

6. At the blast of your voice, O God of Jacob:  
both horse and chariot were cast asleep.
7. Terrible are you, Lord God:  
and who may stand before you when you are angry?
8. You caused your sentence to be heard from heaven:  
the earth feared and was still,
9. When God arose to judgement:  
to save all the meek of the earth.
10. For you crushed the wrath of man:  
you bridled the remnant of the wrathful.
11. O make vows to the Lord your God, and keep them:  
let all around him bring gifts  
to him that is worthy to be feared.
12. For he cuts down the fury of princes:  
and he is terrible to the kings of the earth.

### **Psalm 77**

1. I call to my God, I cry out toward him:  
I call to my God, and surely he will answer.
2. In the day of my distress I seek the Lord,  
I stretch out my hands to him by night:  
my soul is poured out without ceasing,  
it refuses all comfort.
3. I think upon God and groan aloud:  
I muse, and my spirit faints.
4. You hold my eyelids open:  
I am so dazed that I cannot flee.
5. I consider the times that are past:  
I remember the years of long ago.
6. At night I am grieved to the heart:  
I ponder, and my spirit makes search;
7. 'Will the Lord cast us off for ever:  
will he show us his favour no more?

8. 'Is his mercy clean gone for ever:  
and his promise come to an end for all generations?
9. 'Has God forgotten to be gracious:  
has he shut up his pity in displeasure?'
10. And I say 'Has the right hand of the Most High  
lost its strength:  
has the arm of the Lord changed?'
11. I will declare the mighty acts of the Lord:  
I will call to mind your wonders of old.
12. I will think on all that you have done:  
and meditate upon your works.
13. Your way, O God, is holy:  
who is so great a god as our God?
14. You are the God that works wonders:  
you made known your power among the nations;
15. By your mighty arm you redeemed your people:  
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
16. The waters saw you, O God,  
the waters saw you and were afraid:  
the depths also were troubled.
17. The clouds poured out water, the heavens spoke:  
and your arrows darted forth.
18. The voice of your thunder was heard in the whirlwind:  
your lightnings lit the world,  
the earth shuddered and quaked.
19. Your way was in the sea, your path in the great waters:  
and your footsteps were not seen.
20. You led your people like sheep:  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

## Psalm 78

1. Give heed to my teaching, O my people:  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth;

2. For I will open my mouth in a parable:  
and expound the mysteries of former times.
3. What we have heard and known:  
what our forefathers have told us,
4. We will not hide from their children,  
but declare to a generation yet to come:  
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,  
his mighty and wonderful works.
5. He established a law in Jacob  
and made a decree in Israel:  
which he commanded our forefathers  
to teach their children.
6. That future generations might know,  
and the children yet unborn:  
that they in turn might teach it to their sons;
7. So that they might put their confidence in God:  
and not forget his works, but keep his commandments,
8. And not be as their forefathers,  
a stubborn and rebellious generation:  
a generation that did not set their heart aright,  
whose spirit was not faithful to God.
9. The children of Ephraim, armed with the bow:  
turned back in the day of battle.
10. They did not keep God's covenant,  
they refused to walk in his law:  
they forgot what he had done,  
and the wonders he had shown them.
11. For he did marvellous things in the sight of their fathers:  
in the land of Egypt, in the country of Zoan.
12. He divided the sea and let them pass through:  
he made the waters stand up in a heap.
13. In the daytime he led them with a cloud:  
and all night long with the light of fire.

14. He cleft rocks in the wilderness:  
and gave them drink in abundance  
as from springs of water.
15. He brought streams out of the rock:  
and caused the waters to flow down like rivers.
16. But for all this they sinned yet more against him:  
and rebelled against the Most High in the desert.
17. They wilfully put God to the test:  
and demanded food for their appetite.
18. They spoke against God, and said:  
'Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?
19. 'He indeed struck the rock,  
so that the waters gushed and the streams overflowed:  
but can he also give bread,  
or provide meat for his people?'
20. When the Lord heard it he was angry,  
and a fire was kindled against Jacob:  
his wrath blazed against Israel.
21. For they put no trust in God:  
nor would they believe his power to save.
22. Then he commanded the clouds above:  
and opened the doors of heaven.
23. He rained down manna for them to eat:  
and gave them the grain of heaven.
24. So men ate the bread of angels:  
and he sent them food in abundance.
25. He stirred up the south east wind in the heavens:  
and guided it by his power.
26. He rained down meat upon them thick as dust:  
and winged birds like the sands of the sea.
27. He made them fall into the midst of their camp:  
and all about their tents.

28. So they ate and were well-filled:  
for he had given them what they desired.
29. But before they had satisfied their craving:  
while the food was still in their mouths,
30. The anger of God blazed up against them:  
and he slew their strongest men,  
and laid low the youth of Israel.
31. But for all this they sinned yet more:  
and put no faith in his wonders.
32. So he ended their days like a breath:  
and their years with sudden terror.
33. When he struck them down, then they sought him:  
they turned, and sought eagerly for God.
34. They remembered that God was their rock:  
that God Most High was their redeemer.
35. But they lied to him with their mouths:  
and dissembled with their tongues;
36. For their hearts were not fixed upon him:  
nor were they true to his covenant.
37. Yet he, being merciful, forgave their iniquity  
and did not destroy them:  
many times he turned his anger aside,  
and would not wholly arouse his fury.
38. He remembered that they were but flesh:  
like a wind that passes, and does not return.
39. How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness:  
and grieved him in the desert!
40. Again and again they put God to the test:  
and provoked the Holy One of Israel.
41. They did not remember his power:  
or the day when he redeemed them from the enemy;
42. How he wrought his signs in Egypt:  
his wonders in the country of Zoan.

43. For he turned their rivers into blood:  
so that they could not drink from the streams.
44. He sent swarms of flies that devoured them:  
and frogs that laid them waste.
45. He gave their crops to the locust:  
and the fruits of their labour to the grasshopper.
46. He struck down their vines with hailstones:  
and their sycamore trees with frost.
47. He gave up their cattle to the hail:  
and their flocks to the flash of the lightning.
48. He loosed on them the fierceness of his anger,  
his fury, his indignation and distress:  
and these were his messengers of destruction.
49. He opened a path for his fury:  
he would not spare them from death,  
but gave up their lives to the pestilence.
50. He struck down the firstborn of Egypt:  
the first-fruits of their manhood  
in the dwellings of Ham.
51. As for his own people, he led them out like sheep:  
and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
52. He led them in safety, and they were not afraid:  
but the sea covered their enemies.
53. He brought them to his holy land:  
to the mountains that his own right hand had won.
54. He drove out the nations before them,  
and apportioned their lands as a possession:  
and settled the tribes of Israel in their tents.
55. But they rebelled against God Most High  
and put him to the test:  
they would not obey his commandments.
56. They turned back and dealt treacherously  
like their fathers:  
they turned aside, slack as an unstrung bow.

57. They provoked him to anger with their heathen shrines:  
and moved him to jealousy with their carved images.
58. God heard and was angry, he utterly rejected Israel:  
he forsook the tabernacle at Shiloh,  
the tent where he dwelt among men.
59. He gave the ark of his might into captivity:  
and his glory into the hands of the enemy.
60. He delivered his people to the sword:  
and was enraged against his own possession.
61. Fire devoured the young men:  
there was no one to bewail the maidens;
62. Their priests fell by the sword:  
and there was none to mourn for the widows.
63. Then the Lord awoke like a man out of sleep:  
like a warrior that had been overcome with wine.
64. He struck the backs of his enemies as they fled:  
and put them to perpetual shame.
65. He rejected the family of Joseph:  
he refused the tribe of Ephraim.
66. But he chose the tribe of Judah:  
and the hill of Zion which he loved.
67. He built his sanctuary like the heights of heaven:  
like the earth which he had founded for ever.
68. He chose David his servant:  
and took him from the sheepfolds;
69. He brought him from following the ewes:  
to be the shepherd of his people Jacob,  
and of Israel his own possession.
70. So he tended them with upright heart:  
and guided them with skilful hand.

**Psalm 79**

1. O God, the heathen have come into your land:  
they have defiled your holy temple,  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of stones.
2. They have given the dead bodies of your servants  
as food to the birds of the air:  
and the flesh of your faithful ones  
to the wild beasts of the earth.
3. Their blood they have spilt like water  
on every side of Jerusalem:  
and there is none to bury them.
4. We have become a mockery to our neighbours:  
the scorn and laughing-stock of those about us.
5. How long, O Lord, shall your anger be so extreme:  
will your jealous fury burn like fire?
6. Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not know you:  
on the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.
7. For they have devoured Jacob:  
and made his dwelling-place a desolation.
8. Do not remember against us the sin of former times:  
but let your compassion hasten to meet us,  
for we are brought very low.
9. Help us, O God our saviour,  
for the honour of your name:  
O deliver us and expiate our sins, for your name's sake.
10. [Why should the heathen say 'Where is their God?':  
O let vengeance for the blood of your servants that is shed  
be shown upon the nations in our sight.]
11. Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners  
come before you:  
and as your power is great,  
relieve those condemned to die.



12. [For the taunts with which our neighbours  
have taunted you, O Lord:  
repay them seven times over into their bosoms.]
13. So we that are your people and the sheep of your pasture  
shall give you thanks for ever:  
we will declare your praise in every generation.

## Psalm 80

1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you that led Joseph like a flock:  
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,  
shine out in glory;
2. Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:  
stir up your power, and come to save us.
3. *Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
show us the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.*
4. O Lord God of hosts:  
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
5. You have fed them with the bread of tears:  
and given them tears to drink in good measure.
6. You have made us the victim of our neighbours:  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7. *Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
show us the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.*
8. You brought a vine out of Egypt:  
you drove out the nations, and planted it in.
9. You cleared the ground before it:  
and it struck root and filled the land.
10. The hills were covered with its shadow:  
and its boughs were like the boughs of the great cedars.