



Tse'aqah / Ze'aqah / **Outcry**

Transcript

Tse'aqah or *ze'aqah*.

"I have heard their *tse'aqah* because of their slave masters, for I am aware of their sufferings."

In the Hebrew Bible, when people cry out in situations of injustice or distress, we find two words that look and sound alike.

Tse'aqah and *ze'aqah* both mean outcry.

After Cain kills his brother Abel, God hears the outcry or *tse'aqah* of Abel's blood from the ground yearning for justice.

Israel's exodus from Egypt begins with the *tse'aqah* from the people, an outcry against their oppressors.

When the prophet Isaiah describes God's renewal of all creation, he says the *ze'aqah* of the oppressed will end. There will be no more crying out because all evil and injustice will be overcome.

"I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; and there will no longer be heard in her the voice of crying or the sound of *ze'aqah*."