

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 are nations in tumult,
and countries plotting in vain?
- 2 *The* kings of *the* earth establish themselves,
and the rulers conspire together
against Yahweh and his anointed: [[Acts 4:25–26](#)]
- 3 "Let us tear off their bonds,
and cast their cords from us!"
- 4 *He who sits enthroned* in the heavens laughs.
The Lord derides them.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath,
and in his fury he terrifies them:
- 6 "But as for me, I have set my king
on Zion, my holy mountain."
- 7 I will tell the decree;
Yahweh said to me:
"You are my son;
today I have begotten you. [[Acts 13:33](#); [Heb 1:5](#); [5:5](#)]
- 8 Ask from me and I will make *the* nations your heritage,
and your possession *the* ends of *the* earth.
- 9 You will break them with an iron rod. [[Rev 2:26–28](#)]
Like a potter's vessel you will shatter them."
- 10 So then, O kings, be wise.
Be warned, O rulers of *the* earth.
- 11 Serve Yahweh with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son
lest he be angry and you perish *on the way*,
for his anger burns quickly.
Blessed are all *who* take refuge in him.

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

Psalm 4

For the music director; with stringed instruments.

A psalm of David.

- 1 When I call, answer me, O God of my righteousness.
In trouble deliver me.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.
- 2 O sons of man, how long will my honor be a disgrace?
How long will you love vanity?
How long will you seek lies? *Selah*
- 3 But know that Yahweh has set apart for himself *the* faithful one.
Yahweh hears when I call to him.
- 4 Be disturbed but do not sin. [cf. [Eph 4:26](#)]
Commune in your heart on your bed and be silent. *Selah*
- 5 Offer correct sacrifices,
and trust in Yahweh.
- 6 Many are saying, "Who will show us *something* good?"
Lift up over us the light of your face, O Yahweh.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and their wine abound.
- 8 In peace I will lie down and sleep at once,
for you alone, O Yahweh, make me dwell safely.

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

Psalm 5

For the music director; with the flutes.

A psalm of David.

- 1 Hear my words, O Yahweh.
Give heed to my sighing.
- 2 Listen to the sound of my pleading, my king and my God,
for to you I pray.
- 3 O Yahweh, in *the* morning you will hear my voice.
In *the* morning I will set forth *my case* to you and I will watch.
- 4 For you *are* not a God *who* desires wickedness.
Evil cannot dwell with you.
- 5 The boastful do not stand before your eyes.
You hate all evildoers.
- 6 You destroy speakers of lies.
A man of bloodshed and deceit Yahweh abhors.
- 7 But as for me, through the abundance of your steadfast love
I will enter your house.
I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe *of* you.
- 8 O Yahweh, lead me in your righteousness because of my enemies;
make straight before me your way.
- 9 For there is not *anything* reliable in his mouth;
their inner part *is* destruction.
Their throat is an open grave;
with their tongue they speak deceit. [[Rom 3:13](#)]
- 10 Treat them as guilty, O God;
let them fall because of their plans.
Because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out,
for they have rebelled against you.
- 11 But let all who take shelter in you rejoice.
Let them ever sing for joy,
because you spread protection over them;
And let those *who* love your name exult in you.
- 12 For you bless *the* righteous.
O Yahweh, like a shield you surround him *with* good favor.

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

Psalm 6

For the music director; with stringed instruments, on the Sheminith.

A psalm of David.

- 1 O Yahweh, do not rebuke me in your anger,
and do not discipline me in your wrath.
- 2 Be gracious to me, O Yahweh, because I am feeble.
Heal me, O Yahweh, for my bones are terrified.
- 3 My soul is also very terrified.
But you, O Yahweh, how long?
- 4 Turn, O Yahweh; deliver my life.
Save me for the sake of your steadfast love.
- 5 For there is no remembrance of you in death.
In Sheol, who will give thanks to you?
- 6 I am weary with my groaning;
I flood my bed every night.
With my tears I drench my couch.
- 7 My eye wastes away because of vexation;
it grows old because of all my oppressors.
- 8 Depart from me, all workers of evil,
for Yahweh has heard the sound of my weeping.

- 9 Yahweh has heard my plea;
Yahweh has accepted my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies shall be ashamed and shall be very terrified.
They shall turn back; they shall suddenly be ashamed.

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

Psalm 7

A Shiggaion of David which he sang to Yahweh on account of Cush, a Benjaminite.

- 1 O Yahweh, my God, in you I have taken refuge.
Save me from all *who* pursue me, and deliver me.
- 2 Or else he will tear me apart like a lion,
ripping to pieces, with none *to* deliver.
- 3 O Yahweh, my God, if I have done this,
if there is wrong in my hands,
- 4 if I have repaid my ally *with* harm,
or *if* I have plundered my enemy without cause,
- 5 let the enemy of my soul pursue,
and overtake and trample my life into the ground,
and lay my honor in the dust. *Selah*
- 6 Rise up, O Yahweh, in your anger,
and lift yourself up against the wrath of my oppressors,
and awake for me,
since you have commanded judgment.
- 7 And let *the* assembly of peoples surround you,
and over it return on high.
- 8 Yahweh judges the nations.
O Yahweh, vindicate me
according to my innocence and according to my integrity within me.
- 9 Let the evil of the wicked come to an end,
but establish *the* righteous,
and test the hearts and innermost being, O righteous God.
- 10 My shield *is* with God
who saves the upright of heart.
- 11 God *is* a righteous judge,
and a God who has indignation every day.
- 12 If he does not repent, he will sharpen his sword.
He has bent his bow and he has strung it.
- 13 And he has prepared for him weapons of death.
He has made his arrows fiery shafts.
- 14 See, he travails with evil.
He is pregnant with trouble,
and he gives birth to deception.
- 15 He makes a pit and digs it out,
then falls in *the* trap he has made.
- 16 His trouble comes back on his head,
and his violence comes down on his skull.
- 17 I will thank Yahweh according to his righteousness,
and I will sing praise to the name of Yahweh, *the* Most High.

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

Psalm 8

For the music director, on the Gittith.

A psalm of David.

- 1 Yahweh, our Lord, how majestic *is* your name in all the earth,
who put your splendor above the heavens.
- 2 From the mouth of children and infants you have founded strength

on account of your enemies, [[Matt 21:15–17](#)]

to silence *the* enemy and *the* avenger.

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and *the* stars which you set in place—

4 what *is* a human being that you think of him?
and a child of humankind that you care for him? [[Heb 2:5–9](#)]

5 And you made him a little lower than heavenly beings,
and *with* glory and *with* majesty you crowned him.

6 You make him over the works of your hands;
all *things* you have placed under his feet: [[1 Cor 15:27–28](#); [Eph 1:22](#)]

7 sheep and cattle, all of them,
and also *the* wild animals of *the* field,

8 *the* birds of *the* sky and the fish of the sea,
everything that passes along the paths of seas.

9 Yahweh, our Lord,
how majestic *is* your name in all of the earth!

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

Psalm 9

For the music director, according to Muth-labben.

A psalm of David.

- 1 I will thank Yahweh with all my heart.
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- 2 I will be glad and rejoice in you.
I will sing *the praise of* your name, O Most High.
- 3 When my enemies turn back,
they will stumble and perish because of your presence.
- 4 For you have maintained my just cause;
you have sat on *the* throne judging correctly.
- 5 You have rebuked *the* nations;
you have destroyed *the* wicked.
Their name you have blotted out
forever and ever.
- 6 The enemies are destroyed *in* ruins forever,
and you have uprooted *their* cities;
their very memory has perished.
- 7 But Yahweh sits *enthroned* forever.
He has established his throne for judgment.
- 8 And he will judge *the* world with righteousness.
He will judge *the* peoples with equity.
- 9 And Yahweh will be a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of distress.
- 10 And those who know your name will trust in you,
for you do not forsake those *who* seek you, O Yahweh.
- 11 Sing *praises* to Yahweh *who* sits *enthroned* in Zion.
Tell his deeds among the peoples,
- 12 for he *who* avenges bloodshed remembers them.
He does not forget the distressed cry of *the* afflicted.
- 13 Be gracious to me, O Yahweh.
See my suffering from *those who* hate me,
you who lift me up from the gates of death,
so that I may tell of all your praises.
- 14 In the gates of the daughter of Zion
let me rejoice in your salvation.
- 15 *The* nations have fallen in *the* pit *that* they made;
their foot is caught in *the* net that they hid.
- 16 Yahweh has made himself known;

- he has executed judgment.
The wicked is snared by the work of his hands. *Higgaion Selah*
- 17 *The* wicked shall turn back to Sheol,
all *the* nations forgetting God,
- 18 for *the* needy shall not always be forgotten;
the hope of the poor shall never perish.
- 19 Rise up, O Yahweh, let not humans prevail;
let *the* nations be judged before you.
- 20 O Yahweh, put them in fear.
Let *the* nations know they *are merely* human. *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.]

- 1 Why, O Yahweh, do you stand far off?
Why do you hide during times of distress?
- 2 In arrogance *the* wicked persecutes *the* poor.
Let them be caught in *the* schemes that they devised,
- 3 for *the* wicked boasts about the desire of his heart,
and *the* one greedy for gain curses *and* treats Yahweh with contempt.
- 4 With bald-faced pride *the* wicked will not seek *God*.
There is no God in any of his thoughts.
- 5 His ways endure at all times.
Your judgments are aloof from him.
As for all his enemies, he scoffs at them.
- 6 He says in his heart, “I shall not be moved
throughout all generations, *during* which *I will* have no trouble.”
- 7 His mouth is filled with cursing,
with deceits and oppression;
under his tongue are trouble and evil. [Rom 3:14]
- 8 He sits in ambush in villages;
in the hiding places he kills *the* innocent.
His eyes lurk for *the* helpless.
- 9 He lies in ambush secretly, like a lion in a thicket.
He lies in ambush to seize *the* poor;
he seizes *the* poor by catching him in his net.
- 10 He is crushed; he is bowed down;
so the helpless host falls by his might.
- 11 He says in his heart, “God has forgotten.
He has hidden his face.
He never sees.”
- 12 Rise up, O Yahweh;
O God, lift up your hand.
Do not forget *the* afflicted.
- 13 Why does the wicked treat God with contempt?
He says in his heart, “You will not call *me* to account.”
- 14 *But* you have seen; indeed you have noted trouble and grief
to take *it* into your hand.
The helpless abandons *himself* upon you;
you have been *the* helper *for* the orphan.
- 15 Break *the* arm of *the* wicked,
and *as for* the evil man—
seek out his wickedness *until* you find none.
- 16 Yahweh *is* king forever and ever;
the nations have perished from his land.
- 17 *The* longing of *the* afflicted you have heard, O Yahweh.

You will make their heart secure. You will listen attentively
18 to render judgment *for the* fatherless and *the* oppressed
so that a mere mortal from the earth will no longer cause terror.

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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 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.