

Psalm 80

A Psalm of A-saph

King James Version (KJV)

80 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth.

² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come and save us. (Ephraim and Manasseh- sons of Joseph, Benjamin- son of Rachel, Joseph's brother) (these three tribes were charged to encamp on the west side of the sanctuary to protect it, from enemies coming from the west. Also when marching, they protected the rear of the column.)

³ Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

⁴ O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people? (angry at their idolatry)

⁵ Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure. (They brought it upon themselves with their apostacy)

⁶ Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves.

⁷ Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

⁸ Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it. (a vine – the people) (in the Promised land - Canaan)

⁹ Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land. (The Israelites)

¹⁰ The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars. (North to south)

¹¹ She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river. (East to west)

¹² Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her? (the wall of protection of Israel) See [Isaiah-5:1-7](#)

¹³ The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it. (animals are usually symbolic of the ensigns of armies – crocodile=Egypt, boar= Rome)

¹⁴ Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine; (Return them back to God)

¹⁵ And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself. (branch= Ben, which means, son)

¹⁶ It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance. See [John-15:1-2](#)

¹⁷ Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself. (Prophecy for Jesus Christ, now)

¹⁸ So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

¹⁹ Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

To the chief musician, upon Git-tith - Relating to the wine press