

Psalm 76

A Psalm or song of A-saph

King James Version (KJV) **Asaph- a chief musician of David**

76 In Judah is God known: his name is great in Israel.

²In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.
(Salem– The oldest name of Jerusalem, even before it was called
Jebus) (Salem also means peace) Hebrews-7:1 (Melchisedec – the
king of Salem or peace)

³There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and
the battle. Selah. (Selah – stop, think, meditate)

⁴Thou art more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey.
(excellent- powerful) (mountains– symbolic for nations)

⁵The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of
the men of might have found their hands. (They are helpless)

⁶At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast
into a dead sleep. (Chariots of the enemy)

⁷Thou, even thou, art to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight
when once thou art angry? (feared– feared only, not revered) (No one
can overcome God)

⁸Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth
feared, and was still, (Other nations heard about the victories of God
against the enemies of Israel)

⁹When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth.
Selah.

¹⁰Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath
shalt thou restrain. (Those who would be so naïve as to have wrath
for God will be defeated. Their wrath will turn to praise at the might of
God) (When man's wrath ends, God will restrain His wrath as well –
Better translation)

¹¹Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God: let all that be round about
him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared. (feared- feared
by enemies or revered by God's faithful – This is a different word than
in verse 3)

¹² He shall cut off the spirit of princes: he is terrible to the kings of the earth. (terrible- awesome)

To the chief musician, to Je-du-thun - Also called Ethan, another of the three directors of David's musicians

The chief musician - Jesus Christ – He who has the victory

This Psalm may be when Senachareb of Syria, tried to take Jerusalem from Hezekiah)