

Psalm 59 Mich-tam of David, when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him

King James Version (KJV) (Mich-tam – To cut into or engrave in your mind)

59 Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

² Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

³ For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD. (David had done nothing against Saul)

⁴ They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold.

⁵ Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.

⁶ They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. (They act under the cover of darkness)

⁷ Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear? (belch= foam, like rabid dogs)

⁸ But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision. See Psalm 2

⁹ Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defense. (Vengeance belongs to God)

¹⁰ The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

¹¹ Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

¹² For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak. (and was added in English)

¹³ Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah. (Let the people see their judgment)

¹⁴ And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

¹⁵ Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

¹⁶ But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble.

¹⁷ Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defense, and the God of my mercy.

To the chief musician upon Shu-shan-e-duth (testimony – at the second Passover for those who could not attend the first)

David's wife, Mical, helped him escape Saul's murder attempt. When Saul's men came for him, he had fled.