

Psalm 124

A Song of Degrees by David

King James Version (KJV)

124 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say;

²If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

³Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

⁴Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul: (waters- usually a metaphor for the people, the masses)

⁵Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

⁶Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

⁷Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

⁸Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. (help- to aid- from the prime: *azer*- to aid by surrounding)

Senachareb's cylinder in the British museum, calls Hezekiah as a bird, trapped in a cage. Written by David, this also prophesied of Hezekiah.