

Psalms 3:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him
in God. Selah.

Analysis

David voices the painful taunts of his enemies who mock his faith in God's deliverance. The Hebrew 'yeshuah' (help/salvation) comes from the same root as 'Yeshua' (Jesus), pointing forward to the ultimate Savior. 'Selah' appears here, likely a musical pause for meditation on this devastating accusation. Yet even in quoting his enemies' lies, David's faith shines through - he still addresses God directly. This psalm, written during Absalom's rebellion, foreshadows Christ's suffering when enemies mocked His trust in the Father (Matthew 27:43).

Historical Context

Written when David fled from his son Absalom's coup (2 Samuel 15-18), one of David's darkest hours. The rebellion seemed to vindicate those who questioned God's faithfulness to His anointed king. Yet God ultimately vindicated David, demonstrating that human circumstances don't negate divine promises.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. When others question whether God will truly help you, how do you maintain confident trust?
2. How can you encourage fellow believers who are hearing similar taunts about their faith?

Interlinear Text

רַבִּים אֲמָר יִם לִנְפֹשׁ י אֵין יִשׁוּעַ תָּה לֹא
Many there be which say of my soul H369 There is no help H0
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בְּאֵלֵה יִם סֵלָה:
for him in God Selah
H430 H5542

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 42:3 (References God): My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

Psalms 71:11 (References God): Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for there is none to deliver him.

Psalms 22:7 (Parallel theme): All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

Psalms 42:10 (References God): As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

Psalms 4:4 (Parallel theme): Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

Psalms 3:8 (Parallel theme): Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

Psalms 4:2 (Parallel theme): O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.

Psalms 3:4 (Parallel theme): I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

Habakkuk 3:13 (Parallel theme): Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah.

Habakkuk 3:9 (Parallel theme): Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word. Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.

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