

## 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 nations rebel?  
Why are the countries devising plots that will fail?
- 2 The kings of the earth form a united front;  
the rulers collaborate  
against the LORD and his anointed king. [[Acts 4:25–26](#)]
- 3 They say, "Let's tear off the shackles they've put on us!  
Let's free ourselves from their ropes!"
- 4 The one enthroned in heaven laughs in disgust;  
the Lord taunts them.
- 5 Then he angrily speaks to them  
and terrifies them in his rage, saying,
- 6 "I myself have installed my king  
on Zion, my holy hill."
- 7 The king says, "I will announce the LORD's decree. He said to me:  
'You are my son! This very day I have become your father!' [[Acts 13:33](#); [Heb 1:5](#); [5:5](#)]
- 8 Ask me,  
and I will give you the nations as your inheritance,  
the ends of the earth as your personal property.
- 9 You will break them with an iron scepter; [[Rev 2:26–28](#)]  
you will smash them like a potter's jar!"
- 10 So now, you kings, do what is wise;  
you rulers of the earth, submit to correction!
- 11 Serve the LORD in fear!  
Repent in terror!
- 12 Give sincere homage!  
Otherwise he will be angry,  
and you will die because of your behavior,  
when his anger quickly ignites.  
How blessed are all who take shelter in him!

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

### Psalm 4

*For the music director, to be accompanied by stringed instruments;*

#### **A psalm of David.**

- 1 When I call out, answer me,  
O God who vindicates me!  
Though I am hemmed in, you will lead me into a wide, open place.  
Have mercy on me and respond to my prayer!
- 2 You men, how long will you try to turn my honor into shame?  
How long will you love what is worthless  
and search for what is deceptive? (Selah)
- 3 Realize that the LORD shows the godly special favor;  
the LORD responds when I cry out to him.
- 4 Tremble with fear and do not sin! [cf. [Eph 4:26](#)]  
Meditate as you lie in bed, and repent of your ways! (Selah)
- 5 Offer the prescribed sacrifices  
and trust in the LORD!
- 6 Many say, "Who can show us anything good?"  
Smile upon us, LORD!
- 7 You make me happier  
than those who have abundant grain and wine.
- 8 I will lie down and sleep peacefully,  
for you, LORD, make me safe and secure.

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

### Psalm 5

*For the music director, to be accompanied by wind instruments;*

**A psalm of David.**

- 1 Listen to what I say, LORD!  
Carefully consider my complaint!
- 2 Pay attention to my cry for help,  
my king and my God,  
for I am praying to you!
- 3 LORD, in the morning you will hear me;  
in the morning I will present my case to you and then wait expectantly for an answer.
- 4 Certainly you are not a God who approves of evil;  
evil people cannot dwell with you.
- 5 Arrogant people cannot stand in your presence;  
you hate all who behave wickedly.
- 6 You destroy liars;  
the LORD despises violent and deceitful people.
- 7 But as for me, because of your great faithfulness I will enter your house;  
I will bow down toward your holy temple as I worship you.
- 8 LORD, lead me in your righteousness  
because of those who wait to ambush me,  
remove the obstacles in the way in which you are guiding me!
- 9 For they do not speak the truth;  
their stomachs are like the place of destruction,  
their throats like an open grave,  
their tongues like a steep slope leading into it. [[Rom 3:13](#)]
- 10 Condemn them, O God!  
May their own schemes be their downfall!  
Drive them away because of their many acts of insurrection,  
for they have rebelled against you.
- 11 But may all who take shelter in you be happy!  
May they continually shout for joy!  
Shelter them so that those who are loyal to you may rejoice!
- 12 Certainly you reward the godly, LORD.  
Like a shield you protect them in your good favor.

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

### Psalm 6

*For the music director, to be accompanied by stringed instruments, according to the sheminith style;*

**A psalm of David.**

- 1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger!  
Do not discipline me in your raging fury!
- 2 Have mercy on me, LORD, for I am frail!  
Heal me, LORD, for my bones are shaking!
- 3 I am absolutely terrified,  
and you, LORD—how long will this continue?
- 4 Relent, LORD, rescue me!  
Deliver me because of your faithfulness!
- 5 For no one remembers you in the realm of death,  
In Sheol who gives you thanks?
- 6 I am exhausted as I groan;  
all night long I drench my bed in tears;  
my tears saturate the cushion beneath me.
- 7 My eyes grow dim from suffering;  
they grow weak because of all my enemies.
- 8 Turn back from me, all you who behave wickedly,  
for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping!

- 9 The LORD has heard my appeal for mercy;  
the LORD has accepted my prayer.
- 10 May all my enemies be humiliated and absolutely terrified!  
May they turn back and be suddenly humiliated!

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

Psalm 7

**A musical composition by David, which he sang to the LORD concerning a Benjaminite named Cush.**

- 1 O LORD my God, in you I have taken shelter.  
Deliver me from all who chase me! Rescue me!
- 2 Otherwise they will rip me to shreds like a lion;  
they will tear me to bits and no one will be able to rescue me.
- 3 O LORD my God, if I have done what they say,  
or am guilty of unjust actions,  
4 or have wronged my ally,  
or helped his lawless enemy,  
5 may an enemy relentlessly chase me and catch me;  
may he trample me to death  
and leave me lying dishonored in the dust. (Selah)
- 6 Stand up angrily, LORD!  
Rise up with raging fury against my enemies!  
Wake up for my sake and execute the judgment you have decreed for them!
- 7 The countries are assembled all around you;  
take once more your rightful place over them!
- 8 The LORD judges the nations.  
Vindicate me, LORD, because I am innocent,  
because I am blameless, O Exalted One!
- 9 May the evil deeds of the wicked come to an end!  
But make the innocent secure,  
O righteous God,  
you who examine inner thoughts and motives!
- 10 The Exalted God is my shield,  
the one who delivers the morally upright.
- 11 God is a just judge;  
he is angry throughout the day.
- 12 If a person does not repent, God sharpens his sword  
and prepares to shoot his bow.
- 13 He prepares to use deadly weapons against him;  
he gets ready to shoot flaming arrows.
- 14 See the one who is pregnant with wickedness,  
who conceives destructive plans,  
and gives birth to harmful lies—
- 15 he digs a pit  
and then falls into the hole he has made.
- 16 He becomes the victim of his own destructive plans  
and the violence he intended for others falls on his own head.
- 17 I will thank the LORD for his justice;  
I will sing praises to the sovereign LORD!

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

Psalm 8

*For the music director, according to the gittith style;*

**A psalm of David.**

- 1 O LORD, our Lord,  
how magnificent is your reputation throughout the earth!  
You reveal your majesty in the heavens above!

- 2 From the mouths of children and nursing babies  
you have ordained praise on account of your adversaries, [[Matt 21:15–17](#)]  
so that you might put an end to the vindictive enemy.
- 3 When I look up at the heavens, which your fingers made,  
and see the moon and the stars, which you set in place,
- 4 Of what importance is the human race, that you should notice them?  
Of what importance is mankind, that you should pay attention to them, [[Heb 2:5–9](#)]
- 5 and make them a little less than the heavenly beings?  
You grant mankind honor and majesty;
- 6 you appoint them to rule over your creation;  
you have placed everything under their authority, [[1 Cor 15:27–28](#); [Eph 1:22](#)]
- 7 including all the sheep and cattle,  
as well as the wild animals,
- 8 the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea  
and everything that moves through the currents of the seas.
- 9 O LORD, our Lord,  
how magnificent is your reputation throughout the earth!

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

### Psalm 9

*For the music director; according to the almoth-labben style;*

#### **A psalm of David.**

- 1 I will thank the LORD with all my heart!  
I will tell about all your amazing deeds!
- 2 I will be happy and rejoice in you!  
I will sing praises to you, O sovereign One!
- 3 When my enemies turn back,  
they trip and are defeated before you.
- 4 For you defended my just cause;  
from your throne you pronounced a just decision.
- 5 You terrified the nations with your battle cry;  
you destroyed the wicked;  
you permanently wiped out all memory of them.
- 6 The enemy's cities have been reduced to permanent ruins;  
you destroyed their cities;  
all memory of the enemies has perished.
- 7 But the LORD rules forever;  
he reigns in a just manner.
- 8 He judges the world fairly;  
he makes just legal decisions for the nations.
- 9 Consequently the LORD provides safety for the oppressed;  
he provides safety in times of trouble.
- 10 Your loyal followers trust in you,  
for you, LORD, do not abandon those who seek your help.
- 11 Sing praises to the LORD, who rules in Zion!  
Tell the nations what he has done!
- 12 For the one who takes revenge against murderers took notice of the oppressed;  
he did not overlook their cry for help
- 13 when they prayed:  
"Have mercy on me, LORD!  
See how I am oppressed by those who hate me,  
O one who can snatch me away from the gates of death!"
- 14 Then I will tell about all your praiseworthy acts;  
in the gates of Daughter Zion I will rejoice because of your deliverance."
- 15 The nations fell into the pit they had made;  
their feet were caught in the net they had hidden.
- 16 The LORD revealed himself;

- he accomplished justice;  
the wicked were ensnared by their own actions. (Higgaion. Selah)
- 17 The wicked are turned back and sent to Sheol;  
this is the destiny of all the nations that ignore God,
- 18 for the needy are not permanently ignored,  
the hopes of the oppressed are not forever dashed.
- 19 Rise up, LORD!  
Don't let men be defiant!  
May the nations be judged in your presence!
- 20 Terrify them, LORD!  
Let the nations know they are mere mortals! (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, LORD, do you stand far off?  
Why do you pay no attention during times of trouble?
- 2 The wicked arrogantly chase the oppressed;  
the oppressed are trapped by the schemes the wicked have dreamed up.
- 3 Yes, the wicked man boasts because he gets what he wants;  
the one who robs others curses and rejects the LORD.
- 4 The wicked man is so arrogant he always thinks,  
“God won't hold me accountable; he doesn't care.”
- 5 He is secure at all times.  
He has no regard for your commands;  
he disdains all his enemies.
- 6 He says to himself,  
“I will never be upended,  
because I experience no calamity.”
- 7 His mouth is full of curses and deceptive, harmful words;  
his tongue injures and destroys. [[Rom 3:14](#)]
- 8 He waits in ambush near the villages;  
in hidden places he kills the innocent.  
His eyes look for some unfortunate victim.
- 9 He lies in ambush in a hidden place, like a lion in a thicket;  
he lies in ambush, waiting to catch the oppressed;  
he catches the oppressed by pulling in his net.
- 10 His victims are crushed and beaten down;  
they are trapped in his sturdy nets.
- 11 He says to himself,  
“God overlooks it;  
he does not pay attention;  
he never notices.”
- 12 Rise up, LORD!  
O God, strike him down!  
Do not forget the oppressed!
- 13 Why does the wicked man reject God?  
He says to himself, “You will not hold me accountable.”
- 14 You have taken notice,  
for you always see one who inflicts pain and suffering.  
The unfortunate victim entrusts his cause to you;  
you deliver the fatherless.
- 15 Break the arm of the wicked and evil man!  
Hold him accountable for his wicked deeds,  
which he thought you would not discover.
- 16 The LORD rules forever!

The nations are driven out of his land.

- 17 LORD, you have heard the request of the oppressed;  
you make them feel secure because you listen to their prayer.
- 18 You defend the fatherless and oppressed,  
so that mere mortals may no longer terrorize them.

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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 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.