

Psalms 74

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Arise, O God, Defend Your Cause

- 1** O God, why hast thou cast us off for ever? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?
- 2** Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.
- 3** Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.
- 4** Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs.
- 5** A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.
- 6** But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.
- 7** They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground.
- 8** They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.
- 9** We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.

- 10** O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck it out of thy bosom.

12 For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

15 Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up mighty rivers.

16 The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

18 Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

20 Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.

23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Covenant — בְּרִית (Berit)

Covenant, treaty

The Hebrew **berit** (ברית) denotes a covenant—a binding agreement, often ratified by blood sacrifice. God's covenants (Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic) structure redemptive history, culminating in the New Covenant.

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Lord — יְהֹהָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהֹהָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Prophet — נִבְיא (Navi)

Prophet, spokesman

The Hebrew **navi** (נִבְיא) means prophet—one who speaks God's word to the people. Prophets received divine revelation and declared God's message, often calling Israel to repentance and foretelling future events.

Redeem — גָּאַל (Gaal)

To redeem, act as kinsman-redeemer

The Hebrew **gaal** (גָּאַל) means to redeem or act as kinsman-redeemer (go'el)—buying back family property or relatives. It foreshadows Christ redeeming His people through His blood.

Salvation — יְשֻׁעָה (Yeshuah)

Salvation, deliverance

The Hebrew **yeshuah** (יְשֻׁעָה) means salvation or deliverance—rescue from danger or enemies. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.'

CROSS REFERENCES

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Psalms 74:2

Parallel theme: Psalms 135:4; Exodus 15:16; Deuteronomy 4:20; 32:9; Jeremiah 10:16.

Redemption: Exodus 15:13

Psalms 74:3

Temple: Psalms 79:1; Lamentations 1:10

Psalms 74:4 **Parallel theme:** Numbers 2:2; 2 Chronicles 36:17; Lamentations 2:7; Daniel 6:27; Matthew 24:15; Luke 13:1; 21:20; Revelation 13:6

Psalms 74:6 **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 6:18; 6:29; 6:32; 6:35

Psalms 74:7 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 89:39; 2 Kings 25:9

Psalms 74:8 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 83:4

Psalms 74:9

Parallel theme: Exodus 12:13; 1 Samuel 3:1; Amos 8:11. **Prophecy:** Ezekiel 7:26

Psalms 74:11 **Parallel theme:** Lamentations 2:3

Psalms 74:12 **Kingdom:** Psalms 44:4

Psalms 74:13 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 78:13; Exodus 14:21; Ezekiel 29:3

Psalms 74:14 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 27:1

Psalms 74:15 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 105:41; Numbers 20:11; Joshua 2:10; Isaiah 48:21

Psalms 74:16 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 104:19; Matthew 5:45

Psalms 74:17 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 8:22; Deuteronomy 32:8; Acts 14:17. **Creation:** Acts 17:26

Psalms 74:18 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 39:8; Revelation 16:19. **References Lord:** Deuteronomy 32:6

Psalms 74:19 **Related:** Song of Solomon 2:14; 4:1. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 9:18; 68:10; 68:13; 72:2; Isaiah 60:8; Zephaniah 3:12; Matthew 10:16

Psalms 74:20 **Covenant:** Psalms 89:28; 105:8; 106:45; Hebrews 8:10

Psalms 74:21 **Resurrection:** Psalms 12:5. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 9:18; 103:6

Psalms 74:22 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 74:18; Isaiah 52:5. **References God:** Psalms 53:1

Psalms 74:23 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 65:7; Isaiah 37:29

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