Psalms 3–8

BibleProject Translation

Psalm 3

A psalm to/for/about/by David, in his fleeing from the face of Absalom his son.

[1] Yahweh,
how many are my opponents; many are rising up against me.
[2] Many are saying about my life-being,
"There is no rescue for him from Elohim." **Selah**
[3] But you yourself, Yahweh,
are a shield in front of me,
my honor
and the one who lifts up my head.
[4] My voice to Yahweh, I cry out
and he answered me from the mountains of his holiness. **Selah**

[5] As for me, I lay down and *I* slept;
I woke up because Yahweh would sustain me.
[6] I am not afraid of the many-multitudes of people
who all around have set themselves against me.
[7] Rise up, O Yahweh;
rescue me, my Elohim;
for you hit all my enemies on the cheek.
The teeth of the wicked you broke.
[8] To Yahweh belongs rescue;
may your blessing be upon your people. **Selah**

Psalm 4

For the leader, on string-instruments. A song to/for/about/by David.

[1] When I cry out, answer me, Elohim who does right-by-me;
in distress, you made wide-room for me;
show me favor, and hear my prayer.

[2] Sons of man, how long is my honor turned to public-shame?
Will you love what is empty; will you seek a lie? **Selah**
[3] So know that Yahweh has set-apart the loyal one for himself;
Yahweh will hear when I call out for him.
[4] Shudder, and don't commit moral-failure;
speak in your heart upon your bed, and be silent. **Selah**

[5] Offer sacrifices that are right, and trust in Yahweh:
[6] Many are saying, "Who will make us see good?"
Lift up over us the light of your face, Yahweh!
[7] You have given joy in my heart,
more than the time of their grain, when their new wine multiplies;
[8] in peace together I would lie down and sleep,
for you, Yahweh, alone sit me down in trust.

Psalm 5

For the leader, with the flutes. A psalm of David.

[1]To my words give ear, Yahweh.
Discern my groaning,
[2]pay attention to the voice of my cry-for-help,
my king and my Elohim,
for to you I pray.
[3]Yahweh, in the morning you will hear my voice;
in the morning I get ready for you and I will watch.

[4]For you-yourself are not an Elohim who delights in wickedness;
badness can not reside with you;
[5]the crazy-arrogant do not stand before your eyes.
You hate all doers of disaster,
[6]you bring to ruin speakers of lies.
A man of bloodshed and deception Yahweh detests.
[7]But me-myself, in your abundant loyal-love,
I will enter your house.
I will bow down toward your holy temple
in fear of you.
[8]Yahweh, lead me in your righteousness
because of my enemies;
make straight before me your way.
[9]For there is not anything upright in his mouth;
their inside is destruction;
an open grave is their throat;
with their tongue they make smooth.
[10]Treat them as guilty, Elohim;
let them fall because of their plans.
Because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out,
for they have rebelled against you.

[11]But let them rejoice, all who take refuge in you
for an age, let them shout for joy,
for you will spread protection over them;
so let them celebrate in you, those who love your name.
[12]For you will yourself bless the righteous, Yahweh,
like a shield you will surround him with favor.

Psalm 6

For the music director, with stringed instruments, on the eight (string). A psalm for/about/by David.

[1]Yahweh,
  do not rebuke me in your anger,
  and do not discipline me in your hot-anger.
[2]Show mercy to me, Yahweh, for I am withering;
 heal me, Yahweh, for my bones are terrified.

[3]And my life-being is terrified, very much;
 and you, Yahweh, how long?!
[4]Turn, Yahweh; deliver my life-being;
 rescue me for the sake of your loyal-love.
[5]for in death there is no remembering you;
 in the grave, who can give thanks to you?
[6]I am weary with my groaning;
 I flood my bed in all the night;
 with my tears I soak my couch.
[7]My eye has swollen because of grief;
 it grows old because of all my oppressors.

[8]Go away from me, all doers of disaster,
 for Yahweh has heard the sound of my crying;
[9]Yahweh has heard my mercy-request;
 Yahweh will receive my prayer.
[10]All my enemies will be ashamed and will be very terrified;
 they will turn back; they will be ashamed suddenly.

Psalm 7

A musical work for/about/by David, which he sang to Yahweh about the words of Cush, a Benjaminite.

[1] Yahweh, my Elohim, in you I have taken refuge;
rescue me from all who chase me and deliver me,
[2] or else he will shred my life-being like a lion,
tearing, and no one delivers.
[3] Yahweh, my Elohim,
if I have done this,
if there is wrong in my hands,
[4] if I have repaid bad to one at peace with me
—and I did save my oppressor in vain—
[5] let the enemy of my life-being chase and overtake
and let him trample my life into the land,
and let him lay my honor in the dust. **Selah**

[6] Rise up, Yahweh, in your anger,
and lift yourself up against the outbursts of my oppressors,
and awake for me the judgment you have commanded;
[7] and let the assembly of peoples surround you,
and over it return on high.
[8] Yahweh will judge the peoples;
bring justice for me, Yahweh,
according to my being-in-the-right,
and according to my blamelessness within me.

[9] Let the evil of the wicked come to an end,
but establish the righteous,
and test the hearts and inner-parts,
O righteous Elohim.
[10] My shield is with Elohim
rescuer of the upright of heart.
[11] Elohim is a righteous judge,
and an El of indignation every day.
[12] "If he does not turn-around,
[then] he will sharpen his sword;
[then] he bent his bow and he set it,
[13] but against himself he prepared weapons of death;
he has made his arrows for burning.
[14] Look, he conceives evil;
and he is pregnant with trouble
and he births deception.
[15] He hollows a pit and digs it out,
and he falls in the pit-trap he made.
[16] His trouble turns-back on his head,
and his violence comes down on his skull."
[17] I will thank Yahweh according to his righteousness,
and I will sing praise to the name of Yahweh, the Most High.

Psalm 8

For the leader. According to *gitit*. A psalm to/for/by David.

[1]Yahweh, our master,
how majestic is your name in all the land,
who gives your splendor over the skies.

[2]From the mouth of babies and infants you established a stronghold
on account of your oppressors,
to stop the enemy and avenger.

[3]Truly I see your skies, the makings of your fingers,
moon and stars that you have established.
[4]What is mortal man that you remembered him,
and the son of *'adam* that you attend to him?
[5]That you made him lesser a little than spiritual-beings,
but with honor and magnificence you crown him,
[6]you made him ruler over the makings of your hands,
you set all things under his feet,
[7]flocks and cattle, all of them,
even too the beasts of the field,
[8]birds of the skies and fish of the sea,
what crosses the paths of the waters.
[9]Yahweh, our master,
how majestic is your name in all the land.

Psalms 1–8: Macro Literary Design

1–2 Torah & Messiah		1 - *'ashre* + **righteous** + *torah* = Eden tree // **wicked** + mocking = chaff // way of justice vs. ruin ***Genesis 2 Eden hyperlinks***
		2 - **Rebel kings/judges** vs. Yahweh + **Son of God**/Messiah in Zion // refuge in Son vs. ruin *In anger, Yahweh + Son of God will judge nations and peoples* (2:5, 9, 12) Yahweh births (*yalad*) a royal son (2:7)
3–6	A / A	3 - **David's 2nd exile in Absalom's rebellion** **Morning** prayer for *rescue* My voice (*qol*) cries out (*qara'*), and he answered from his holy mountain (3:4) **I lay down and woke up** (3:5) **Enemies and the wicked** threaten my honor (*kavod*, 3:2–3)
	B / B	4 - ***Evening*** *lyre-prayer* for **right-standing** When I cry out (*qara'*), he will hear (*shama'*) my prayer (*tephillah*, 4:1, 3) **I lie down and sleep** (4:8) **Sons of man** turn my honor (*kavod*) into shame (4:2)
	A' / B'	5 - **Morning** flute-prayer for **right-standing** I will pray (*'etpallal*), you will hear (*shama'*) my voice (*qol*, 5:2–3), and I will enter your holy house/temple (5:7) In the **morning** I watch for you (5:3) **Enemies and the wicked** spread violence (5:4–6)
	B' / A'	6 - ***Evening*** *lyre-prayer* for *rescue* Yahweh has heard (*shama'*) my voice (*qol*) and prayer (*tephillah*, 6:8–9) At **night** I soak my bed with tears (6:6) **Enemies and oppressors** will be ashamed (6:10)
7–8		7 - **David's 1st exile in days of Saul (w/ hints of 2nd exile in Absalom's rebellion)** *In anger, Yahweh, please judge nations and peoples* (7:8, 11) *Rescue* me from my **enemies and oppressors and the wicked, who are like animals** (7:1–2, 6) They birth (*yalad*) deception (7:14) I will sing praise to the name of **righteous** Yahweh (7:17)
		8 - God's majestic name is on display through... Strength of little ones over against **enemies and oppressors** (8:2) Lowly **son of *'adam*** over against angels and **animals** (8:4–8) ***Genesis 1 creation hyperlinks***

Notice that Psalms 3–6 can be seen as having either an ABA'B' or ABB'A' pattern. In other words, some parallels draw Psalm 5 together with Psalm 3, while others connect it with Psalm 4. And the same is true for Psalm 6.