

## **Psalms of Solomon (written ca. 40s BCE)**

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#### **A Psalm of Solomon, with Song, to the King**

- 1        Lord, you are our king forevermore, 5:19; 17:46  
          for in you, O God, does our soul take pride.
- 2        How long is the time of a person's life on the earth?  
          As is his time, so also is his hope in him.
- 3        But we hope in God our savior, 3:6; 8:33  
          for the strength of our God is forever with mercy.  
      And the kingdom of our God is forever over the Ps 145:13  
          nations in judgment.<sup>a</sup>
- 4        Lord, you chose David to be king over Israel, 2Sam 7  
          and swore to him about his descendants forever,<sup>b</sup>  
          that his kingdom should not fail before you.
- 5        But (because of) our sins, sinners<sup>c</sup> rose up against us,

- they set upon us and drove us out.  
 Those to whom you did not (make the) promise,  
 they took away (from us) by force;  
 and they did not glorify your honorable name.<sup>d</sup> 8:26
- 6 With pomp they set up a monarchy because of their arrogance;  
 they despoiled the throne of David with arrogant shouting.
- 7 But you, O God, overthrew them, and uprooted their  
 descendants from the earth,<sup>e</sup> 4:22  
 for there rose up against them a man alien to our race.<sup>f</sup>
- 8 You rewarded them, O God, according to their sins;  
 it happened to them according to their actions. 2:16,35
- 9 According to their actions,<sup>g</sup> God showed no<sup>h</sup> mercy to them;  
 he hunted down their descendants,  
 and did not let even one of them go.
- 10 The Lord is faithful in all his judgments 2:15; 3:3; 5:1;  
 which he makes in the world. 8:7f., 23,34;  
 10:5
- 11 The lawless one<sup>i</sup> laid waste our land, so that no one inhabited it;  
 they massacred young and old and children at the same time.
- 12 In his blameless wrath<sup>j</sup> he expelled them to the west,  
 and he did not spare even the officials of the country from ridicule.
- 13 As the enemy (was) a stranger  
 and his heart alien to our God, he acted arrogantly.
- 14 So he did in Jerusalem<sup>k</sup> all the things  
 that gentiles do for their gods in their cities.
- 15 And the children of the covenant (living) among the gentile rabble  
 adopted these (practices).
- 16 No one among them in Jerusalem acted (with) mercy or truth. Ps 14:3  
 Those who loved the assemblies of the devout<sup>l</sup> fled from them 10:7; 17:43f.  
 as sparrows fled from their nest. Ps 11:1
- 17 (They became) refugees in the wilderness  
 to save their lives from evil.
- The life of even one who was saved from them was precious in the eyes  
 of the exiles.
- 18 They were scattered over the whole earth by (these) lawless ones.
- For the heavens withheld rain from falling on the earth.
- 19 Springs were stopped,  
 (from) the perennial (springs) far underground 8:15  
 (to) those in the high mountains. AsMos 10:6
- For there was no one among them<sup>m</sup>  
 who practiced righteousness or justice:
- 20 From their leader to the commonest of the people,  
 (they were) in every kind of sin:  
 The king was a criminal  
 and the judge disobedient;  
 (and) the people sinners.<sup>n</sup>

- 21 See,<sup>o</sup> Lord, and raise up for them their king,  
the son of David, to rule over your servant Israel  
in the time known to you,<sup>p</sup> O God. 12:6; Isa 42:1-4;  
49:1-6; 50:4-9;  
52:13-53:12
- 22 Undergird him with the strength<sup>q</sup> to destroy the unrighteous rulers,  
to purge Jerusalem from gentiles Ps 18:33  
who trample her to destruction;  
23 in wisdom and in righteousness<sup>r</sup> to drive out  
the sinners from the inheritance; 2:2,19  
to smash the arrogance of sinners 7:2; 9:1  
like a potter's jar; Ps 2:9
- 24 To shatter all their substance with an iron rod;  
to destroy the unlawful nations with the word of his mouth;  
25 At his warning the nations will flee from his presence; Ps 104:7  
and he will condemn sinners by the thoughts of their hearts.
- 26 He will gather a holy people<sup>s</sup> 9:2; 11:3  
whom he will lead in righteousness;<sup>t</sup>  
and he will judge the tribes of the people  
that have been made holy by the Lord their God.
- 27 He will not tolerate unrighteousness (even) to pause among them,  
and any person who knows wickedness shall not live with them. Ps 101:7  
For he shall know them  
that they are all children of their<sup>u</sup> God.
- 28 He will distribute them upon the land 11:3; Isa 49:6;  
Ezek 45:8;  
47:13,21  
according to their tribes;  
the alien and the foreigner will no longer live near them.<sup>v</sup>
- 29 He will judge peoples and nations in the wisdom of his righteousness. 18:9  
Pause.
- 30 And he will have gentile nations serving him under his yoke,<sup>w</sup>  
and he will glorify the Lord in (a place) prominent (above) the whole  
earth.  
And he will purge Jerusalem  
(and make it) holy as it was even from the beginning,
- 31 (for) nations to come<sup>x</sup> from the ends of the earth to see his glory, Isa 55:5  
to bring as gifts her children who had been driven out,  
and to see the glory of the Lord<sup>y</sup>  
with which God has glorified her.
- 32 And he will be a righteous king over them, taught by God.  
There will be no unrighteousness among them in his days, Jer 23:5  
for all shall be holy,  
and their king shall be the Lord Messiah.<sup>z</sup>

33 (For) he will not rely on horse and rider and bow,  
 nor will he collect gold and silver for war.  
 Nor will he build up hope in a multitude for a day of war.  
 34 The Lord himself is his king,  
 the hope of the one who has a strong hope in God.

He shall be compassionate to all the nations  
 (who) reverently (stand) before him.

35 He will strike the earth with the word of his mouth forever;  
 he will bless the Lord's people with wisdom and happiness. 10:6,8; 14:10  
 36 And he himself (will be) free from sin, (in order) to rule a great people. Isa 11:4

He will expose officials and drive out sinners  
 by the strength of his word.

37 And he will not weaken in his days, (relying) upon his God,  
 for God made him  
 powerful in the holy spirit  
 and wise in the counsel of understanding, Isa 11:2  
 with strength and righteousness.

38 And the blessing of the Lord will be with him in strength,  
 and he will not weaken;

39 His hope (will be) in the Lord.  
 Then who will succeed against him,<sup>a2</sup>  
 40 mighty in his actions  
 and strong in the fear of God?

Faithfully and righteously shepherding the Lord's flock,  
 he will not let any of them stumble in their pasture.

41 He will lead them all in holiness<sup>b2</sup>  
 and there will be no arrogance among them,  
 that any should be oppressed.

42 This is the beauty of the king of Israel<sup>c2</sup>  
 which God knew,  
 to raise him over the house of Israel  
 to discipline it.

43 His words will be purer than the finest gold, the best.  
 He will judge the peoples in the assemblies,  
 the tribes of the sanctified.

10:7; 17:16

His words will be as the words of the holy ones,<sup>d2</sup>  
 among sanctified peoples.

Ps 89:5-7;  
Job 5:1

- 44 Blessed are those born in those days  
to see the good fortune of Israel<sup>e2</sup>  
which God will bring to pass in the assembly of the tribes. 18:6
- 45 May God dispatch his mercy to Israel;  
may he deliver us from the pollution of profane enemies;
- 46 The Lord Himself is our king forevermore. 5:9; 17:1

## 2 Baruch (written ca. 70-130s CE)

### About the apostates and the believers

1 **41** And I answered and said:

2 For whom and for how many will these things be? Or who will be worthy to  
3 live in that time? •I shall now say before you everything that I think, and I shall  
4 ask you about the things of which I meditate. •For behold, I see many of your  
5 people who separated themselves from your statutes and who have cast away from  
6 them the yoke of your Law.<sup>a</sup> •Further, I have seen others who left behind their  
vanity<sup>b</sup> and who have fled under your wings.<sup>c</sup> •What will, therefore, happen with  
those? Or how will that last time receive them? •Their time will surely not be  
weighed exactly, and they will certainly not be judged as the scale indicates?

1:4  
Ps 36:8; 57:2  
Ruth 2:12

1 **42** And he answered and said to me:

2 Also these things I shall show you. As for what you said: “To whom and to  
how many will these things be?” The good that was mentioned before will be to  
those who have believed,<sup>a</sup> and the opposite of these things will be to those who

3 have despised.<sup>b</sup> • And as for that which you said with regard to those who have  
4 drawn near<sup>c</sup> and to those who have withdrawn, this is the explanation. • As for  
those who have first subjected themselves and have withdrawn later and who  
mingled themselves with the seed of the mingled nations,<sup>d</sup> their first time will be  
5 considered as mountains. • And those who first did not know life and who later  
knew it exactly and who mingled with the seed of the people who have separated  
6 themselves, their first time will be considered as mountains.<sup>e</sup> • And times will  
inherit times, and periods periods, and they will receive from one another. And  
then, with a view to the end, all will be compared according to the length of times  
7 and the hours of periods.<sup>f</sup> • For corruption will take away those who belong to it,  
8 and life those who belong to it. • And dust will be called, and told, “Give back  
that which does not belong to you and raise up all that you have kept until its own 30:1-2  
time.”

1 **72** Now,<sup>a</sup> hear also about the bright waters which come at the end after these  
2 black ones. This is the word. •After the signs have come of which I have spoken  
to you before, when the nations are moved and the time of my Anointed One  
comes, he will call all nations, and some of them he will spare, and others he will  
3.4 kill.<sup>b</sup> •These things will befall the nations which will be spared by him. •Every  
nation which has not known Israel and which has not trodden down the seed of  
5 Jacob will live. •And this is because some from all the nations have been subjected  
6 to your people. •All those,<sup>c</sup> now, who have ruled over you or have known you,  
will be delivered up to the sword.

1 **73** And it will happen that after he has brought down everything which is in the 1Cor 15:24-25  
world, and has sat down in eternal peace on the throne of the kingdom,<sup>a</sup> then joy Heb 4:3  
2 will be revealed and rest will appear.<sup>b</sup> •And then health will descend in dew, and 29:7  
illness will vanish, and fear and tribulation and lamentation will pass away from Rev 21:4  
3 among men, and joy will encompass the earth. •And nobody will again die 54:15  
4 untimely, nor will any adversity take place suddenly. •Judgment, condemnations, Rev 21:4  
contentions, revenges, blood, passions, zeal, hate, and all such things will go into  
5 condemnation since they will be uprooted.<sup>c</sup> •For these are the things that have  
filled this earth with evils, and because of them life of men came in yet greater  
6 confusion. •And the wild beasts will come from the wood and serve men, and the  
asps and dragons will come out of their holes to subject themselves to a child.<sup>d</sup>

## **Book of Tobit (ca. 200-175 BCE)**

- 14 SO ENDED Tobit's thanksgiving. He died peacefully at the age of a hundred and twelve, and was given honourable burial in Nineveh.
- 2 He was sixty-two years old when his eyes were injured, and after he recovered his sight he lived in prosperity, doing his acts of charity and never ceasing to praise God and proclaim his majesty.
- 3 When he was dying he sent for his son Tobias, and gave him these
- 4 instructions: 'My son, you must take your children and make your escape to Media, for I believe God's word against Nineveh spoken by Nahum. It will all come true; everything will happen to Asshur and Nineveh that was spoken by the prophets of Israel whom God sent. Not a word of it will fall short; everything will be fulfilled when the time comes. It will be safer in Media than in Assyria and Babylon; I know, I am convinced, that all God's words will be fulfilled. It will be so; not one of them will fail. Our countrymen who live in Israel will all be scattered and carried off into captivity out of that good land, and the whole territory of Israel

laid waste. Samaria and Jerusalem will lie waste, and for a time the house of God will be in mourning; it will be burnt to the ground.

‘Then God will have mercy on them again and will bring them 5  
back to the land of Israel. They will rebuild the house of God, but  
not as it was before, not until the time of fulfilment comes. Then  
they will all return from their captivity and rebuild Jerusalem  
gloriously; then indeed the house will be built in her as the prophets  
of Israel foretold. All the nations of the world will be converted to 6  
the true worship of God; they will abandon their idols which led  
them astray into falsehood, and praise the eternal God according to 7  
his law. All the Israelites who survive at that time and are firm in  
their loyalty to God will be brought together; they will come to  
Jerusalem to take possession of the land of Abraham, and live there  
for ever in safety. Those who love God in truth will rejoice; and  
sinners and wrong-doers will disappear from the earth. Now, my 8  
children, I give you this command: serve God in truth and do what  
pleases him. Train your children to do what is right and give alms, 9  
to keep God in mind at all times and praise his name in sincerity with  
all their strength.