

## Psalm 7 <sup>1</sup>

# "A Prayer for Deliverance From and Vindication Concerning Enemies"

A Shiggaion <sup>2</sup> of David, which he sang to the LORD concerning Cush, <sup>3</sup> a Benjamite.

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### **A1 DAVID'S PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE FROM HIS PURSUERS 7:1-2**

#### **B1 His Plea for Salvation 7:1**

C1 Acknowledgement of Refuge: {1} O Lord my God, in You I have taken refuge;

C2 Plea for Rescue: Save me from all those who pursue me, and deliver me, 7:1

#### **B2 His Fear if Undelivered 7:2**

C1 Lion-like Attack: {2} Or he will tear my soul like a lion,

C2 Brutal Force: Dragging me away, while there is none to deliver. 7:2

### **A2 DAVID'S PRAYER THAT GOD MIGHT JUDGE HIM IF HE HAS BEEN UNJUST 7:3-5**

#### **B1 His Contemplation of His Own Hypothetical Guilt 7:3-4**

C1 Injustice 7:3

D1 Hypothetical consideration: {3} O LORD my God, if I have done this,

D2 Personal injustice: If there is injustice in my hands,

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<sup>1</sup> Psalm 7. An individual lament psalm (*Ryrie Study Bible*).

<sup>2</sup> Superscription - Shiggaion: "Šiggāyôn (**"shiggaion"**) may mean a poem written with intense feeling." (Allen P. Ross, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary [TBKC]*.)

<sup>3</sup> Psalm 7 Superscription - Cush: "The superscription refers to David's experience with "Cush, a Benjamite," referred to only here in the Bible. The song comes from a time David was hunted by Saul's men (1 Sam. 22:8; 24:9; 26:19)" (Allen P. Ross, *TBKC*).

C2 Wronging of the Innocent 7:4

D1 Deliberate friendly fire: {4} If I have rewarded evil to my friend,

D2 Unprovoked plunder: Or have plundered him who without cause was my adversary,

**B2 His Request for Appropriate Judgment 7:5**

C1 Enemy Pursuit: {5} Let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake *it*;

C2 Enemy Conquest: And let him trample my life down to the ground

C3 Ultimate Humiliation: And lay my glory in the dust.

**A3 DAVID'S PLEA FOR VINDICATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND JUDGMENT OF THE WICKED 7:6-16**

**B1 His Plea for Vindication 7:6-10**

C1 Against His Adversaries 7:6

D1 Reciprocal emotional intensity

E1 Divine anger: {6} Arise, O LORD, in Your anger;

E2 Against adversarial rage: Lift up Yourself against the rage of my adversaries,

D2 Aroused justice

E1 Divine arousal: And arouse Yourself for me;

E2 Appointed justice: You have appointed judgment.

C2 In the Sight of His People 7:7

D1 Witnessed by Israel: {7} Let the assembly of the peoples encompass You,

D2 Mission accomplished: And over them return on high.

- C3 Personally, on His Behalf 7:8
  - D1 Yahweh as judge of all nations: {8} The LORD judges the peoples;
  - D2 Yahweh as his personal vindicator: Vindicate me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and my integrity that is in me.
- C4 By Terminating the Wicked While Establishing the Righteous 7:9
  - D1 Terminating evil: {9} O let the evil of the wicked come to an end,
  - D2 Establishing the righteous
    - E1 but establish the righteous;
    - E2 For the righteous God tries the hearts and minds.
- C5 David's Trust in Elohim 7:10
  - D1 As shield: {10} My shield is with God,
  - D2 As savior of the upright: Who saves the upright in heart.

**B2 His Warning of Judgment 7:11-16**

- C1 The Righteousness of Elohim 7:11
  - D1 His equity: {11} God is a righteous judge,
  - D2 His consequent ceaseless anger at sin: And a God who has indignation every day.
- C2 The Warning to the Unrepentant 7:12-13
  - D1 The potential of unrepentance: {12} If a man does not repent, 7:12a
  - D2 The weapons at God's disposal 7:12b-13
    - E1 Sword; He will sharpen His sword; 7:12b
    - E2 Bow: He has bent His bow and made it ready.

E3 Deadly weapons: {13} He has also prepared for Himself  
deadly weapons; 7:13a

E4 Fiery arrows: He makes His arrows fiery shafts. 7:13b

C3 The Character of the Wicked 7:14

D1 In labor with evil: {14} Behold, he travails with wickedness,

D2 Conceiving mischief; And he conceives mischief

D3 Giving birth to lies: and brings forth falsehood.

C4 The Fate of the Wicked: His own wickedness will return to haunt him <sup>4</sup>  
7:15-16

D1 Falling in his own pit 7:15

E1 Digging a pit: {15} He has dug a pit and hollowed it out,

E2 Falling into his own hole: And has fallen into the hole  
which he made.

D2 Evil returning to his own head 7:16

E1 Boomeranging mischief: {16} His mischief will return  
upon his own head,

E2 Boomeranging violence: And his violence will descend  
upon his own pate.

#### **A4 DAVID'S VOW OF PRAISE 7:17**

**B1 Thanks for Yahweh's Character:** {17} I will give thanks to the LORD  
according to His righteousness

**B2 Praise of Yahweh's Name:** And will sing praise to the name of the LORD  
Most High.

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<sup>4</sup> 7:15-16 - haunt him: In today's vernacular, "What goes around, comes around."

Expanded Analysis of Psalm 7

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