

PSALM 79 vs 1

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This is the 8th of 12 Psalms ascribed to Asaph, bearing this seer's name. In 2 Chronicles 29, Hezekiah ordered the Levites "to sing the words of David and of Asaph the seer" ... evidence the Spirit of God continues inspiring others to consider the ways of the Lord.

Divisions: A Psalm of complaint such as Jeremiah might have written amid the ruins of the beloved city; or young believers in many broken countries now days. It treats the times of invasion, oppression, and national overthrow. Asaph was a patriotic poet, and was never more at home than when he rehearsed the history of his nation. the complaint is poured out (1-4); the prayer is presented (5-12) and in closing, praise is promised:— Charles Spurgeon.



A Psalm of Asaph,

¹O God, the nations invaded Your inheritance;

they defiled Your holy temple; and laid Jerusalem in ruins.

² The dead bodies of Your servants they gave as meat to the fowls of the heaven,

the flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth.

³ They shed their blood like water all around Jerusalem; no one burying them.

⁴ We have become a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn and derision to those around us.

Think about it: this is a sobering Psalm and must be read in context with our genius 21st century, just in case we are horribly aghast at past histories, while ignorant of present calamities, created by criminals and barbarians in our time, even in our own countries. Daniel reminds us, the last govt will be hard as iron, **smashing and destroying until the whole world is broken**. Remember, we hear the faithful ancient peoples of God throughout the middle east being destroyed in the hundreds of thousands – with our tax payer dollars; while **Russia is condemned** the second largest christian community in the world; and the church in America prepares for yet another holiday.

Those who have escaped the common foe make a mockery of us; they fling our disasters in our face, and ask us, "Where is your God?" – (even in Syria today). It is the cry of amazement at sacrilegious intrusion; as if the poet was struck with horror. Into the inmost sanctuary they have profanely forced their way, and there behaved arrogantly. The enemy cared not to bury the dead, and there was not a sufficient number left alive to perform the funeral; therefore, the precious relics of the departed were left to be devoured by vultures and torn by wolves. Beasts on which man could not feed, fed on them. Their flesh became meat for carrion crows and hungry dogs. Dire are the calamities of war, yet they happen to God's saints and servants. The invaders slew men as if their blood was of no more value than water. – Charles Spurgeon.

⁵ How long, O LORD? will You be angry forever? will Your jealousy burn like fire?

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⁶ Pour out Your wrath upon the nations who do not know You; upon the kingdoms who do not call on Your Name / but that sounds like so many in my nation; do I want this prayer answered?;

⁷ for they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.

⁸ Do not remember our former sins: let Your compassion quickly meet us: for we are brought very low.

⁹ Help us, O God who saves us, for the glory of Your Name: deliver us and cover our sins, for the sake of Your Name.

¹⁰ Why do the nations say, Where is their God? let it be known among the nations in our sight, avenging the shed blood of Your servants.

¹¹ Let the groaning of the prisoner face You; according to Your great power, preserve those condemned to die;

¹² and return to our neighbors lap sevenfold, the reproach that they reproached You, O LORD.

Think about it: This is sobering; does the church in the west really want this prayer to be answered for God's faithful people in the many countries where the godless in our nation have disrupted for decades? To have returned on them sevenfold the reproach? Or should we pray to God, and work for all those crooks and thugs to be brought to justice? So stay awake! pray for wisdom, and make sure you and your family are not party to the criminals in these last days before He comes.

¹³ So we Your people and sheep of Your pasture give You thanks forever: we will declare Your praise to all generations.

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