

David Betrayed Again (c. 1022 – c. 1012 BC)

1 Samuel 24:1

1 Now when Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, saying, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi."

Arise, O LORD, in Your Anger (c. 1022 – c. 1012 BC)

Psalm 7

A Shiggaion of David, which he sang to the LORD concerning Cush, a Benjamite.

- 1 O LORD my God, in You I have taken refuge;
Save me from all those who pursue me, and deliver me,
- 2 Or he will tear my soul like a lion,
Dragging me away, while there is none to deliver.
- 3 O LORD my God, if I have done this,
If there is injustice in my hands,
- 4 If I have rewarded evil to my friend,
Or have plundered him who without cause was my adversary,
- 5 Let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake *it*;
And let him trample my life down to the ground
And lay my glory in the dust. *Selah*.
- 6 Arise, O LORD, in Your anger;
Lift up Yourself against the rage of my adversaries,
And arouse Yourself for me; You have appointed judgment.
- 7 Let the assembly of the peoples encompass You,
And over them return on high.
- 8 The LORD judges the peoples;
Vindicate me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and my integrity that is in me.
- 9 O let the evil of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous;
For the righteous God tries the hearts and minds.
- 10 My shield is with God,
Who saves the upright in heart.
- 11 God is a righteous judge,
And a God who has indignation every day.
- 12 If a man does not repent, He will sharpen His sword;
He has bent His bow and made it ready.
- 13 He has also prepared for Himself deadly weapons;
He makes His arrows fiery shafts.
- 14 Behold, he travails with wickedness,
And he conceives mischief and brings forth falsehood.
- 15 He has dug a pit and hollowed it out,
And has fallen into the hole which he made.
- 16 His mischief will return upon his own head,
And his violence will descend upon his own pate.
- 17 I will give thanks to the LORD according to His righteousness
And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

Saul Hunts for David (c. 1022 – c. 1012 BC)

1 Samuel 24:2

2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Rocks of the Wild Goats.

O LORD, Do Not Delay (c. 1022 – c. 1012 BC)

Psalm 70

For the choir director.

A Psalm of David; for a memorial.

- 1 O God, *hasten* to deliver me;
O LORD, hasten to my help!
- 2 Let those be ashamed and humiliated
Who seek my life;
Let those be turned back and dishonored
Who delight in my hurt.
- 3 Let those be turned back because of their shame
Who say, “Aha, aha!”
- 4 Let all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;
And let those who love Your salvation say continually,
“Let God be magnified.”
- 5 But I am afflicted and needy;
Hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay. [compare Ps 70:1–5 with [Ps 40:13–17](#)]

The LORD Is My Light and My Salvation (c. 1022 – c. 1012 BC)

Psalm 27

A Psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the defense of my life;
Whom shall I dread?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh,
My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though a host encamp against me,
My heart will not fear;
Though war arise against me,
In *spite of* this I shall be confident.
- 4 One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD
And to meditate in His temple.
- 5 For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle;
In the secret place of His tent He will hide me;
He will lift me up on a rock.
- 6 And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me,
And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

- I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.
- 7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice,
And be gracious to me and answer me.
- 8 *When You said, "Seek My face,"* my heart said to You,
"Your face, O LORD, I shall seek."
- 9 Do not hide Your face from me,
Do not turn Your servant away in anger;
You have been my help;
Do not abandon me nor forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
- 10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
But the LORD will take me up.
- 11 Teach me Your way, O LORD,
And lead me in a level path
Because of my foes.
- 12 Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries,
For false witnesses have risen against me,
And such as breathe out violence.
- 13 *I would have despaired* unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD
In the land of the living.
- 14 Wait for the LORD;
Be strong and let your heart take courage;
Yes, wait for the LORD.

My Help and My Deliverer [Messianic] (c. 1022 – c. 1012 BC)

Psalm 40

For the choir director.

A Psalm of David.

- 1 I waited patiently for the LORD;
And He inclined to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay,
And He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
Many will see and fear
And will trust in the LORD.
- 4 How blessed is the man who has made the LORD his trust,
And has not turned to the proud, nor to those who lapse into falsehood.
- 5 Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders which You have done,
And Your thoughts toward us;
There is none to compare with You.
If I would declare and speak of them,
They would be too numerous to count.
- 6 Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired;
My ears You have opened; [or "But a body you have prepared for me" – LXX]
Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required. [[Heb 10:5–6](#)]
- 7 Then I said, "Behold, I come;
In the scroll of the book it is written of me.
- 8 I delight to do Your will, O my God; [[Heb 10:7–9](#)]

Your Law is within my heart.”

- 9 I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation;
Behold, I will not restrain my lips,
O LORD, You know.
- 10 I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart;
I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation;
I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth from the great congregation.
- 11 You, O LORD, will not withhold Your compassion from me;
Your lovingkindness and Your truth will continually preserve me.
- 12 For evils beyond number have surrounded me;
My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to see;
They are more numerous than the hairs of my head,
And my heart has failed me.
- 13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me;
Make haste, O LORD, to help me.
- 14 Let those be ashamed and humiliated together
Who seek my life to destroy it;
Let those be turned back and dishonored
Who delight in my hurt.
- 15 Let those be appalled because of their shame
Who say to me, “Aha, aha!”
- 16 Let all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;
Let those who love Your salvation say continually,
“The LORD be magnified!”
- 17 Since I am afflicted and needy,
Let the Lord be mindful of me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
Do not delay, O my God.

David Spares Saul's Life (c. 1022 – c. 1012 BC)

1 Samuel 24:3–22

- 3 He came to the sheepfolds on the way, where there *was* a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the inner recesses of the cave.
- 4 The men of David said to him, “Behold, *this is* the day of which the LORD said to you, ‘Behold; I am about to give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you.’” Then David arose and cut off the edge of Saul’s robe secretly.
- 5 It came about afterward that David’s conscience bothered him because he had cut off the edge of Saul’s *robe*.
- 6 So he said to his men, “Far be it from me because of the LORD that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD’s anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is the LORD’s anointed.”
- 7 David persuaded his men with *these* words and did not allow them to rise up against Saul. And Saul arose, left the cave, and went on *his* way.
- 8 Now afterward David arose and went out of the cave and called after Saul, saying, “My lord the king!” And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the ground and prostrated himself.
- 9 David said to Saul, “Why do you listen to the words of men, saying, ‘Behold, David seeks to harm you’?”
- 10 Behold, this day your eyes have seen that the LORD had given you today into my hand in the cave, and some said to kill you, but *my eye* had pity on you; and I said, ‘I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD’s anointed.’

11 Now, my father, see! Indeed, see the edge of your robe in my hand! For in that I cut off the edge of your robe and did not kill you, know and perceive that there is no evil or rebellion in my hands, and I have not sinned against you, though you are lying in wait for my life to take it.

12 May the LORD judge between you and me, and may the LORD avenge me on you; but my hand shall not be against you.

13 As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness'; but my hand shall not be against you.

14 After whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom are you pursuing? A dead dog, a single flea?

15 The LORD therefore be judge and decide between you and me; and may He see and plead my cause and deliver me from your hand."

16 When David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" Then Saul lifted up his voice and wept.

17 He said to David, "You are more righteous than I; for you have dealt well with me, while I have dealt wickedly with you.

18 You have declared today that you have done good to me, that the LORD delivered me into your hand and yet you did not kill me.

19 For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away safely? May the LORD therefore reward you with good in return for what you have done to me this day.

20 Now, behold, I know that you will surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hand.

21 So now swear to me by the LORD that you will not cut off my descendants after me and that you will not destroy my name from my father's household."

22 David swore to Saul. And Saul went to his home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.