

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 the nations in an uproar
And the peoples devising a vain thing?
- 2 The kings of the earth take their stand
And the rulers take counsel together
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, [[Acts 4:25–26](#)]
- 3 "Let us tear their fetters apart
And cast away their cords from us!"
- 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs,
The Lord scoffs at them.
- 5 Then He will speak to them in His anger
And terrify them in His fury, saying,
- 6 "But as for Me, I have installed My King
Upon Zion, My holy mountain."
- 7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to Me, 'You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You. [[Acts 13:33](#); [Heb 1:5](#); [5:5](#)]
- 8 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.
- 9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron, [[Rev 2:26–28](#)]
You shall shatter them like earthenware."
- 10 Now therefore, O kings, show discernment;
Take warning, O judges of the earth.
- 11 Worship the LORD with reverence
And rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish *in* the way,
For His wrath may soon be kindled.
How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

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

Psalm 4

For the choir director; on stringed instruments.

A psalm of David.

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have relieved me in my distress;
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.
- 2 O sons of men, how long will my honor become a reproach?
How long will you love what is worthless and aim at deception? *Selah.*
- 3 But know that the LORD has set apart the godly man for Himself;
The LORD hears when I call to Him.
- 4 Tremble, and do not sin; [cf. [Eph 4:26](#)]
Meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be still. *Selah.*
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Who will show us *any* good?"
Lift up the light of Your countenance upon us, O LORD!
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart,
More than when their grain and new wine abound.
- 8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep,
For You alone, O LORD, make me to dwell in safety.

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

Psalm 5

For the choir director; for flute accompaniment.

A psalm of David.

- 1 Give ear to my words, O LORD,
Consider my groaning.
- 2 Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God,
For to You I pray.
- 3 In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice;
In the morning I will order *my prayer* to You and *eagerly* watch.
- 4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness;
No evil dwells with You.
- 5 The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes;
You hate all who do iniquity.
- 6 You destroy those who speak falsehood;
The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.
- 7 But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness I will enter Your house,
At Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You.
- 8 O LORD, lead me in Your righteousness because of my foes;
Make Your way straight before me.
- 9 There is nothing reliable in what they say;
Their inward part is destruction *itself*.
Their throat is an open grave;
They flatter with their tongue. [\[Rom 3:13\]](#)
- 10 Hold them guilty, O God;
By their own devices let them fall!
In the multitude of their transgressions thrust them out,
For they are rebellious against You.
- 11 But let all who take refuge in You be glad,
Let them ever sing for joy;
And may You shelter them,
That those who love Your name may exult in You.
- 12 For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD,
You surround him with favor as with a shield.

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

Psalm 6

For the choir director; with stringed instruments, upon an eight-string lyre.

A psalm of David.

- 1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger,
Nor chasten me in Your wrath.
- 2 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I *am* pining away;
Heal me, O LORD, for my bones are dismayed.
- 3 And my soul is greatly dismayed;
But You, O LORD—how long?
- 4 Return, O LORD, rescue my soul;
Save me because of Your lovingkindness.
- 5 For there is no mention of You in death;
In Sheol who will give You thanks?
- 6 I am weary with my sighing;
Every night I make my bed swim,
I dissolve my couch with my tears.
- 7 My eye has wasted away with grief;
It has become old because of all my adversaries.
- 8 Depart from me, all you who do iniquity,
For the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping.
- 9 The LORD has heard my supplication,

- The LORD receives my prayer.
 10 All my enemies will be ashamed and greatly dismayed;
 They shall turn back, they will suddenly be ashamed.

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

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

Psalm 8

For the choir director; on the Gittith.

A psalm of David.

- 1 O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth,
Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!
- 2 From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength [[Matt 21:15-17](#)]
Because of Your adversaries,
To make the enemy and the revengeful cease.
- 3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;

- 4 What is man that You take thought of him,
And the son of man that You care for him? [[Heb 2:5–9](#)]
- 5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God,
And You crown him with glory and majesty!
- 6 You make him to rule over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under his feet, [[1 Cor 15:27–28](#); [Eph 1:22](#)]
- 7 All sheep and oxen,
And also the beasts of the field,
- 8 The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea,
Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.
- 9 O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

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

Psalm 9

For the choir director; on Muth-labben.

A psalm of David.

- 1 I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart;
I will tell of all Your wonders.
- 2 I will be glad and exult in You;
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.
- 3 When my enemies turn back,
They stumble and perish before You.
- 4 For You have maintained my just cause;
You have sat on the throne judging righteously.
- 5 You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked;
You have blotted out their name forever and ever.
- 6 The enemy has come to an end in perpetual ruins,
And You have uprooted the cities;
The very memory of them has perished.
- 7 But the LORD abides forever;
He has established His throne for judgment,
8 And He will judge the world in righteousness;
He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.
- 9 The LORD also will be a stronghold for the oppressed,
A stronghold in times of trouble;
- 10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You,
For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.
- 11 Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion;
Declare among the peoples His deeds.
- 12 For He who requires blood remembers them;
He does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
- 13 Be gracious to me, O LORD;
See my affliction from those who hate me,
You who lift me up from the gates of death,
- 14 That I may tell of all Your praises,
That in the gates of the daughter of Zion
I may rejoice in Your salvation.
- 15 The nations have sunk down in the pit which they have made;
In the net which they hid, their own foot has been caught.
- 16 The LORD has made Himself known;
He has executed judgment.
In the work of his own hands the wicked is snared. *Higgaion Selah.*
- 17 The wicked will return to Sheol,
Even all the nations who forget God.
- 18 For the needy will not always be forgotten,
Nor the hope of the afflicted perish forever.

- 19 Arise, O LORD, do not let man prevail;
Let the nations be judged before You.
- 20 Put them in fear, O LORD;
Let the nations know that they are 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.*]

- 1 Why do You stand afar off, O LORD?
Why do You hide *Yourself* in times of trouble?
- 2 In pride the wicked hotly pursue the afflicted;
Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.
- 3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire,
And the greedy man curses *and* spurns the LORD.
- 4 The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance, does not seek *Him*.
All his thoughts are, "There is no God."
- 5 His ways prosper at all times;
Your judgments are on high, out of his sight;
As for all his adversaries, he snorts at them.
- 6 He says to himself, "I will not be moved;
Throughout all generations I will not be in adversity."
- 7 His mouth is full of curses and deceit and oppression;
Under his tongue is mischief and wickedness. [[Rom 3:14](#)]
- 8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages;
In the hiding places he kills the innocent;
His eyes stealthily watch for the unfortunate.
- 9 He lurks in a hiding place as a lion in his lair;
He lurks to catch the afflicted;
He catches the afflicted when he draws him into his net.
- 10 He crouches, he bows down,
And the unfortunate fall by his mighty ones.
- 11 He says to himself, "God has forgotten;
He has hidden His face; He will never see it."
- 12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand.
Do not forget the afflicted.
- 13 Why has the wicked spurned God?
He has said to himself, "You will not require *it*."
- 14 You have seen *it*, for You have beheld mischief and vexation to take it into Your hand.
The unfortunate commits *himself* to You;
You have been the helper of the orphan.
- 15 Break the arm of the wicked and the evildoer,
Seek out his wickedness until You find none.
- 16 The LORD is King forever and ever;
Nations have perished from His land.
- 17 O LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble;
You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear
- 18 To vindicate the orphan and the oppressed,
So that man who is of 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.