

Psalm 88

Mas-chil of He-man the Ez-ra-hite

King James Version (KJV)

Heman was a Koathite, and a chief singer

88 O lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee:

²Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

³For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave. **(He is old, at this writing)**

⁴I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength: **(man-> Geeber - a descendent of the Nehalem, also a term for a might man)**

⁵Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand. **(This Psalm only refers to the flesh, not the soul)**

⁶Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

⁷Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Selah. **(He feels sorry for himself)**

⁸Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

⁹Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

¹⁰Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? Selah. **(dead- Rafa – Refaim – the fallen angels) Also see Isaiah-26:14**

¹¹Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?

¹²Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

¹³But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee. **(prevent- come before)**

¹⁴ LORD, why castest thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from me? (His complaints are in vain. The soul is not cast off)

¹⁵ I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

¹⁶ Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.

¹⁷ They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.

¹⁸ Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.

Ezrahite pertains to a district where Heman lived. This is a prayer of a patient sufferer. This can be a prophecy for Jesus, awaiting the crucifixion.

Heman is focused on the flesh, in this psalm, which dies and stays dead. The Spirit body immediately returns to God. The flesh means nothing.