

The Reign of the LORD's Anointed [Messianic] (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 2

[Attributed to David in [Acts 4:25](#) and identified as the "second psalm" in [Acts 13:33](#)]

- 1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, [[Acts 4:25–26](#)]
- 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
- 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.
- 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.
- 6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
- 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee. [[Acts 13:33](#); [Heb 1:5](#); [5:5](#)]
- 8 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.
- 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. [[Rev 2:26–28](#)]
- 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
- 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

Answer Me When I Call (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 4

To the chief Musician on Neginoth,

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
- 2 O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into shame? *how long* will ye love vanity, *and* seek after leasing? Selah.
- 3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not: [cf. [Eph 4:26](#)] commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 *There be* many that say, Who will shew us *any good*? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
- 7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time *that* their corn and their wine increased.
- 8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

Lead Me In Your Righteousness (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 5

To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth,

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation.
- 2 Harken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.
- 3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.
- 4 For thou *art* not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.
- 5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
- 6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.
- 7 But as for me, I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: *and* in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.
- 8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.
- 9 For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part *is* very wickedness; their throat *is* an open sepulcher; they flatter with their tongue. [[Rom 3:13](#)]
- 10 Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.
- 11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.
- 12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as *with* a shield.

O Lord, Deliver My Life (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 6

To the chief Musician on Neginoth upon Sheminith,

A Psalm of David.

- 1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
- 2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.
- 3 My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?
- 4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.
- 5 For in death *there is* no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?
- 6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.
- 7 Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.
- 8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.
- 9 The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.
- 10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return *and* be ashamed suddenly.

In You Do I Take Refuge (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 7

Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.

- 1 O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:
- 2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending *it* in pieces, while *there is* none to deliver.
- 3 O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;
- 4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:)
- 5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take *it*; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honor in the dust. Selah.
- 6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me *to* the judgment *that* thou hast commanded.
- 7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high.
- 8 The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity *that is* in me.
- 9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.
- 10 My defense *is* of God, which saveth the upright in heart.
- 11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.
- 12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.
- 13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.
- 14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.
- 15 He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch *which* he made.
- 16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.
- 17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

How Majestic Is Your Name [Messianic] (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 8

To the chief Musician upon Gittith,

A Psalm of David.

- 1 O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
- 2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, [[Matt 21:15-17](#)] that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
- 3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
- 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? [[Heb 2:5-9](#)]
- 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.
- 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet: [[1 Cor 15:27-28](#); [Eph 1:22](#)]
- 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;
- 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.
- 9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

I Will Recount Your Wonderful Deeds (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 9

To the chief Musician upon Muthlabben,

A Psalm of David.

1 I will praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvelous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.

7 But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble *which I suffer* of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit *that* they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

16 The LORD is known *by* the judgment *which* he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall *not* perish for ever.

19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD: *that* the nations may know themselves *to be but* men. Selah.

Why Do You Hide Yourself? (c. 1022 – c. 969t BC)

Psalm 10

[*Considered to be a psalm of David—the absence of a title to Psalm 10 supports the view that it runs on from Psalm 9, and this is strengthened by the presence of a fragmentary acrostic, begun in Psalm 9 and concluded in Psalm 10.*]

10:1 Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? *why* hidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble?

2 The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after* God: God *is* not in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments *are* far above out of his sight: *as for* all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for *I shall* never *be* in adversity.

7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity. [[Rom 3:14](#)]

8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

10 He croucheth, *and* humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see *it*.

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*.

14 Thou hast seen *it*; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite *it* with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil *man*: seek out his wickedness *till* thou find none.

16 The LORD *is* King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

Scripture quotations are from The King James Version (KJV). The KJV is in the public domain.

Chronological Notes

- 1) There are 73 psalms whose headings attribute authorship to David (3–9, 11–32, 34–41, 51–65, 68–70, 86, 101, 103, 108–110, 122, 124, 131, 133, 138–145). Two other psalms are attributed to David by New Testament writers (2, 95). Psalm 10 is closely connected with Psalm 9 and so I have chosen to attribute it to David as well. This brings the total Davidic psalms to 76 (out of 150).
- 2) Psalms that are directly connected to specific events in David's life have already been included in their respective contexts. The rest of the Davidic psalms will now be presented in canonical order. David is currently making preparations for the construction of the Temple, and his psalms seem appropriate in this context. I dated the psalms c. 1022 – c. 969t BC since David was first anointed king c. 1022 BC and died c. 969t BC.