

# Psalms 81

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## **Sing Aloud to God Our Strength**

**1** Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

**2** Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

**3** Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

**4** For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

**5** This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not.

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**6** I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.

**7** Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

**8** Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;

**9** There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

**10** I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

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**11** But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

**12** So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

**13** Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!

**14** I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

**15** The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.

**16** He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### God — אלֹהִים (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 — יְהֹוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

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

### Judgment — מִשְׁפָט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Psalms 81:2** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 92:3; Exodus 15:20; Mark 14:26

**Psalms 81:3** **Parallel theme:** 2 Chronicles 2:4

**Psalms 81:5** **References Egypt:** Psalms 114:1; Exodus 11:4; 12:12; 12:27. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 77:15; Deuteronomy 28:49; Jeremiah 5:15

**Psalms 81:6** **Parallel theme:** Exodus 6:6; Isaiah 9:4; 10:27; Matthew 11:29

**Psalms 81:7**

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**Psalms 81:8** **Witness:** Psalms 50:7; Deuteronomy 32:46; John 3:11; Acts 20:21; 1 John 5:9.

**Parallel theme:** Exodus 15:26; Deuteronomy 5:27; Isaiah 1:19. **References Israel:** Psalms 81:13

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**Psalms 81:12** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 6:3; Job 8:4; Isaiah 30:1; Jeremiah 7:24; Acts 7:42; 14:16; Romans 1:24

**Psalms 81:13** **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 5:29; Isaiah 48:18

**Psalms 81:14** **Parallel theme:** Numbers 14:9; 14:45; Joshua 23:13; Amos 1:8

**Psalms 81:15** **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 7:10; Romans 1:30

**Psalms 81:16** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 147:14; Judges 14:18; Job 29:6; Joel 2:24

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