

## PSALMS 78

### PSALMS 78:1

1 ¶ Maschil of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, *to* my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

### PSALMS 78:2

2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

### PSALMS 78:3

3 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

### PSALMS 78:4

4 We will not hide *them* from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

### PSALMS 78:5

5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

### PSALMS 78:6

6 That the generation to come might know *them*, *even* the children *which* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children:

### PSALMS 78:7

7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

### PSALMS 78:8

8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation *that* set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

### PSALMS 78:9

9 ¶ The children of Ephraim, *being* armed, *and* carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.

### PSALMS 78:10

10 They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;

### PSALMS 78:11

11 And forgot his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.

PSALMS 78:12

12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan.

PSALMS 78:13

13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.

PSALMS 78:14

14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

PSALMS 78:15

15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink as *out of* the great depths.

PSALMS 78:16

16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

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17 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness.

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18 And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

PSALMS 78:19

19 Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

PSALMS 78:20

20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

PSALMS 78:21

21 Therefore the LORD heard *this*, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;

PSALMS 78:22

22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

PSALMS 78:23

23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,

## PSALMS 78:24

24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

## PSALMS 78:25

25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

## PSALMS 78:26

26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.

## PSALMS 78:27

27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:

## PSALMS 78:28

28 And he let *it* fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.

## PSALMS 78:29

29 So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;

## PSALMS 78:30

30 They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat was yet in their mouths,

## PSALMS 78:31

31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen *men* of Israel.

## PSALMS 78:32

32 For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.

## PSALMS 78:33

33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.

## PSALMS 78:34

34 When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and enquired early after God.

## PSALMS 78:35

35 And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their redeemer.

## PSALMS 78:36

36 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.

PSALMS 78:37

37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.

PSALMS 78:38

38 But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

PSALMS 78:39

39 For he remembered that they *were but* flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

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40 ¶ How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, *and* grieve him in the desert!

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41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

PSALMS 78:42

42 They remembered not his hand, *nor* the day when he delivered them from the enemy.

PSALMS 78:43

43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan:

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44 And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink.

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45 He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.

PSALMS 78:46

46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust.

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47 He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycomore trees with frost.

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48 He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

## PSALMS 78:49

49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels *among them*.

## PSALMS 78:50

50 He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;

## PSALMS 78:51

51 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of *their* strength in the tabernacles of Ham:

## PSALMS 78:52

52 But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

## PSALMS 78:53

53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

## PSALMS 78:54

54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, *even to this mountain, which* his right hand had purchased.

## PSALMS 78:55

55 He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

## PSALMS 78:56

56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:

## PSALMS 78:57

57 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

## PSALMS 78:58

58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

## PSALMS 78:59

59 When God heard *this*, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:

## PSALMS 78:60

60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent *which* he placed among

men;

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61 And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.

PSALMS 78:62

62 He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.

PSALMS 78:63

63 The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.

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64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

PSALMS 78:65

65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, *and* like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

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66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

PSALMS 78:67

67 Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

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68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.

PSALMS 78:69

69 And he built his sanctuary like high *palaces*, like the earth which he hath established for ever.

PSALMS 78:70

70 He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:

PSALMS 78:71

71 From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

PSALMS 78:72

72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.