But, like their fathers, back they turn'd, and faithlessness did show:
they turned were aside, even like to a deceitful bow.
58. For they to anger did provoke Him with their places high:
and with their graven images, move'd Him to jealousy.
59. God hearing this was wroth, and loath'd Israel with hatred great:
60. So Shiloh's tent He left - the tent which men amongst He set.
61. And He delivered His strength into captivity:
also into the enemy's hand His beautiful glory.
62. To th'sword He gave His folk: and was wroth with His heritage.
63. Fire their young men devour'd : their maids - none gave to marriage.
64. Their priests fell by the sword: also their widows did not weep.
65. Then did the Lord arise as one awakened out of sleep:
like a strong man that after wine 66. doth shout! He also smote
His foes, behind: and so He gave them an eternal blot.

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67. Then He did Joseph's tent refuse; nor Ephr'ims tribe approv'd.
68. But He the tribe of Judah chose: Mount Zion which He loved.
69. And He His sanctuary built like unto places high:
like to the earth which He did found to perpetuity.
70. Of David also, His servant, election He did make,
and from the place of folding up the sheep He did him take.
71. From following the ewe with young, he did then advance;
to feed Jacob his folk; also Israel, His 'heritance.
72. So he according to his heart's integrity them fed:
and by the wise discretion of his hands he them led.