

Psalm 69

David's Cry for Deliverance and Vindication in View of Adversaries Who Mistreat Him for His Zeal for God

For the choir director; according to Shoshannim. *A Psalm* of David.

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A1 DAVID'S DESPERATE CRY FOR SALVATION. 69:1-4

B1 His Desperate Cry to Elohim for Salvation: {1} Save me, O God, 69:1a

B2 His Enumeration of His Overwhelming Conditions 69:1b-4

C1 Threatened by Waters: For the waters have threatened my life. 69:1b

C2 Drowning in Trouble 69:2

D1 Sinking in Mire without a Foothold: {2} I have sunk in deep mire,
and there is no foothold;

D2 Drowning in Deep Waters: I have come into deep waters, and a
flood overflows me.

C3 Exhausted from Weeping 69:3

D1 Exhaustion from tears: {3} I am weary with my crying;

D2 Parched throat: my throat is parched;

D3 Eyes failing while waiting for Elohim: My eyes fail while I wait
for my God.

C4 Abused by Enemies 69:4a

D1 Needlessly hated by innumerable foes: {4} Those who hate me
without a cause¹ are more than the hairs of my head;

D2 Wrongfully the target of powerful destroyers: Those who would
destroy me are powerful, being wrongfully my enemies;

C5 Suffering the Indignity of a Double Standard: What I did not steal, I then
have to restore.² 69:4b

¹ 69:4 - hate me without a cause: Predictive of Christ in John 15:25 "But *they have done this* to fulfill the word that is written in their Law, 'THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.' "

² 69:4 - restore: This is a main verb, standing out in distinction from all the preceding background verbs which follow David's imperative, "Save me!" in v. 1.

A2 DAVID'S CONCERN OVER BEING A STUMBLINGBLOCK TO BELIEVERS BECAUSE OF MISREPRESENTATIONS OF HIS ZEAL FOR GOD. 69:5-12

B1 His Awareness of His Shortcomings 69:5

C1 {5} O God, it is You who knows my folly,

C2 And my wrongs are not hidden from You.

B2 His Primary Concern -- That He May Not Be a Stumblingblock to Other Believers 69:6

C1 {6} May those who wait for You not be ashamed through me, O Lord GOD of hosts;

C2 May those who seek You not be dishonored through me, O God of Israel,

B3 His Explanation of His Concern -- His Zeal for God Offends Others, Who Proceed to Criticize and Mock Him 69:7-12

C1 He Has Borne Reproach and Dishonor for God's Sake 69:7

D1 {7} Because for Your sake I have borne reproach;

D2 Dishonor has covered my face.

C2 He is an Embarrassment to His Family 69:8

D1 {8} I have become estranged from my brothers

D2 And an alien to my mother's sons.

C3 The Source of Their Embarrassment and Reproach – His Total Absorption with God's House and God's Cause 69:9

D1 God's house: {9} For zeal for Your house has consumed me,³

D2 God's cause: And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

C4 Specific Examples of His Actions toward God Which Drew Criticism 69:10-11

D1 Weeping while fasting: {10} When I wept in my soul with fasting, It became my reproach. 69:10

D2 Dressing with sackcloth: {11} When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them. 69:11

³ 69:9 - zeal for Your house has consumed me: After Jesus had cleansed the temple, "His disciples remembered that it was written, "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME." (John 2:17)

C5 Specific Examples of Those Who Criticize and Mock Him 69:12

D1 Disparaging Elders-and-Judges of the people: {12} Those who sit in the gate talk about me,

D2 Mocking drunkards: And I *am* the song of the drunkards.

A3 DAVID'S URGENT ⁴ PRAYER FOR PROMPT DELIVERANCE FROM HIS ENEMIES. 69:13-18

B1 His Plea for Yahweh Elohim to Answer Him Out of His Great Loyal Love 69:13

C1 {13} But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD, at an acceptable time;

C2 O God, in the greatness of Your lovingkindness, **Answer me** with Your saving truth.

B2 His Plea for Deliverance from Drowning in the Quagmire / Sea of His Enemies 69:14-15

C1 {14} **Deliver me** from the mire and do not let me sink;

C2 May I be delivered from my foes and from the deep waters.

C3 {15} May the flood of water not overflow me

C4 Nor the deep swallow me up,

C5 Nor the pit shut its mouth on me.

B3 His Plea to Yahweh to Answer Him Quickly out of Loyal Love and Compassion 69:16-17

C1 {16} **Answer me**, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good;

C2 According to the greatness of Your compassion, **turn** to me,

C3 {17} And do not hide Your face from Your servant,

C4 For I am in distress; **answer me quickly**.

B4 His Plea for Redemption and Ransom from His Enemies 69:18

C1 {18} Oh **draw near** to my soul *and* **redeem it**;

C2 **Ransom me** because of my enemies!

A4 DAVID'S COMPLAINT ABOUT HIS SHAMEFUL, UNSYMPATHETIC,

⁴ 69:13-18 - Urgent (Title): All the verbs in **bold** in this section are imperatives!

ADVERSARIAL REPROACH. 69:19-21

B1 His Sickness Because of His Shame without Sympathy 69:19-20

C1 His Shame Because of His Adversaries 69:19

D1 His dishonor: {19} You know my reproach and my shame and my dishonor;

D2 His adversaries: All my adversaries are before You.

C2 His Sickness without Sympathizers 69:20

D1 His sickness because of the reproach he has borne: {20} Reproach has broken my heart and I am so sick.

D2 His fruitless search for sympathy and comfort

E1 And I looked for sympathy, but there was none,

E2 And for comforters, but I found none.

B2 His Unsympathetic Food 69:21

C1 {21} They also gave me gall for my food

C2 And for my thirst they gave me vinegar⁵ to drink.

A5 DAVID'S CURSES UPON HIS ENEMIES! 69:22-28

B1 May Their Peaceful Meal Times Become a Snare and a Trap 69:22

C1 {22} May their table before them become a snare;

C2 And when they are in peace, *may it become* a trap.

B2 May Their Physical Condition Deteriorate 69:23

C1 Blindness: {23} May their eyes grow dim so that they cannot see,

C2 Panicky Unsteadiness: And make their loins shake continually.

B3 May God Be Angry with Them 69:24

C1 {24} Pour out Your indignation on them,

C2 And may Your burning anger overtake them.

⁵ 69:21 - gall, vinegar: Prophetic of the potion given to Jesus on the cross (Matt. 27:34, 48).

B4 May Their Homes Be Uninhabited 69:25

C1 {25} May their camp be desolate;

C2 May none dwell in their tents.

B5 The Reason for These Curses – They Persecute God's People Whom He Himself Is Disciplining 69:26

C1 {26} For they have persecuted him whom You Yourself have smitten,

C2 And they tell of the pain of those whom You have wounded.

B6 May They Receive Eternal Damnation 69:27-28

C1 May God Amplify Their Evil: {27} Add iniquity to their iniquity, 69:27a

C2 May They Not Partake of God's Righteousness: And may they not come into Your righteousness. 69:27b

C3 May They Be Blotted Out of God's Book of the Living Righteous 69:28

D1 {28} May they be blotted out of the book of life

D2 And may they not be recorded with the righteous.

A6 DAVID'S PRAISE AND CONFIDENCE THAT ELOHIM WILL DESTINE ZION AND JUDAH AS THE INHERITED HOME OF HIS SERVANTS. 69:29-36

B1 His Pain and Request 69:29

C1 His Ongoing Pain: {29} But I am afflicted and in pain;

C2 His Request for Salvation: May Your salvation, O God, set me *securely* on high.

B2 His Vow to Praise Elohim, Anticipating Good Results from God and Man 69:30-33

C1 His Vow to Praise 69:30

D1 {30} I will praise the name of God with song

D2 And magnify Him with thanksgiving.

C2 Yahweh's Anticipated Approval 69:31

D1 {31} And it will please the LORD better than an ox

D2 *Or* a young bull with horns and hoofs.

C3 The Reviving Joy of the Humble 69:32

D1 {32} The humble have seen *it and* are glad;

D2 You who seek God, let your heart revive.

C4 His Confidence in Yahweh's Response 69:33

D1 He hears the needy: {33} For the LORD hears the needy

D2 He responds to His own whom He is disciplining: And does not despise His *who are* prisoners.

B3 His Confident Call to the Universe to Praise Elohim 69:34-36

C1 His Call to Praise 69:34

D1 {34} Let heaven and earth praise Him,

D2 The seas and everything that moves in them.

C2 His Reason for Praise 69:35

D1 Elohim's salvation of Zion and building of Judah's cities: {35} For God will save Zion and build the cities of Judah,

D2 For the purpose of possession: That they may dwell there and possess it.

C3 His Confidence in Praise: The possession of the land by Elohim's servants and those who love His name!⁶ 69:36

D1 {36} The descendants of His servants will inherit it,

D2 And those who love His name will dwell in it.

⁶ 69:36 - Elohim's servants and those who love His name: This description is sufficiently broad to include Gentiles who serve God and also love God's name. The ultimate fulfillment will be the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21-22) which will be inhabited by righteous Jew and Gentile alike.

Neither liberal Israelis, who do not believe God or His Word, nor Orthodox Jews who do not believe in Jesus as their Messiah, nor the Palestinians, inveterate foes of God and Israel, nor Muslims, nor anti-Semitic Europeans, nor American Presidents, including George W. Bush and Barack Obama, nor the United Nations will be able to prevent Israel from dwelling in the land God has given to her for her sole possession and hers alone to the glory of God. Any Gentiles and Jews who live in Israel ultimately will do so only because they recognize and embrace Israeli sovereignty to the glory of God and His Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

EXPANDED ANALYSIS OF PSALM 69

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