

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.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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** (בְּרִית) 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 — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

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

Prophet — נָבִיא (Navi)

Prophet, spokesman

The Hebrew **navi** (נָבִיא) 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 — יְשׁוּעָה (Yeshuah)

Salvation, deliverance

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

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 74:1 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 44:9; 77:7; 78:1; 79:13; Deuteronomy 29:20; Jeremiah 23:1; Luke 12:32. **References God:** Psalms 95:7; 100:3; Ezekiel 34:31

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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