

Come to Our Help (c. 1003 – c. 995 BC)

Psalm 44

For the choir director.

A Maskil of the sons of Korah.

- 1 O God, we have heard with our ears,
Our fathers have told us
The work that You did in their days,
In the days of old.
- 2 You with Your own hand drove out the nations;
Then You planted them;
You afflicted the peoples,
Then You spread them abroad.
- 3 For by their own sword they did not possess the land,
And their own arm did not save them,
But Your right hand and Your arm and the light of Your presence,
For You favored them.
- 4 You are my King, O God;
Command victories for Jacob.
- 5 Through You we will push back our adversaries;
Through Your name we will trample down those who rise up against us.
- 6 For I will not trust in my bow,
Nor will my sword save me.
- 7 But You have saved us from our adversaries,
And You have put to shame those who hate us.
- 8 In God we have boasted all day long,
And we will give thanks to Your name forever. *Selah.*
- 9 Yet You have rejected *us* and brought us to dishonor,
And do not go out with our armies.
- 10 You cause us to turn back from the adversary;
And those who hate us have taken spoil for themselves.
- 11 You give us as sheep to be eaten
And have scattered us among the nations.
- 12 You sell Your people cheaply,
And have not profited by their sale.
- 13 You make us a reproach to our neighbors,
A scoffing and a derision to those around us.
- 14 You make us a byword among the nations,
A laughingstock among the peoples.
- 15 All day long my dishonor is before me
And my humiliation has overwhelmed me,
- 16 Because of the voice of him who reproaches and reviles,
Because of the presence of the enemy and the avenger.
- 17 All this has come upon us, but we have not forgotten You,
And we have not dealt falsely with Your covenant.
- 18 Our heart has not turned back,
And our steps have not deviated from Your way,
- 19 Yet You have crushed us in a place of jackals
And covered us with the shadow of death.

- 20 If we had forgotten the name of our God
Or extended our hands to a strange god,
- 21 Would not God find this out?
For He knows the secrets of the heart.
- 22 But for Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. [[Rom 8:35–37](#)]
- 23 Arouse Yourself, why do You sleep, O Lord?
Awake, do not reject us forever.
- 24 Why do You hide Your face
And forget our affliction and our oppression?
- 25 For our soul has sunk down into the dust;
Our body cleaves to the earth.
- 26 Rise up, be our help,
And redeem us for the sake of Your lovingkindness.

He Will Tread Down Our Foes (c. 1003 – c. 995 BC)

Psalm 60

For the choir director; according to Shushan Eduth.

A Mikhtam of David, to teach; when he struggled with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and Joab returned, and smote twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

- 1 O God, You have rejected us. You have broken us;
You have been angry; O, restore us.
- 2 You have made the land quake, You have split it open;
Heal its breaches, for it totters.
- 3 You have made Your people experience hardship;
You have given us wine to drink that makes us stagger.
- 4 You have given a banner to those who fear You,
That it may be displayed because of the truth. *Selah.*
- 5 That Your beloved may be delivered,
Save with Your right hand, and answer us!
- 6 God has spoken in His holiness:
“I will exult, I will portion out Shechem and measure out the valley of Succoth.
- 7 “Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine;
Ephraim also is the helmet of My head;
Judah is My scepter.
- 8 “Moab is My washbowl;
Over Edom I shall throw My shoe;
Shout loud, O Philistia, because of Me!”
- 9 Who will bring me into the besieged city?
Who will lead me to Edom?
- 10 Have not You Yourself, O God, rejected us?
And will You not go forth with our armies, O God?
- 11 O give us help against the adversary,
For deliverance by man is in vain.
- 12 Through God we shall do valiantly,
And it is He who will tread down our adversaries.

With God We Shall Do Valiantly (c. 1003 – c. 995 BC)

Psalm 108	Psalm 57:7–11; 60:5–12
<p>A Song, a Psalm of David.</p> <p>1 My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing, I will sing praises, even with my soul.</p> <p>2 Awake, harp and lyre; I will awaken the dawn!</p> <p>3 I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples, And I will sing praises to You among the nations.</p> <p>4 For Your lovingkindness is great above the heavens, And Your truth <i>reaches</i> to the skies.</p> <p>5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, And Your glory above all the earth.</p> <p>6 That Your beloved may be delivered, Save with Your right hand, and answer me!</p> <p>7 God has spoken in His holiness: “I will exult, I will portion out Shechem And measure out the valley of Succoth.</p> <p>8 “Gilead is Mine, Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is the helmet of My head; Judah is My scepter.</p> <p>9 “Moab is My washbowl; Over Edom I shall throw My shoe; Over Philistia I will shout aloud.”</p> <p>10 Who will bring me into the besieged city? Who will lead me to Edom?</p> <p>11 Have not You Yourself, O God, rejected us? And will You not go forth with our armies, O God?</p> <p>12 Oh give us help against the adversary, For deliverance by man is in vain.</p> <p>13 Through God we will do valiantly, And it is He who shall tread down our adversaries.</p>	<p>7 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!</p> <p>8 Awake, my glory! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.</p> <p>9 I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations.</p> <p>10 For Your lovingkindness is great to the heavens And Your truth to the clouds.</p> <p>11 Be exalted above the heavens, O God; <i>Let Your glory be</i> above all the earth.</p> <p>5 That Your beloved may be delivered, Save with Your right hand, and answer us!</p> <p>6 God has spoken in His holiness: “I will exult, I will portion out Shechem and measure out the valley of Succoth.</p> <p>7 “Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is the helmet of My head; Judah is My scepter.</p> <p>8 “Moab is My washbowl; Over Edom I shall throw My shoe; Shout loud, O Philistia, because of Me!”</p> <p>9 Who will bring me into the besieged city? Who will lead me to Edom?</p> <p>10 Have not You Yourself, O God, rejected us? And will You not go forth with our armies, O God?</p> <p>11 O give us help against the adversary, For deliverance by man is in vain.</p> <p>12 Through God we shall do valiantly, And it is He who will tread down our adversaries.</p>

David’s Wars — Part 2 (c. 1003 – c. 995 BC)

2 Samuel 8:13–18	1 Chronicles 18:12–17
<p>The Edomites</p> <p>13 So David made a name <i>for himself</i> when he returned from killing 18,000 Arameans in the Valley of Salt.</p> <p>14 He put garrisons in Edom. In all Edom he put garrisons,</p>	<p>12 Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah defeated 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt.</p> <p>13 Then he put garrisons in Edom,</p>

and all the Edomites became servants to David.
And the LORD helped David wherever he went.

David's Administration

15 So David reigned over all Israel;
and David administered justice and righteousness
for all his people.

16 Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the army,
and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* recorder.

17 Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech
the son of Abiathar *were* priests,
and Seraiah *was* secretary.

18 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the
Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons
were chief ministers.

and all the Edomites became servants to David.
And the LORD helped David wherever he went.

14 So David reigned over all Israel;
and he administered justice and righteousness
for all his people.

15 Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the army,
and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* recorder;

16 and Zadok the son of Ahitub and Abimelech
the son of Abiathar *were* priests,
and Shavsha *was* secretary;

17 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the
Cherethites and the Pelethites, and the sons of David
were chiefs at the king's side.

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