THE PSALMS

***Psalm 1***

*1* Blessed are they who have not walked

in the / counsel of the / wicked :

nor lingered in the way of sinners,

nor sat in the as/sembly / of the / scornful.

*2* Their delight is in the / law of the / Lord :

and they meditate on his / law / day and / night.

*3* Like a tree planted by streams of water

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that / do not / wither :

whatever they / do, / it shall / prosper.

*4* As for the wicked, it is not / so with / them :

they are like chaff which the / wind / blows a/way.

*5* Therefore the wicked shall not be able to / stand in the / judgement :

nor the sinner in the congre/gation / of the / righteous.

*6* For the Lord knows the / way of the / righteous :

but the / way of the / wicked shall / perish.

***Psalm 2***

*1* Why are the / nations in / tumult :

and why do the peoples de/vise a / vain / plot?

*2* The kings of the earth rise up,

and the rulers take / counsel to/gether :

against the Lord / and a/gainst his a/nointed:

*3* ‘Let us break their / bonds a/sunder :

and / cast a/way their / cords from us.’

*4* He who dwells in heaven shall / laugh them to / scorn :

the Lord shall / have them / in de/rision.

*5* Then shall he speak to them / in his / wrath :

and / terrify them / in his / fury:

*6* ‘Yet have I / set my / king :

upon my / holy / hill of / Zion.’

*7* I will proclaim the de/cree of the / Lord :

he said to me: ‘You are my Son;

this / day have / I be/gotten you.

*8* Ask of me and I will give you the nations for / your in/heritance :

and the ends of the / earth for / your pos/session.

*9* You shall break them with a / rod of / iron :

and dash them in pieces / like a / potter’s / vessel.’

*10* Now therefore be / wise, O / kings :

be prudent, you / judges / of the / earth.

*11* Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling / kiss his / feet :

lest he be angry and you perish from the way,

for his / wrath is / quickly / kindled.

*12* Happy / are all / they :

who / take / refuge in / him.

***Psalm 3***

*1* Lord, how many / are my / adversaries :

many are / they who rise / up a/gainst me.

*2* Many are they who / say to my / soul :

‘There is no / help for you / in your / God.’

*3* But you, Lord, are a / shield a/bout me :

you are my glory, and the / lifter / up of my / head.

*4* When I cry a/loud to the / Lord :

he will answer me / from his / holy / hill;

*5* I lie down and sleep and / rise a/gain :

be/cause the / Lord sus/tains me.

*6* I will not be afraid of / hordes of the / peoples :

that have set themselves a/gainst me / all a/round.

*7* Rise up, O Lord, and deliver me, / O my / God :

for you strike all my enemies on the cheek

and / break the / teeth of the / wicked.

*8* Salvation be/longs to the / Lord :

may your blessing / be up/on your / people.

***Psalm 4***

*1* Answer me when I call, O / God of my / righteousness :

you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;

have mercy on / me and / hear my / prayer.

*2* How long will you nobles dis/honour my / glory :

how long will you love vain / things and / seek after / falsehood?

*3* But know that the Lord has shown me his / marvellous / kindness :

when I call upon the / Lord, / he will / hear me.

*4* Stand in / awe, and / sin not :

commune with your own heart upon your / bed, / and be / still.

*5* Offer the / sacrifices of / righteousness :

and / put your / trust in the / Lord.

*6* There are many that say, ‘Who will show us / any / good?’ :

Lord, lift up the / light of your / countenance up/on us.

*7* You have put gladness / in my / heart :

more than when their corn and / wine and / oil in/crease.

*8* In peace I will lie / down and / sleep :

for it is you Lord, only, who / make me / dwell in / safety.

***Psalm 5***

*1* Give ear to my / words, O / Lord :

con/sider my / lamen/tation.

*2* Hearken to the voice of my crying, my / King and my / God :

for to / you I / make my / prayer.

*3* In the morning, Lord, you will / hear my / voice :

early in the morning I make my ap/peal to you, / and look / up.

*4* For you are the God who takes no / pleasure in / wickedness :

no / evil can / dwell with / you.

*5* The boastful cannot / stand in your / sight :

you / hate all / those that work / wickedness.

*6* You destroy / those who speak / lies :

the bloodthirsty and de/ceitful the / Lord • will ab/hor.

*7* But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy,

I will come / into your / house :

I will bow down towards your holy / temple in / awe of / you.

*8* Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness,

be/cause of my / enemies :

make your way / straight be/fore my / face.

*9* For there is no truth in their mouth,

in their / heart is des/truction :

their throat is an open sepulchre,

and they / flatter / with their / tongue.

*10* Punish / them, O / God :

let them / fall • through their / own de/vices.

*11* Because of their many transgressions / cast them / out :

for / they have re/belled a/gainst you.

*12* But let all who take refuge in / you be / glad :

let them / sing out their / joy for / ever.

*13* You will / shelter / them :

so that those who love your / name • may ex/ult in / you.

*14* For you, O Lord, will / bless the / righteous :

and with your favour

you will de/fend them / as with a / shield.

***Psalm 6***

*1* O Lord, rebuke me / not in your / wrath :

neither chasten me / in your / fierce / anger.

*2* Have mercy on me, Lord, for / I am / weak :

Lord, heal me, / for my / bones are / racked.

*3* My soul also / shakes with / terror :

how / long, O / Lord, how / long?

*4* Turn again, O Lord, and de/liver my / soul :

save me for your / loving / mercy’s / sake.

*5* For in death no one re/members / you :

and who can / give you / thanks • in the / grave?

*6* I am weary / with my / groaning :

every night I drench my pillow

and / flood my / bed with my / tears.

*7* My eyes are / wasted with / grief :

and worn away be/cause of / all my / enemies.

*8* Depart from me, all / you that do / evil :

for the Lord has / heard the / voice of my / weeping.

*9* The Lord has heard my / suppli/cation :

the Lord / will re/ceive my / prayer.

*10* All my enemies shall be put to / shame and con/fusion :

they shall / suddenly turn / back • in their / shame.

***Psalm 7***

*1* O Lord my God, in / you I take / refuge :

save me from all who pur/sue me, / and de/liver me,

*2* Lest they rend me like a lion and / tear me in / pieces :

while / there is / no one to / help me.

*3* O Lord my God, if I have / done these / things :

if there is any / wickedness / in my / hands,

*4* If I have repaid my / friend with / evil :

or plundered my / enemy with/out a / cause,

‡*5* Then let my enemy pursue me and / over/take me :

trample my life to the ground,

and lay my / honour / in the / dust.

*6* Rise up, O Lord, in your wrath;

lift yourself up against the fury / of my / enemies :

awaken, my God, the judgement / that you / have com/manded.

*7* Let the assembly of the peoples / gather / round you :

be seated high above them: O / Lord, / judge the / nations.

*8* Give judgement for me

according to my / righteousness, O / Lord :

and according to the / innocence / that is / in me.

*9* Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,

but es/tablish the / righteous :

for you test the mind and / heart, O / righteous / God.

*10* God is my shield / that is / over me :

he / saves the / true of / heart.

*11* God is a / righteous / judge :

he is pro/voked / all day / long.

*12* If they will not repent, God will / whet his / sword :

he has bent his / bow and / made it / ready.

*13* He has prepared the / weapons of / death :

he makes his / arrows / shafts of / fire.

*14* Behold those who are in / labour with / wickedness :

who conceive evil / and give / birth to / lies.

*15* They dig a pit and / make it / deep :

and fall into the hole that / they have / made for / others.

*16* Their mischief rebounds on their / own / head :

their violence / falls on their / own / scalp.

*17* I will give thanks to the Lord / for his / righteousness :

and I will make music to the / name of the / Lord Most / High.

***Psalm 8*** *First version*

*1* O / Lord our / governor :

how glorious is your / name in / all the / world!

*2* Your majesty above the / heavens is / praised :

out of the / mouths of / babes at the / breast.

‡*3* You have founded a stronghold a/gainst your / foes :

that you might still the / enemy / and the a/venger.

*4* When I consider your heavens, the / work of your / fingers :

the moon and the / stars that / you have or/dained,

*5* What is man, that you should be / mindful / of him :

the son of man, that / you should / seek him / out?

*6* You have made him little / lower • than the / angels :

and / crown him with / glory and / honour.

*7* You have given him dominion over the / works of your / hands :

and put / all things / under his / feet,

*8,9* All sheep and oxen,

even the wild / beasts of the / field :

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea

and whatsoever / moves • in the / paths of the / sea.

*10* O / Lord our / governor :

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‡*3* You have founded a stronghold a/gainst your / foes :

that you might still the / enemy / and the a/venger.

*4* When I consider your heavens, the / work of your / fingers :

the moon and the / stars that / you have or/dained,

*5* What are mortals, that you should be / mindful / of them :

mere human beings, that / you should / seek them / out?

*6* You have made them little / lower • than the / angels :

and / crown them with / glory and / honour.

*7* You have given them dominion over the / works of your / hands :

and put / all things / under their / feet,

*8,9* All sheep and oxen,

even the wild / beasts of the / field :

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea

and whatsoever / moves • in the / paths of the / sea.

*10* O / Lord our / governor :

how glorious is your / name in / all the / world!

***Psalm 9***

*1* I will give thanks to you, Lord, with my / whole / heart :

I will tell of / all your / marvellous / works.

*2* I will be glad and re/joice in / you :

I will make music to your / name, / O Most / High.

*3* When my enemies are / driven / back :

they stumble and / perish / at your / presence.

*4* For you have maintained my / right and my / cause :

you sat on your throne / giving / righteous / judgement.

*5* You have rebuked the nations and des/troyed the / wicked :

you have blotted out their / name for / ever and / ever.

*6* The enemy was / utterly laid / waste :

you uprooted their cities;

their / very / memory has / perished.

*7* But the Lord shall en/dure for / ever :

he has made / fast his / throne for / judgement.

*8* For he shall rule the / world with / righteousness :

and / govern the / peoples with / equity.

*9* Then will the Lord be a refuge / for the op/pressed :

a refuge / in the / time of / trouble.

*10* And those who know your name

will put their / trust in / you :

for you, Lord, have / never failed / those who / seek you.

*11* Sing praises to the Lord who / dwells in / Zion :

declare among the / peoples the / things • he has / done.

*12* The avenger of blood / has re/membered them :

he did not forget the / cry / of the op/pressed.

*13* Have mercy upon / me, O / Lord :

consider the trouble I suffer from those who hate me,

you that lift me / up • from the / gates of / death;

*14* That I may tell all your praises

in the gates of the / city of / Zion :

and re/joice in / your sal/vation.

*15* The nations shall sink into the / pit of their / making :

and in the snare which they set

will their / own / foot be / taken.

*16* The Lord makes himself known by his / acts of / justice :

the wicked are snared in the / works of their / own / hands.

*17* They shall return to the / land of / darkness :

all the / nations / that forget / God.

*18* For the needy shall not always / be for/gotten :

and the hope of the poor / shall not / perish for / ever.

*19* Arise, O Lord, and let not mortals have the / upper / hand :

let the nations be / judged be/fore your / face.

*20* Put them in / fear, O / Lord :

that the nations may know them/selves to / be but / mortal.

***Psalm 10***

*1* Why stand so far / off, O / Lord? :

Why hide your/self in / time of / trouble?

*2* The wicked in their pride / persecute the / poor :

let them be caught in the / schemes they / have de/vised.

*3* The wicked boast of their / heart’s de/sire :

the covetous curse / and re/vile the / Lord.

*4* The wicked in their arrogance say, ‘God will / not a/venge it’ :

in all their / scheming God / counts for / nothing.

*5* They are stubborn in all their ways,

for your judgements are far above / out of their / sight :

they / scoff at / all their / adversaries.

*6* They say in their heart, ‘I shall / not be / shaken :

no harm shall / ever / happen to / me.’

*7* Their mouth is full of cursing, de/ceit and / fraud :

under their / tongue lie / mischief and / wrong.

*8* They lurk in the outskirts

and in dark alleys they / murder the / innocent :

their eyes are ever / watching / for the / helpless.

‡*9* They lie in wait, like a lion in his den;

they lie in wait to / seize the / poor :

they seize the poor when they / get them / into their / net.

*1* The innocent are broken and / humbled be/fore them :

the helpless / fall be/fore their / power.

*11* They say in their heart, / ‘God has for/gotten :

he hides his face away; / he will / never / see it.’

*12* Arise, O Lord God, and lift / up your / hand :

for/get / not the / poor.

*13* Why should the wicked be / scornful of / God? :

Why should they say in their hearts, / ‘You will / not a/venge it’?

*14* Surely, you behold / trouble and / misery :

you see it and take it / into your / own / hand.

*15* The helpless commit them/selves to / you :

for you are the / helper / of the / orphan.

*16* Break the power of the wicked / and ma/licious :

search out their wickedness un/til you / find / none.

*17* The Lord shall reign for / ever and / ever :

the nations shall / perish / from his / land.

*18* Lord, you will hear the de/sire of the / poor :

you will incline your ear to the / fullness / of their / heart,

*19* To give justice to the orphan / and op/pressed :

so that people are no longer driven in / terror / from the / land.

***Psalm 11***

*1* In the Lord have I / taken / refuge :

how then can you say to me,

‘Flee like a / bird / to the / hills,

*2* For see how the wicked bend the bow

and fit their arrows / to the / string :

to shoot from the shadows / at the / true of / heart.

*3* When the foundations / are des/troyed :

what / can the / righteous / do?’

*4* The Lord is in his / holy / temple :

the / Lord’s throne / is in / heaven.

*5* His / eyes be/hold :

his eyelids / try every / mortal / being.

*6* The Lord tries the righteous as / well as the / wicked :

but those who delight in / violence his / soul ab/hors.

*7* Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire

and / burning / sulphur :

scorching wind shall / be their / portion to / drink.

*8* For the Lord is righteous; he loves / righteous / deeds :

and those who are upright / shall be/hold his / face.

***Psalm 12***

*1* Help me, Lord, for no one / godly is / left :

the faithful have vanished from the / whole / human / race.

*2* They all speak falsely / with their / neighbour :

they flatter with their lips, but / speak • from a / double / heart.

*3* O that the Lord would cut off all / flattering / lips :

and the / tongue that speaks / proud / boasts!

*4* Those who say, ‘With our tongue will / we pre/vail :

our lips we will use; / who is / lord / over us?’

*5* ‘Because of the oppression of the needy,

and the groaning / of the / poor :

I will rise up now,’ says the Lord,

‘and set them in the / safety / that they / long for.’

*6* The words of the / Lord are / pure words :

like silver refined in the furnace

and purified / seven times / in the / fire.

*7* You, O Lord, / will watch / over us :

and guard us from / this • gene/ration for / ever.

*8* The wicked strut on / every / side :

when what is vile is exalted by the / whole / human / race.

***Psalm 13***

*1* How long will you forget me, O / Lord; for / ever? :

How long will you / hide your / face / from me?

*2* How long shall I have anguish in my soul

and grief in my heart, / day after / day? :

How long shall my / enemy / triumph / over me?

*3* Look upon me and answer, O / Lord my / God :

lighten my eyes, / lest I / sleep in / death;

*4* Lest my enemy say, ‘I have pre/vailed a/gainst him’ :

and my foes re/joice that / I have / fallen.

*5* But I put my trust in your / steadfast / love :

my heart will re/joice in / your sal/vation.

*6* I will / sing to the / Lord :

for he has / dealt so / bounti•fully / with me.

***Psalm 14***

*1* The fool has said in his heart, ‘There / is no / God.’ :

Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness;

there is / no one / that does / good.

*2* The Lord has looked down from heaven

upon the / children of / earth :

to see if there is anyone who is / wise and / seeks after / God.

‡*3* But every one has turned back; all alike have be/come cor/rupt :

there is none that does / good; / no, not / one.

*4* Have they no knowledge, those / evil/doers :

who eat up my people as if they ate bread

and do not / call up/on the / Lord?

*5* There shall they be in / great / fear :

for God is in the / company / of the / righteous.

*6* Though they would confound the / counsel • of the / poor :

yet the / Lord shall / be their / refuge.

*7* O that Israel’s salvation would / come • out of / Zion! :

When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,

then will Jacob re/joice and / Israel be / glad.

***Psalm 15***

*1* Lord, who may / dwell in your / tabernacle? :

Who may rest up/on your / holy / hill?

*2* Whoever leads an / uncorrupt / life :

and / does the / thing that is / right;

*3* Who speaks the / truth • from the / heart :

and / bears • no de/ceit on the / tongue;

*4* Who does no / evil • to a / friend :

and / pours no / scorn • on a / neighbour;

*5* In whose sight the wicked are / not es/teemed :

but who honours / those who / fear the / Lord.

*6* Whoever has / sworn to a / neighbour :

and / never goes / back • on that / word;

*7,8* Who does not lend money in hope of gain,

nor takes a bribe a/gainst the / innocent :

Whoever does these / things shall / never / fall.

***Psalm 16***

*1* Preserve me, O God, for in you have I / taken / refuge :

I have said to the Lord, ‘You are my lord,

all my / good de/pends on / you.’

*2* All my delight is upon the godly that are / in the / land :

upon / those • who are / noble in / heart.

‡*3* Though the idols are legion that / many run / after :

their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,

neither make mention of their / names up/on my / lips.

*4* The Lord himself is my portion / and my / cup :

in your hands a/lone / is my / fortune.

*5* My share has fallen in a / fair / land :

indeed, I / have a / goodly / heritage.

*6* I will bless the Lord who has / given me / counsel :

and in the night watches / he in/structs my / heart.

*7* I have set the Lord / always be/fore me :

he is at my right / hand; I / shall not / fall.

*8* Wherefore my heart is glad and my / spirit re/joices :

my flesh / also shall / rest se/cure.

*9* For you will not abandon my / soul to / Death :

nor suffer your / faithful one to / see the / Pit.

‡*10* You will show me the path of life;

in your presence is the / fullness of / joy :

and in your right hand are / pleasures for / ever/more.

***Psalm 17***

*1* Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider / my com/plaint :

listen to my prayer, which comes / not from / lying / lips.

*2* Let my vindication come / forth from your / presence :

let your eyes be/hold / what is / right.

*3* Weigh my heart, examine / me by / night :

refine me, and you will find / no im/purity / in me.

*4* My mouth does not trespass for / earthly re/wards :

I have / heeded the / words • of your / lips.

*5* My footsteps hold fast in the ways of / your com/mandments :

my feet have not / stumbled / in your / paths.

*6* I call upon you, O God, for / you will / answer me :

incline your ear to me, and / listen / to my / words.

*7* Show me your marvellous / loving/kindness :

O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand

from / those who / rise up a/gainst them.

*8* Keep me as the / apple • of your / eye :

hide me under the / shadow / of your / wings,

*9* From the wicked / who as/sault me :

from my enemies who surround me to / take a/way my / life.

*10* They have closed their / heart to / pity :

and their / mouth speaks / proud / things.

*11* They press me hard, they surround me on / every / side :

watching how they may / cast me / to the / ground,

*12* Like a lion that is greedy / for its / prey :

like a young lion / lurking in / secret / places.

*13* Arise, Lord; confront them and / cast them / down :

deliver me from the / wicked / by your / sword.

*14* Deliver me, O Lord, / by your / hand :

from those whose / portion in / life • is un/ending,

*15* Whose bellies you / fill with your / treasure :

who are well supplied with children

and / leave their / wealth • to their / little ones.

*16* As for me, I shall see your / face in / righteousness :

when I awake and behold your / likeness, / I shall be / satisfied.

***Psalm 18***

*1* I love you, O / Lord my / strength :

the Lord is my crag, my / fortress and / my de/liverer,

*2* My God, my rock in / whom I take / refuge :

my shield, the horn of my sal/vation / and my / stronghold.

‡*3* I cried to the / Lord in my / anguish :

and / I was / saved from my / enemies.

*4* The cords of / death en/twined me :

and the torrents of des/truction / over/whelmed me.

*5* The cords of the Pit / fastened a/bout me :

and the / snares of / death en/tangled me.

*6* In my distress I / called upon the / Lord :

and cried / out to my / God for / help.

*7* He heard my / voice in his / temple :

and my / cry / came to his / ears.

*8* The earth / trembled and / quaked :

the foundations of the mountains shook;

they / reeled be/cause he was / angry.

*9* Smoke rose from his nostrils

and a consuming fire went / out of his / mouth :

burning / coals / blazed forth / from him.

*10* He parted the heavens / and came / down :

and thick / darkness was / under his / feet.

*11* He rode upon the / cherubim and / flew :

he came / flying • on the / wings of the / wind.

*12* He made darkness his covering / round a/bout him :

dark waters and thick / clouds / his pa/vilion.

*13* From the brightness of his presence, / through the / clouds :

burst / hailstones and / coals of / fire.

*14* The Lord also thundered / out of / heaven :

the Most High uttered his voice

with / hailstones and / coals of / fire.

*15* He sent out his / arrows and / scattered them :

he hurled down / lightnings and / put them to / flight.

*16a* The springs of the / ocean were / seen :

and the foun/dations of the / world un/covered

*16b* At your re/buke, O / Lord :

at the blast of the / breath of / your dis/pleasure.

*17* He reached down from on / high and / took me :

he drew me / out of the / mighty / waters.

*18* He delivered me from my / strong / enemy :

from foes that / were too / mighty / for me.

*19* They came upon me in the / day of my / trouble :

but the / Lord was / my up/holder.

*20* He brought me out into a / place of / liberty :

he rescued me be/cause he de/lighted / in me.

*21* The Lord rewarded me after my / righteous / dealing :

according to the cleanness of my / hands he / recom/pensed me,

*22* Because I had kept the / ways of the / Lord :

and had not gone / wickedly a/way from my / God,

*23* For I had an eye to / all his / laws :

and did not cast / out his com/mandments / from me.

*24* I was also whole/hearted be/fore him :

and / kept myself / from in/iquity;

*25* Therefore the Lord rewarded me after my / righteous / dealing :

and according to the cleanness of my / hands / in his / sight.

*26* With the faithful you / show yourself / faithful :

with the / true you / show yourself / true;

*27* With the pure you / show yourself / pure :

but with the crooked you / show your/self per/verse.

*28* For you will save a / lowly / people :

and bring down the / high / looks • of the / proud.

*29* You also shall / light my / candle :

the Lord my God shall make my / darkness / to be / bright.

*30* By your help I shall run at an / enemy / host :

with the help of my God / I can leap / over a / wall.

*31* As for God, his way is perfect;

the word of the Lord is / tried in the / fire :

he is a shield to / all who / trust in / him.

*32* For who is / God • but the / Lord :

and who is the / rock ex/cept our / God?

*33* It is God who girds me a/bout with / strength :

and / makes my / way / perfect.

*34* He makes my / feet like / hinds’ feet :

so that I tread / surely / on the / heights.

*35* He teaches my / hands to / fight :

and my arms to / bend a / bow of / bronze.

*36* You have given me the shield of / your sal/vation :

your right hand upholds me

and your / grace has / made me / great.

*37* You enlarge my / strides be/neath me :

yet my / feet / do not / slide.

*38* I will pursue my enemies and / over/take them :

nor turn again un/til I / have des/troyed them.

*39* I will smite them down so they / cannot / rise :

they shall / fall be/neath my / feet.

*40* You have girded me with / strength for the / battle :

you will cast / down my / enemies / under me;

*41* You will make my foes turn their / backs up/on me :

and I shall des/troy / them that / hate me.

*42* They will cry out, but there shall be / none to / help them :

they will cry to the Lord, / but he / will not / answer.

*43* I shall beat them as small as the / dust • on the / wind :

I will cast them out as the / mire / in the / streets.

*44* You will deliver me from the / strife of the / peoples :

you will / make me the / head • of the / nations.

*45* A people I have not known shall serve me;

as soon as they hear me, they / shall o/bey me :

strangers will / humble them/selves be/fore me.

*46* The foreign peoples / will lose / heart :

and come / trembling / out of their / strongholds.

*47* The Lord lives, and blessed / be my / rock! :

Praised be the / God of / my sal/vation,

*48* Even the / God who / vindicates me :

and sub/dues the / peoples / under me!

*49* You that deliver me from my enemies,

you will set me up a/bove my / foes :

from the / violent you / will de/liver me;

*50* Therefore will I give you thanks, O Lord, a/mong the / nations :

and sing / praises / to your / name,

‡*51* To the one who gives great victory / to his / king :

and shows faithful love to his anointed,

to David / and his / seed for / ever.

***Psalm 19***

*1* The heavens are telling the / glory of / God :

and the / firmament pro/claims his / handiwork.

*2* One day pours out its song / to an/other :

and one night unfolds / knowledge / to an/other.

*3* They have neither / speech nor / language :

and their / voices / are not / heard,

*4* Yet their sound has gone out into / all / lands :

and their / words • to the / ends of the / world.

*5* In them has he set a tabernacle / for the / sun :

that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber

and rejoices as a / champion to / run his / course.

*6* It goes forth from the end of the heavens

and runs to the very / end a/gain :

and there is nothing / hidden / from its / heat.

*7* The law of the Lord is perfect, re/viving the / soul :

the testimony of the Lord is sure

and gives / wisdom / to the / simple.

*8* The statutes of the Lord are right and re/joice the / heart :

the commandment of the Lord is pure

and gives / light / to the / eyes.

*9* The fear of the Lord is clean and en/dures for / ever :

the judgements of the Lord are true and / righteous / alto/gether.

*10* More to be desired are they than gold,

more than / much fine / gold :

sweeter also than honey, / dripping / from the / honeycomb.

‡*11* By them also is your / servant / taught :

and in keeping them / there is / great re/ward.

*12* Who can tell how often / they of/fend? :

O cleanse me / from my / secret / faults!

*13* Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins

lest they get do/minion / over me :

so shall I be undefiled, and / innocent of / great of/fence.

*14* Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable / in your / sight :

O Lord, my / strength and / my re/deemer.

***Psalm 20***

*1* May the Lord hear you in the / day of / trouble :

the name of the / God of / Jacob de/fend you;

*2* Send you / help from his / sanctuary :

and / strengthen you / out of / Zion;

*3* Remember / all your / offerings :

and ac/cept your / burnt / sacrifice;

*4* Grant you your / heart’s de/sire :

and ful/fil / all your / mind.

‡*5* May we rejoice in your salvation

and triumph in the / name of our / God :

may the Lord per/form all / your pe/titions.

*6* Now I know that the Lord will / save his a/nointed :

he will answer him from his holy heaven,

with the mighty / strength of / his right / hand.

*7* Some put their trust in chariots and / some in / horses :

but we will call only on the / name

of the / Lord our / God.

*8* They are brought / down and / fallen :

but we are / risen / and stand / upright.

*9* O Lord, / save the / king :

and answer us / when we / call up/on you.

***Psalm 21***

*1* The king shall rejoice in your / strength, O / Lord :

how greatly shall he re/joice in / your sal/vation!

*2* You have given him his / heart’s de/sire :

and have not de/nied • the re/quest of his / lips.

*3* For you come to meet him with / blessings of / goodness :

and set a crown of pure / gold up/on his / head.

*4* He asked of you / life • and you / gave it him :

length of / days, for / ever and / ever.

*5* His honour is great because of / your sal/vation :

glory and majesty / have you / laid up/on him.

*6* You have granted him ever/lasting fe/licity :

and will make him / glad with / joy • in your / presence.

‡*7* For the king puts his / trust in the / Lord :

because of the loving-kindness of the Most High,

he shall / not be / over/thrown.

*8* Your hand shall mark down / all your / enemies :

your right hand will / find out / those who / hate you.

*9* You will make them like a fiery oven in the / time of your / wrath :

the Lord will swallow them up in his anger

/ and the / fire will con/sume them.

*10* Their fruit you will root / out of the / land :

and their / seed • from a/mong its in/habitants.

*11* Because they intend / evil a/gainst you :

and devise wicked schemes / which they / cannot per/form,

*12* You will / put them to / flight :

when you / aim your / bow at their / faces.

*13* Be exalted, O Lord, in / your own / might :

we will make / music and / sing of your / power.

***Psalm 22***

*1* My God, my God, why have / you for/saken me :

and are so far from my salvation,

from the / words of / my dis/tress?

*2* O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you / do not / answer :

and by night also, / but I / find no / rest.

*3* Yet you / are the / Holy One :

enthroned up/on the / praises of / Israel.

*4* Our forebears / trusted in / you :

they / trusted, and / you de/livered them.

*5* They cried out to you and / were de/livered :

they put their trust in you / and were / not con/founded.

*6* But as for me, I am a worm and / no / man :

scorned by all / and des/pised • by the / people.

*7* All who see me / laugh me to / scorn :

they curl their lips and / wag their / heads, / saying,

*8* ‘He trusted in the Lord; / let him de/liver him :

let him de/liver him, if / he de/lights in him.’

*9* But it is you that took me / out of the / womb :

and laid me safe up/on my / mother’s / breast.

*10* On you was I cast ever since / I was / born :

you are my God even / from my / mother’s / womb.

‡*11* Be not far from me, for trouble is / near at / hand :

and / there is / none to / help.

*12* Mighty oxen / come a/round me :

fat bulls of Bashan close me / in on / every / side.

*13* They gape upon me / with their / mouths :

as it were a / ramping • and a / roaring / lion.

*14* I am poured out like water;

all my bones are / out of / joint :

my heart has become like wax

/ melting • in the / depths of my / body.

*15* My mouth is dried up like a potsherd;

my tongue / cleaves to my / gums :

you have laid me / in the / dust of / death.

*16* For the hounds are all about me,

the pack of evildoers close / in on / me :

they / pierce my / hands and my / feet.

*17* I can count / all my / bones :

they stand / staring and / looking up/on me.

*18* They divide my / garments a/mong them :

they cast / lots / for my / clothing.

*19* Be not far from / me, O / Lord :

you are my / strength; / hasten to / help me.

*20* Deliver my soul / from the / sword :

my poor life / from the / power of the / dog.

*21* Save me from the / lion’s / mouth :

from the horns of wild oxen.

/ You have / answered / me!

*22* I will tell of your / name to my / people :

in the midst of the congre/gation / will I / praise you.

*23* Praise the Lord, / you that / fear him :

O seed of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of / him, O / seed of / Israel.

*24* For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;

neither has he hidden his / face / from them :

but when they / cried to / him he / heard them.

*25* From you comes my praise in the great / congre/gation :

I will perform my vows

in the / presence of / those that / fear you.

‡*26* The poor shall eat / and be / satisfied :

those who seek the Lord shall praise him;

their / hearts shall / live for / ever.

*27* All the ends of the earth shall remember and / turn to the / Lord :

and all the families of the / nations shall / bow be/fore him.

*28* For the kingdom / is the / Lord’s :

and he / rules / over the / nations.

*29* How can those who sleep in the earth bow / down in / worship :

or those who go down to the / dust / kneel be/fore him?

*30* He has saved my life for himself;

my des/cendants shall / serve him :

this shall be told of the Lord for / gene/rations to / come.

‡ *31* They shall come and make known his salvation,

to a people / yet un/born :

declaring that / he, the / Lord, has / done it.

***Psalm 23***

*1* The Lord / is my / shepherd :

therefore / can I / lack / nothing.

*2* He makes me lie down in / green / pastures :

and / leads me be/side still / waters.

*3* He shall re/fresh my / soul :

and guide me in the paths of righteousness

/ for his / name’s / sake.

*4* Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will / fear no / evil :

for you are with me;

your / rod and your / staff, they / comfort me.

*5* You spread a table before me

in the presence of / those who / trouble me :

you have anointed my head with oil

/ and my / cup shall be / full.

*6* Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me

all the / days of my / life :

and I will dwell in the / house of the / Lord for / ever.

***Psalm 24***

*1* The earth is the Lord’s and / all that / fills it :

the compass of the world and / all who / dwell there/in.

*2* For he has founded it up/on the / seas :

and set it firm upon the / rivers / of the / deep.

*3* ‘Who shall ascend the / hill of the / Lord :

or who can rise / up • in his / holy / place?’

*4* ‘Those who have clean hands and a / pure / heart :

who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,

nor / sworn an / oath • to a / lie;

*5* ‘They shall receive a blessing / from the / Lord :

a just reward from the / God of / their sal/vation.’

*6* Such is the company of / those who / seek him :

of those who seek your / face, O / God of / Jacob.

*7* Lift up your heads, O gates;

be lifted up, you ever/lasting / doors :

and the King of / glory / shall come / in.

*8* ‘Who is the / King of / glory?’ :

‘The Lord, strong and mighty,

the / Lord • who is / mighty in / battle.’

*9* Lift up your heads, O gates;

be lifted up, you ever/lasting / doors :

and the King of / glory / shall come / in.

*10* ‘Who is this / King of / glory?’ :

‘The Lord of hosts, / he is the / King of / glory.’

***Psalm 25***

*1* To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in / you I / trust :

let me not be put to shame;

let not my / enemies / triumph / over me.

*2* Let none who look to you be / put to / shame :

but let the / treacherous be / shamed • and frus/trated.

*3* Make me to know your / ways, O / Lord :

and / teach me / your / paths.

*4* Lead me in your / truth and / teach me :

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you have I / hoped / all the day / long.

*5* Remember, Lord, your com/passion and / love :

for they / are from / ever/lasting.

*6* Remember not the sins of my youth or / my trans/gressions :

but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,

according / to your / steadfast / love.

*7* Gracious and upright / is the / Lord :

therefore shall he teach / sinners / in the / way.

*8* He will guide the humble in / doing / right :

and / teach his / way to the / lowly.

*9* All the paths of the Lord are / mercy and / truth :

to those who keep his / covenant / and his / testimonies.

*10* For your name’s / sake, O / Lord :

be merciful to my / sin, for / it is / great.

*11* Who are those who / fear the / Lord? :

Them will he teach in the / way that / they should / choose.

*12* Their soul shall / dwell at / ease :

and their offspring / shall in/herit the / land.

*13* The hidden purpose of the Lord is for / those who / fear him :

and / he will / show them his / covenant.

*14* My eyes are ever / looking • to the / Lord :

for he shall pluck my / feet / out of the / net.

*15* Turn to me and be / gracious / to me :

for I am alone / and brought / very / low.

*16* The sorrows of my heart / have in/creased :

O bring me / out of / my dis/tress.

*17* Look upon my ad/versity and / misery :

and for/give me / all my / sin.

*18* Look upon my enemies, for / they are / many :

and they bear a / violent / hatred a/gainst me.

*19* O keep my soul / and de/liver me :

let me not be put to shame, for I have / put my / trust in / you.

*20* Let integrity and / uprightness pre/serve me :

for my / hope has / been in / you.

‡*21* Deliver / Israel, O / God :

out of / all / his / troubles.

***Psalm 26***

*1* Give judgement for me, O Lord,

for I have / walked with in/tegrity :

I have trusted in the / Lord and / have not / faltered.

*2* Test me, O / Lord, and / try me :

examine my / heart / and my / mind.

*3* For your love is be/fore my / eyes :

I have / walked / in your / truth.

*4* I have not joined the company / of the / false :

nor con/sorted / with the de/ceitful.

*5* I hate the gathering of / evil/doers :

and I will / not sit / down • with the / wicked.

*6* I will wash my hands in / innocence, O / Lord :

that I may / go a/bout your / altar,

*7* To make heard the / voice of / thanksgiving :

and tell of / all your / wonderful / deeds.

*8* Lord, I love the house of your / habi/tation :

and the / place • where your / glory a/bides.

*9* Sweep me not a/way with / sinners :

nor my / life / with the / bloodthirsty,

*10* Whose hands are full of / wicked / schemes :

and their / right hand / full of / bribes.

*11* As for me, I will / walk with in/tegrity :

redeem me, Lord, / and be / merciful / to me.

*12* My / foot stands / firm :

in the great congregation / I will / bless the / Lord.

***Psalm 27***

*1* The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom then / shall I / fear? :

The Lord is the strength of my life;

of whom then / shall I / be a/fraid?

*2* When the wicked, even my enemies / and my / foes :

came upon me to eat up my / flesh, they / stumbled / and / fell.

*3* Though a host encamp against me,

my heart shall / not be a/fraid :

and though there rise up war against me,

yet will I / put my / trust in / him.

*4a* One thing have I / asked • of the / Lord :

and / that a/lone I / seek:

*4b,5* That I may dwell in the house of the Lord

all the / days of my / life :

to behold the fair beauty of the Lord

and to / seek his / will • in his / temple.

*6* For in the day of trouble

he shall hide me / in his / shelter :

in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me

and set me / high up/on a / rock.

*7* And now shall he / lift up my / head :

above my / enemies / round a/bout me;

*8* Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation

with / great / gladness :

I will sing and make / music / to the / Lord.

*9* Hear my voice, O Lord, / when I / call :

have mercy up/on me and / answer / me.

*10* My heart tells of your word, / ‘Seek my / face.’ :

Your / face, Lord, / will I / seek.

*11* Hide not your / face / from me :

nor cast your / servant a/way • in dis/pleasure.

*12* You have / been my / helper :

leave me not, neither forsake me, O / God of / my sal/vation.

‡*13* Though my father and my / mother for/sake me :

the / Lord will / take me / up.

*14* Teach me your / way, O / Lord :

lead me on a level path,

because of / those who / lie in / wait for me.

*15* Deliver me not into the / will of my / adversaries :

for false witnesses have risen up against me,

and / those who / breathe out / violence.

*16* I believe that I shall see the goodness / of the / Lord :

in the / land / of the / living.

*17* Wait for the Lord;

be strong and he shall / comfort your / heart :

wait / patiently / for the / Lord.

***Psalm 28***

*1* To you I call, O Lord my rock;

be not / deaf to my / cry :

lest, if you do not hear me,

I become like / those who go / down • to the / Pit.

*2* Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry / out to / you :

when I lift up my / hands • to your / holy of / holies.

*3* Do not snatch me away with the wicked,

with the / evil/doers :

who speak peaceably with their neighbours,

while / malice is / in their / hearts.

*4* Repay them according / to their / deeds :

and according to the / wickedness of / their de/vices.

*5* Reward them according to the / work of their / hands :

and / pay them their / just de/serts.

*6* They take no heed of the Lord’s doings,

nor of the / works of his / hands :

therefore shall he break them down

/ and not / build them / up.

*7* Blessed / be the / Lord :

for he has / heard the / voice of my / prayer.

*8* The Lord is my strength / and my / shield :

my heart has trusted in / him and / I am / helped;

‡*9* Therefore my heart / dances for / joy :

and in my / song / will I / praise him.

*10* The Lord is the / strength of his / people :

a safe / refuge for / his a/nointed.

*11* Save your people and / bless your in/heritance :

shepherd them and / carry / them for / ever.

***Psalm 29***

*1* Ascribe to the Lord, you / powers of / heaven :

ascribe to the / Lord / glory and / strength.

*2* Ascribe to the Lord the honour / due to his / name :

worship the / Lord • in the / beauty of / holiness.

*3* The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of / glory / thunders :

the Lord is up/on the / mighty / waters.

*4* The voice of the Lord is mighty in / oper/ation :

the voice of the Lord / is a / glorious / voice.

*5* The voice of the Lord / breaks the / cedar trees :

the Lord / breaks the / cedars of / Lebanon;

*6* He makes Lebanon / skip like a / calf :

and Sirion / like a / young wild / ox.

*7* The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;

the voice of the Lord / shakes the / wilderness :

the Lord / shakes the / wilderness of / Kadesh.

*8* The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe

and strips the / forests / bare :

in his / temple / all cry, / ‘Glory!’

*9* The Lord sits enthroned a/bove the / water flood :

the Lord sits enthroned as / king for / ever/more.

*10* The Lord shall give / strength to his / people :

the Lord shall give his / people the / blessing of / peace.

***Psalm 30***

*1* I will exalt you, O Lord,

because you have / raised me / up :

and have not let my / foes / triumph / over me.

*2* O/ Lord my / God :

I cried out to / you and / you have / healed me.

*3* You brought me up, O Lord, / from the / dead :

you restored me to life

from among / those • that go / down to the / Pit.

*4* Sing to the Lord, you / servants of / his :

give / thanks to his / holy / name.

*5* For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,

his favour / for a / lifetime :

heaviness may endure for a night,

but / joy / comes • in the / morning.

*6* In my prosperity I said,

‘I shall / never be / moved :

you, Lord, of your goodness,

have / made my / hill so / strong.’

*7* Then you hid your / face from / me :

and / I was / utterly dis/mayed.

*8* To you, O / Lord, I / cried :

to the Lord I / made my / suppli/cation:

*9* ‘What profit is there in my blood,

if I go / down to the / Pit? :

Will the dust praise you / or de/clare your / faithfulness?

*10* Hear, O Lord, and have / mercy up/on me :

O / Lord, / be my / helper.’

*11* You have turned my mourning / into / dancing :

you have put off my sackcloth and / girded / me with / gladness;

*12* Therefore my heart sings to / you without / ceasing :

O Lord my God, I will / give you / thanks for / ever.

***Psalm 31***

*1* In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;

let me never be / put to / shame :

de/liver me / in your / righteousness.

*2* Incline your / ear to / me :

make / haste / to de/liver me.

*3* Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,

for you are my / rock and my / stronghold :

guide me, and / lead me / for your / name’s sake.

*4* Take me out of the net that they have laid / secretly / for me :

for / you / are my / strength.

*5* Into your hands I com/mend my / spirit :

for you have redeemed me, O / Lord / God of / truth.

*6* I hate those who cling to / worthless / idols :

I put my / trust / in the / Lord.

*7* I will be glad and re/joice in your / mercy :

for you have seen my affliction

and known my / soul / in ad/versity.

*8* You have not shut me up in the / hand of the / enemy :

you have set my / feet • in an / open / place.

*9* Have mercy on me, Lord, for / I am in / trouble :

my eye is consumed with sorrow,

my/ soul • and my / body / also.

*10* For my life is wasted with grief, and my / years with / sighing :

my strength fails me because of my affliction,

and my / bones / are con/sumed.

*11* I have become a reproach to all my enemies

and even to my neighbours,

an object of dread to / my ac/quaintances :

when they see me in the / street they / flee from / me.

*12* I am forgotten like one that is dead, / out of / mind :

I have be/come • like a / broken / vessel.

*13* For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;

fear is on / every / side :

they scheme together against me,

and / plot to / take my / life.

*14* But my trust is in / you, O / Lord :

I have / said, ‘You / are my / God.

*15* My times are / in your / hand :

deliver me from the hand of my enemies,

and from / those who / persecute / me.

*16* Make your face to shine up/on your / servant :

and save me / for your / mercy’s / sake.’

*17* Lord, let me not be confounded

for I have / called up/on you :

but let the wicked be put to shame;

let them be / silent / in the / grave.

*18* Let the lying lips be / put to / silence :

that speak against the righteous with / arrogance,

dis/dain • and con/tempt.

*19* How abundant is your goodness, O Lord,

which you have laid up for / those who / fear you :

which you have prepared in the sight of all

for those who / put their / trust in / you.

*20* You hide them in the shelter of your presence

from / those who / slander them :

you keep them safe in your refuge

/ from the / strife of / tongues.

*21* Blessed / be the / Lord! :

For he has shown me his steadfast love

when I was / as a / city be/sieged.

*22* I had said in my alarm,

‘I have been cut off from the / sight of your / eyes.’ :

Nevertheless, you heard the voice of my prayer

when I / cried / out to / you.

*23* Love the Lord, all / you his / servants :

for the Lord protects the faithful,

but re/pays • to the / full the / proud.

*24* Be strong and let your / heart take / courage :

all you who wait in / hope / for the / Lord.

***Psalm 32***

*1* Happy the one whose transgression / is for/given :

and / whose / sin is / covered.

*2* Happy the one to whom the Lord im/putes no / guilt :

and in whose / spirit there / is no / guile.

*3* For I / held my / tongue :

my bones wasted away

through my / groaning / all the day / long.

*4* Your hand was heavy upon me / day and / night :

my moisture was dried up / like the / drought in / summer.

*5* Then I acknowledged my / sin to / you :

and my in/iquity I / did not / hide.

*6* I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions / to the / Lord’ :

and you for/gave the / guilt of my / sin.

*7* Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you

in / time of / trouble :

in the great / water flood, it / shall not / reach them.

*8* You are a place for me to hide in;

you pre/serve me from / trouble :

you sur/round me with / songs of de/liverance.

*9* ‘I will instruct you and teach you

in the way that / you should / go :

I will / guide you / with my / eye.

*10* ‘Be not like horse and mule

which have / no • under/standing :

whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,

or else they / will not / stay / near you.’

*11* Great tribulations re/main for the / wicked :

but mercy embraces / those who / trust in the / Lord.

*12* Be glad, you righteous, and re/joice in the / Lord :

shout for joy, / all who are / true of / heart.

***Psalm 33***

*1* Rejoice in the Lord, / O you / righteous :

for it is / good for the / just to sing / praises.

*2* Praise the Lord / with the / lyre :

on the ten-stringed / harp / sing his / praise.

*3* Sing for him a / new / song :

play / skilfully, with / shouts of / praise.

*4* For the word of the / Lord is / true :

and / all his / works are / sure.

*5* He loves / righteousness and / justice :

the earth is full of the loving/kindness / of the / Lord.

*6* By the word of the Lord were the / heavens / made :

and all their / host • by the / breath of his / mouth.

*7* He gathers up the waters of the sea as / in a / waterskin :

and lays up the / deep / in his / treasury.

*8* Let all the earth / fear the / Lord :

stand in awe of him, / all who / dwell in the / world.

*9* For he spoke, and / it was / done :

he com/manded, and / it stood / fast.

*10* The Lord brings the counsel of the / nations to / naught :

he frus/trates the de/signs of the / peoples.

*11* But the counsel of the Lord shall en/dure for / ever :

and the designs of his heart from gene/ration to / gene/ration.

*12* Happy the nation whose / God is the / Lord :

and the people he has / chosen / for his / own.

*13* The Lord looks / down from / heaven :

and beholds / all the / children of / earth.

*14* From where he sits enthroned he / turns his / gaze :

on / all who / dwell on the / earth.

*15* He fashions / all the / hearts of them :

and under/stands / all their / works.

*16* No king is saved by the / might of his / host :

no warrior delivered / by his / great / strength.

*17* A horse is a vain hope / for de/liverance :

for all its / strength it / cannot / save.

*18* Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon / those who / fear him :

on those who wait in / hope • for his / steadfast / love,

*19* To deliver their / soul from / death :

and to / feed them in / time of / famine.

*20* Our soul waits longingly / for the / Lord :

he is our / help / and our / shield.

*21* Indeed, our heart re/joices / in him :

in his holy name / have we / put our / trust.

*22* Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, / be up/on us :

as we have / set our / hope on / you.

***Psalm 34***

*1* I will bless the / Lord at / all times :

his praise shall / ever be / in my / mouth.

*2* My soul shall glory / in the / Lord :

let the / humble / hear and be / glad.

*3* O magnify the / Lord with / me :

let us ex/alt his / name to/gether.

*4* I sought the Lord / and he / answered me :

and de/livered me from / all my / fears.

*5* Look upon him / and be / radiant :

and your faces / shall not / be a/shamed.

*6* This poor soul cried, and the / Lord / heard me :

and / saved me from / all my / troubles.

*7* The angel / of the / Lord :

encamps around those who / fear him / and de/livers them.

*8* O taste and see that the / Lord is / gracious :

blessed is the / one who / trusts in / him.

*9* Fear the Lord, all / you his / holy ones :

for those who / fear him / lack / nothing.

*10* Lions may lack and / suffer / hunger :

but those who seek the Lord lack / nothing / that is / good.

*11* Come, my children, and / listen to / me :

I will / teach you the / fear • of the / Lord.

*12* Who is there who de/lights in / life :

and longs for / days to en/joy good / things?

*13* Keep your / tongue from / evil :

and your / lips from / lying / words.

*14* Turn from evil / and do / good :

seek / peace / and pur/sue it.

*15* The eyes of the Lord are up/on the / righteous :

and his ears are / open / to their / cry.

*16* The face of the Lord is against / those who do / evil :

to root out the re/membrance • of them / from the / earth.

*17* The righteous cry and the / Lord / hears them :

and delivers them / out of / all their / troubles.

*18* The Lord is near to the / broken/hearted :

and will save / those • who are / crushed in / spirit.

*19* Many are the / troubles • of the / righteous :

from them / all • will the / Lord de/liver them.

*20* He keeps / all their / bones :

so that not / one of / them is / broken.

*21* But evil shall / slay the / wicked :

and those who hate the / righteous will / be con/demned.

*22* The Lord ransoms the / life of his / servants :

and will condemn / none who seek / refuge / in him.

***Psalm 35***

*1* Contend, O Lord, with those that con/tend with / me :

fight against / those that / fight a/gainst me.

*2* Take up / shield and / buckler :

and / rise / up to / help me.

*3* Draw the spear and bar the way against those / who pur/sue me :

say to my soul, / ‘I am / your sal/vation.’

*4* Let those who seek after my life be shamed / and dis/graced :

let those who plot my ruin fall back / and be / put to con/fusion.

*5* Let them be as chaff be/fore the / wind :

with the angel of the / Lord / thrusting them / down.

*6* Let their way be / dark and / slippery :

with the / angel • of the / Lord pur/suing them.

*7* For they have secretly spread a net for me with/out a / cause :

without any cause they have / dug a / pit for my / soul.

*8* Let ruin come upon them / una/wares :

let them be caught in the net they laid;

let them / fall in it to / their des/truction.

*9* Then will my soul be joyful / in the / Lord :

and / glory in / his sal/vation.

*10* My very bones will say, ‘Lord, / who is / like you? :

You deliver the poor from those that are too strong for them,

the poor and needy from / those who / would de/spoil them.’

*11* False witnesses rose / up a/gainst me :

they / charged me with / things I / knew not.

*12* They rewarded me / evil for / good :

to the deso/lation / of my / soul.

*13* But as for me, when they were sick I / put on / sackcloth :

and / humbled my/self with / fasting;

*14* When my prayer returned empty / to my / bosom :

it was as though I / grieved • for my / friend or / brother;

*15* I behaved as one who / mourns for his / mother :

bowed down and / brought / very / low.

*16* But when I stumbled, they gathered in delight;

they gathered to/gether a/gainst me :

as if they were strangers I did not know

they / tore at / me without / ceasing.

*17* When I / fell they / mocked me :

they / gnashed at me / with their / teeth.

*18* O Lord, how long will / you look / on? :

Rescue my soul from their ravages,

and my poor / life • from the / young / lions.

*19* I will give you thanks in the great / congre/gation :

I will praise you / in the / mighty / throng.

*20* Do not let my treacherous foes re/joice over / me :

or those who hate me without a cause

/ mock me / with their / glances.

*21* For they do not / speak of / peace :

but invent deceitful schemes against those

that are / quiet / in the / land.

*22* They opened wide their mouths and de/rided me, / saying :

‘We have seen it / with our / very / eyes.’

‡*23* This you have seen, O Lord; do / not keep / silent :

go not / far from / me, O / Lord.

*24* Awake, arise, / to my / cause :

to my defence, my / God / and my / Lord!

*25* Give me justice, O Lord my God,

according / to your / righteousness :

let them not / triumph / over / me.

*26* Let them not say to themselves, ‘Our / heart’s de/sire!’ :

Let them not say, / ‘We have / swallowed him / up.’

*27* Let all who rejoice at my trouble

be put to / shame and con/fusion :

let those who boast against me

be / clothed with / shame and dis/honour.

*28* Let those who favour my cause re/joice and be / glad :

let them say always, ‘Great is the Lord,

who de/lights • in his / servant’s well-/being.’

*29* So shall my tongue be talking / of your / righteousness :

and of your / praise / all the day / long.

***Psalm 36***

*1* Sin whispers to the wicked, in the / depths of their / heart :

there is no fear of / God be/fore their / eyes.

*2* They flatter themselves in their / own / eyes :

that their abominable sin / will not / be found / out.

*3* The words of their mouth are unrighteous and / full of de/ceit :

they have ceased to act wisely / and to / do / good.

*4* They think out mischief upon their beds

and have set themselves in / no good / way :

nor do they ab/hor / that which is / evil.

*5* Your love, O Lord, reaches / to the / heavens :

and your / faithfulness / to the / clouds.

*6* Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,

your justice like the / great / deep :

you, Lord, shall / save both / man and / beast.

*7* How precious is your loving / mercy, O / God! :

All mortal flesh shall take refuge

under the / shadow / of your / wings.

*8* They shall be satisfied with the abundance / of your / house :

they shall drink from the / river of / your de/lights.

*9* For with you is the / well of / life :

and in your / light shall / we see / light.

*10* O continue your loving-kindness to / those who / know you :

and your righteousness to / those who are / true of / heart.

*11* Let not the foot of pride / come a/gainst me :

nor the hand of the un/godly / thrust me a/way.

*12* There are they fallen, / all who work / wickedness :

they are cast down and shall / not be / able to / stand.

***Psalm 37***

*1* Fret not because of / evil/doers :

be not / jealous of / those • who do / wrong.

*2* For they shall soon / wither like / grass :

and like the green / herb / fade a/way.

*3* Trust in the Lord and be / doing / good :

dwell in the land / and be / nourished with / truth.

*4* Let your delight be / in the / Lord :

and he will / give you your / heart’s de/sire.

*5* Commit your way to the Lord and put your / trust in / him :

and / he will / bring it to / pass.

*6* He will make your righteousness as / clear as the / light :

and your just / dealing / as the / noonday.

*7* Be still before the Lord and / wait for / him :

do not fret over those that prosper

as they / follow their / evil / schemes.

*8* Refrain from anger and a/bandon / wrath :

do not fret, / lest you be / moved • to do / evil.

*9* For evildoers / shall be cut / off :

but those who wait upon the Lord / shall pos/sess the / land.

*10* Yet a little while and the wicked shall / be no / more :

you will search for their / place and / find them / gone.

*11* But the lowly shall pos/sess the / land :

and shall de/light • in a/bundance of / peace.

*12* The wicked plot a/gainst the / righteous :

and / gnash at them / with their / teeth.

*13* The Lord shall / laugh at the / wicked :

for he / sees that their / day is / coming.

*14* The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow

to strike down the / poor and / needy :

to slaughter / those who / walk in / truth.

*15* Their sword shall go through their / own / heart :

and their / bows / shall be / broken.

*16* The little that the / righteous / have :

is better than great / riches / of the / wicked.

*17* For the arms of the wicked / shall be / broken :

but the / Lord up/holds the / righteous.

*18* The Lord knows the / days of the / godly :

and their in/heritance shall / stand for / ever.

*19* They shall not be put to shame in the / perilous / time :

and in days of famine / they shall / have e/nough.

*20* But the / wicked shall / perish :

like the glory of the meadows

the enemies of the Lord shall vanish;

/ they shall / vanish like / smoke.

*21* The wicked borrow and / do not re/pay :

but the / righteous are / generous in / giving.

*22* For those who are blest by God shall pos/sess the / land :

but those who are cursed by / him • shall be / rooted / out.

*23* When your steps are guided / by the / Lord :

and you de/light / in his / way,

*24* Though you stumble, you shall / not fall / headlong :

for the Lord / holds you / fast • by the / hand.

*25* I have been young and / now am / old :

yet never have I seen the righteous forsaken,

or their / children / begging their / bread.

*26* All the day long they are / generous in / lending :

and their children / also / shall be / blest.

*27* Depart from evil / and do / good :

and you / shall a/bide for / ever.

*28* For the Lord loves the / thing that is / right :

and will / not for/sake his / faithful ones.

*29* The unjust shall be des/troyed for / ever :

and the offspring of the wicked / shall be / rooted / out.

*30* The righteous shall pos/sess the / land :

and / dwell in / it for / ever.

*31* The mouth of the righteous / utters / wisdom :

and their tongue / speaks the / thing that is / right.

*32* The law of their God is / in their / heart :

and their / footsteps / shall not / slide.

*33* The wicked / spy on the / righteous :

and / seek oc/casion to / slay them.

*34* The Lord will not leave them / in their / hand :

nor let them be con/demned when / they are / judged.

*35* Wait upon the Lord and / keep his / way :

he will raise you up to possess the land,

and when the wicked are up/rooted, / you shall / see it.

*36* I myself have seen the wicked in / great / power :

and flourishing like a / tree in / full / leaf.

‡*37* I went by and lo, / they were / gone :

I sought them, but / they could / nowhere be / found.

*38* Keep innocence and heed the / thing that is / right :

for that will / bring you / peace at the / last.

*39* But the sinners shall / perish to/gether :

and the posterity of the wicked / shall be / rooted / out.

*40* The salvation of the righteous / comes from the / Lord :

he is their stronghold / in the / time of / trouble.

*41* The Lord shall stand by them / and de/liver them :

he shall deliver them from the wicked and shall save them,

because they have / put their / trust in / him.

***Psalm 38***

*1* Rebuke me not, O Lord, / in your / anger :

neither chasten me / in your / heavy dis/pleasure.

*2* For your arrows have stuck / fast in / me :

and your hand / presses / hard up/on me.

*3* There is no health in my flesh

because of your / indig/nation :

there is no peace in my / bones be/cause of my / sin.

*4* For my iniquities have gone / over my / head :

their weight is a / burden too / heavy to / bear.

*5* My wounds / stink and / fester :

be/cause of / my / foolishness.

*6* I am utterly bowed down and brought / very / low :

I go about / mourning / all the day / long.

*7* My loins are filled with / searing / pain :

there / is no / health in my / flesh.

*8* I am feeble and / utterly / crushed :

I roar aloud because of the dis/quiet / of my / heart.

*9* O Lord, you know / all my de/sires :

and my sighing / is not / hidden from / you.

*10* My heart is pounding, my / strength has / failed me :

the light of my / eyes is / gone from / me.

*11* My friends and companions stand apart from / my af/fliction :

my / neighbours / stand a/far off.

*12* Those who seek after my life lay / snares for / me :

and those who would harm me whisper evil

and mutter / slander / all the day / long.

*13* But I am like one who is / deaf and / hears not :

like one that is dumb, who / does not / open his / mouth.

*14* I have become like one who / does not / hear :

and from whose / mouth comes / no re/tort.

*15* For in you, Lord, have I / put my / trust :

you will / answer me, O / Lord my / God.

*16* For I said, ‘Let them not / triumph / over me :

those who exult over me / when my / foot / slips.’

*17* Truly, I am on the / verge of / falling :

and my / pain is / ever / with me.

*18* I will confess / my in/iquity :

and be / sorry / for my / sin.

*19* Those that are my enemies without any / cause are / mighty :

and those who hate me / wrongfully are / many in / number.

*20* Those who repay evil for good / are a/gainst me :

because the / good is / what I / seek.

*21* Forsake me / not, O / Lord :

be not / far from me, / O my / God.

*22* Make / haste to / help me :

O / Lord of / my sal/vation.

***Psalm 39***

*1* I said, ‘I will keep watch / over my / ways :

so that I of/fend not / with my / tongue.

*2* I will guard my mouth / with a / muzzle :

while the / wicked are / in my / sight.’

*3* So I held my tongue / and said / nothing :

I kept / silent • but to / no a/vail.

*4* My distress increased, my heart grew / hot with/in me :

while I mused, the fire was kindled

and I / spoke out / with my / tongue:

*5* ‘Lord, let me know my end and the number / of my / days :

that I may / know how / short my / time is.

*6* You have made my days but a handsbreadth,

and my lifetime is as nothing / in your / sight :

truly, even those who stand / upright are / but a / breath.

*7* We walk about like a shadow and in vain we / are in / turmoil :

we heap up riches and / cannot tell / who will / gather them.

*8* And now / what is my / hope? :

Truly my / hope is / even in / you.

‡*9* Deliver me from / all my trans/gressions :

and do not / make me the / taunt of the / fool.’

*10* I fell silent and did not / open my / mouth :

for surely / it was / your / doing.

*11* Take away your / plague from / me :

I am con/sumed • by the / blows of your / hand.

*12* With rebukes for sin you punish us;

like a moth you con/sume our / beauty :

truly / everyone is / but a / breath.

*13* Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give / ear to my / cry :

hold / not your / peace at my / tears.

*14* For I am but a / stranger with / you :

a wayfarer, as / all my / forebears / were.

*15* Turn your gaze from me, that I may be / glad a/gain :

before I go my / way and / am no / more.

***Psalm 40***

*1* I waited patiently / for the / Lord :

he inclined to / me and / heard my / cry.

*2* He brought me out of the roaring pit,

out of the / mire and / clay :

he set my feet upon a rock and / made my / footing / sure.

*3* He has put a new song in my mouth,

a song of / praise • to our / God :

many shall see and fear

and / put their / trust in the / Lord.

*4* Blessed is the one who / trusts in the / Lord :

who does not turn to the / proud that / follow a / lie.

*5* Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.

How great your de/signs for / us! :

There is none that / can be com/pared with / you.

*6* If I were to proclaim / them and / tell of them :

they would be more than I am / able / to ex/press.

*7* Sacrifice and offering you do / not de/sire :

but my / ears / you have / opened;

*8* Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have / not re/quired :

then / said I: / ‘Lo, I / come.

*9* In the scroll of the book it is written of me

that I should do your will, / O my / God :

I delight to do it: your / law • is with/in my / heart.’

*10* I have declared your righteousness

in the great / congre/gation :

behold, I did not restrain my lips,

and / that, O / Lord, you / know.

*11a* Your righteousness I have not hidden / in my / heart :

I have spoken of your / faithfulness and / your sal/vation;

*11b* I have not concealed your loving/kindness and / truth :

from the / great / congre/gation.

*12* Do not withhold your compassion from / me, O / Lord :

let your love and your / faithfulness / always pre/serve me,

*13* For innumerable troubles have come about me;

my sins have overtaken me so that I / cannot look / up :

they are more in number than the hairs of my head,

/ and my / heart / fails me.

*14* Be pleased, O Lord, / to de/liver me :

O / Lord, make / haste to / help me.

*15* Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed

who seek after my life / to des/troy it :

let them be driven back and put to / shame

who / wish me / evil.

*16* Let those who heap / insults up/on me :

be / desolate be/cause of their / shame.

*17* Let all who seek you rejoice in you / and be / glad :

let those who love your salvation say / always,

‘The / Lord is / great.’

*18* Though I am / poor and / needy :

the / Lord / cares for / me.

*19* You are my helper and / my de/liverer :

O my / God, make / no de/lay.

***Psalm 41***

*1* Blessed are those who consider the / poor and / needy :

the Lord will deliver them / in the / time of / trouble.

*2* The Lord preserves them and restores their life,

that they may be happy / in the / land :

he will not hand them / over •

to the / will of their / enemies.

*3* The Lord sustains them / on their / sickbed :

their sickness, / Lord, you / will re/move.

*4* And so I said, ‘Lord, be / merciful / to me :

heal me, for / I have / sinned a/gainst you.’

*5* My enemies speak / evil a/bout me :

asking when I shall / die • and my / name / perish.

*6* If they come to see me, they utter / empty / words :

their heart gathers mischief;

when they go / out, they / tell it a/broad.

*7* All my enemies whisper to/gether a/gainst me :

against me / they de/vise / evil,

*8* Saying that a deadly thing / has laid / hold on me :

and that I will not rise a/gain from / where I / lie.

‡*9* Even my bosom friend, whom I trusted,

who / ate of my / bread :

has lifted / up his / heel a/gainst me.

*10* But you, O Lord, be / merciful / to me :

and raise me up, / that I / may re/ward them.

*11* By this I / know that you / favour me :

that my enemy / does not / triumph / over me.

*12* Because of my integrity / you up/hold me :

and will set me be/fore your / face for / ever.

*13* Blessed be the Lord / God of / Israel :

from everlasting to everlasting. A/men and / A/men.

***Psalm 42***

*1* As the deer / longs for the / water brooks :

so longs my / soul for / you, O / God.

*2* My soul is athirst for God, even for the / living / God :

when shall I come be/fore the / presence of / God?

*3* My tears have been my bread / day and / night :

while all day long they say to me, / ‘Where is / now your / God?’

*4* Now when I think on these things, I pour / out my / soul :

how I went with the multitude

and led the procession / to the / house of / God,

‡*5* With the voice of / praise and / thanksgiving :

among / those who / kept / holy day.

*6* Why are you so full of heaviness, / O my / soul :

and why are you / so dis/quieted with/in me?

*7* O put your / trust in / God :

for I will yet give him thanks,

who is the help of my / countenance, / and my / God.

*8* My soul is / heavy with/in me :

therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,

and from Hermon / and the / hill of / Mizar.

*9* Deep calls to deep in the / thunder • of your / waterfalls :

all your breakers and / waves / have gone / over me.

*10* The Lord will grant his loving-kindness / in the / daytime :

through the night his song will be with me,

a / prayer • to the / God of my / life.

*11* I say to God my rock, ‘Why have / you for/gotten me :

and why go I so heavily, / while the / enemy op/presses me?’

‡*12* As they crush my bones, my / enemies / mock me :

while all day long they say to me, / ‘Where is / now your / God?’

*13* Why are you so full of heaviness, / O my / soul :

and why are you / so dis/quieted with/in me?

*14* O put your / trust in / God :

for I will yet give him thanks,

who is the help of my / countenance, / and my / God.

***Psalm 43***

*1* Give judgement for me, O God,

and defend my cause against an un/godly / people :

deliver me from the de/ceitful / and the / wicked.

*2* For you are the God of my refuge;

why have you / cast me / from you :

and why go I so heavily, / while the / enemy op/presses me?

*3* O send out your light and your truth,

that / they may / lead me :

and bring me to your holy / hill and / to your / dwelling,

*4* That I may go to the altar of God,

to the God of my / joy and / gladness :

and on the lyre I will give thanks to / you, O / God my / God.

*5* Why are you so full of heaviness, / O my / soul :

and why are you / so dis/quieted with/in me?

*6* O put your / trust in / God :

for I will yet give him thanks,

who is the help of my / countenance, / and my / God.

***Psalm 44***

*1* We have heard with our ears, O God,

our / forebears have / told us :

all that you did in their / days, in / time of / old;

*2* How with your hand you drove out nations and / planted us / in :

and broke the power of / peoples and / set us / free.

*3* For not by their own sword did our ancestors / take the / land :

nor / did their / own arm / save them,

*4* But your right hand, your arm,

and the / light of your / countenance :

because / you were / gracious / to them.

*5* You are my King / and my / God :

who com/manded sal/vation for / Jacob.

*6* Through you we drove / back our / adversaries :

through your name / we trod / down our / foes.

*7* For I did not / trust in my / bow :

it was / not my own / sword that / saved me;

*8* It was you that saved us / from our / enemies :

and / put our / adversaries to / shame.

‡*9* We gloried in God / all the day / long :

and were / ever / praising your / name.

*10* But now you have rejected us and / brought us to / shame :

and / go not / out • with our / armies.

*11* You have made us turn our backs / on our / enemies :

and our / enemies / have de/spoiled us.

*12* You have made us like sheep / to be / slaughtered :

and have / scattered us a/mong the / nations.

*13* You have sold your people / for a / pittance :

and made no / profit / on their / sale.

*14* You have made us the / taunt of our / neighbours :

the scorn and derision of / those that are / round a/bout us.

*15* You have made us a byword a/mong the / nations :

among the / peoples they / wag their / heads.

*16* My confusion is / daily be/fore me :

and / shame has / covered my / face,

*17* At the taunts of the slanderer / and re/viler :

at the sight of the / enemy / and a/venger.

*18* All this has come upon us, though we have / not for/gotten you :

and have / not played / false • to your / covenant.

*19* Our hearts have / not turned / back :

nor our / steps gone / out of your / way,

*20* Yet you have crushed us in the / haunt of / jackals :

and covered us / with the / shadow of / death.

*21* If we have forgotten the / name of our / God :

or stretched out our hands to / any / strange / god,

*22* Will not God / search it / out? :

For he knows the / secrets / of the / heart.

*23* But for your sake are we killed / all the day / long :

and are counted as / sheep / for the / slaughter.

*24* Rise up! Why / sleep, O / Lord? :

Awake, and / do not re/ject us for / ever.

*25* Why do you / hide your / face :

and forget our / grief / and op/pression?

*26* Our soul is bowed / down • to the / dust :

our / belly / cleaves to the / earth.

*27* Rise up, O / Lord, to / help us :

and redeem us for the / sake of your / steadfast / love.

***Psalm 45***

*1* My heart is astir with / gracious / words :

as I make my song for the king,

my tongue is the / pen • of a / ready / writer.

*2* You are the / fairest of / men :

full of grace are your lips,

for / God has / blest you for / ever.

*3* Gird your sword upon your / thigh, O / mighty one :

gird on your / majes/ty and / glory.

*4* Ride on and prosper in the / cause of / truth :

and for the sake of hu/mili/ty and / righteousness.

*5* Your right hand will teach you / terrible / things :

your arrows will be sharp in the heart of the king’s enemies,

so that / peoples / fall be/neath you.

*6* Your throne is / God’s throne, for / ever :

the sceptre of your kingdom / is the / sceptre of / righteousness.

*7* You love righteousness and / hate in/iquity :

therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of / gladness a/bove your / fellows.

*8* All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, / aloes and / cassia :

from ivory palaces the music of / strings / makes you / glad.

‡*9* Kings’ daughters are among your / honourable / women :

at your right hand stands the / queen in / gold of / Ophir.

*10* Hear, O daughter; consider and in/cline your / ear :

forget your own people / and your / father’s / house.

*11* So shall the king have pleasure / in your / beauty :

he is your / lord, so / do him / honour.

*12* The people of Tyre shall / bring you / gifts :

the richest of the / people shall / seek your / favour.

*13* The king’s daughter is all / glorious with/in :

her clothing is em/broidered / cloth of / gold.

*14* She shall be brought to the king in / raiment of / needlework :

after her the / virgins • that are / her com/panions.

*15* With joy and gladness shall / they be / brought :

and enter into the / palace / of the / king.

*16* ‘Instead of your fathers / you shall have / sons :

whom you shall make princes / over / all the / land.

*17* I will make your name to be remembered

through / all • gene/rations :

therefore shall the peoples / praise you for / ever and / ever.’

***Psalm 46***

*1* God is our / refuge and / strength :

a very / present / help in / trouble;

*2* Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth be / moved :

and though the mountains tremble / in the / heart of the / sea;

‡*3* Though the waters / rage and / swell :

and though the mountains / quake • at the / towering / seas.

*4* There is a river whose streams make glad the / city of / God :

the holy place of the / dwelling • of the / Most / High.

*5* God is in the midst of her;

therefore shall she / not be re/moved :

God shall / help her • at the / break of / day.

*6* The nations are in uproar and the / kingdoms are / shaken :

but God utters his voice and the / earth shall / melt a/way.

*7* The Lord of / hosts is / with us :

the God of / Jacob / is our / stronghold.

*8* Come and behold the / works of the / Lord :

what destruction he has / wrought up/on the / earth.

*9* He makes wars to cease in / all the / world :

he shatters the bow and snaps the spear

and burns the / chariots / in the / fire.

*10* ‘Be still, and know that / I am / God :

I will be exalted among the nations;

I will be ex/alted / in the / earth.’

*11* The Lord of / hosts is / with us :

the God of / Jacob / is our / stronghold.

***Psalm 47***

*1* Clap your hands together, / all you / peoples :

O sing to / God with / shouts of / joy.

*2* For the Lord Most High / is to be / feared :

he is the great / King • over / all the / earth.

*3* He subdued the / peoples / under us :

and the / nations / under our / feet.

*4* He has chosen our / heritage / for us :

the pride of / Jacob, / whom he / loves.

*5* God has gone up with a / merry / noise :

the Lord / with the / sound of the / trumpet.

*6* O sing praises to / God, sing / praises :

sing praises / to our / King, sing / praises.

*7* For God is the King of / all the / earth :

sing / praises with / all your / skill.

*8* God reigns / over the / nations :

God has taken his seat up/on his / holy / throne.

*9* The nobles of the peoples are / gathered to/gether :

with the people / of the / God of / Abraham.

*10* For the powers of the earth be/long to / God :

and he is / very / highly ex/alted.

***Psalm 48***

*1* Great is the Lord and / highly • to be / praised :

in the / city / of our / God.

*2* His holy mountain is fair and / lifted / high :

the / joy of / all the / earth.

*3* On Mount Zion, the di/vine / dwelling place :

stands the / city • of the / great / king.

*4* In her palaces God has / shown him/self :

to / be a / sure / refuge.

*5* For behold, the kings of the / earth as/sembled :

and / swept / forward to/gether.

*6* They saw, and / were dumb/founded :

dis/mayed, they / fled in / terror.

*7* Trembling seized them there;

they writhed like a / woman in / labour :

as when the east wind / shatters the / ships of / Tarshish.

*8* As we had heard, so have we seen

in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city / of our / God :

God has es/tablished / her for / ever.

*9* We have waited on your loving/kindness, O / God :

in the / midst / of your / temple.

*10* As with your name, O God,

so your praise reaches to the / ends of the / earth :

your right / hand is / full of / justice.

*11* Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of / Judah be / glad :

be/cause of your / judgements, O / Lord.

*12* Walk about Zion and go round about her;

count / all her / towers :

consider well her / bulwarks; pass / through her / citadels,

‡*13* That you may tell those who come after

that such is our God for / ever and / ever :

It is he that shall be our / guide for / ever/more.

***Psalm 49***

*1* Hear this, / all you / peoples :

listen, all / you that / dwell in the / world,

*2* You of low or / high de/gree :

both / rich and / poor to/gether.

*3* My mouth shall / speak of / wisdom :

and my heart shall / meditate on / under/standing.

*4* I will incline my ear / to a / parable :

I will unfold my / riddle / with the / lyre.

*5* Why should I fear in / evil / days :

when the / malice • of my / foes sur/rounds me,

*6* Such as trust / in their / goods :

and glory in the a/bundance / of their / riches?

*7* For no one can indeed / ransom an/other :

or pay to / God the / price of de/liverance.

*8* To ransom a soul / is too / costly :

there is / no price / one could / pay for it,

‡*9* So that they might / live for / ever :

and / never / see the / grave.

*10* For we see that the wise die also;

with the foolish and / ignorant they / perish :

and / leave their / riches to / others.

*11* Their tomb is their home for ever,

their dwelling through / all • gene/rations :

though they call their lands / after their / own / names.

*12* Those who have honour, but lack / under/standing :

are / like the / beasts that / perish.

*13* Such is the way of those who boast / in them/selves :

the end of those who delight / in their / own / words.

*14* Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die;

death / is their / shepherd :

they go / down / straight • to the / Pit.

*15* Their beauty shall / waste a/way :

and the land of the / dead shall / be their / dwelling.

*16* But God shall / ransom my / soul :

from the grasp of / death / will he / take me.

*17* Be not afraid if / some grow / rich :

and the / glory • of their / house in/creases,

*18* For they will carry nothing away / when they / die :

nor will their / glory / follow / after them.

*19* Though they count themselves happy / while they / live :

and / praise you / for your suc/cess,

*20* They shall enter the company / of their / ancestors :

who will / nevermore / see the / light.

*21* Those who have honour, but lack / under/standing :

are / like the / beasts that / perish.

***Psalm 50***

*1* The Lord, the most mighty / God, has / spoken :

and called the world

from the rising of the / sun / to its / setting.

*2* Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, / God shines / forth :

our God comes / and will / not keep / silence.

*3* Consuming fire goes / out be/fore him :

and a mighty / tempest / stirs a/bout him.

*4* He calls the / heaven a/bove :

and the earth, that / he may / judge his / people:

*5* ‘Gather to / me my / faithful :

who have / sealed my / covenant with / sacrifice.’

*6* Let the heavens de/clare his / righteousness :

for / God him/self is / judge.

*7* Hear, O my people, and / I will / speak :

‘I will testify against you, O Israel;

for / I am / God, your / God.

*8* I will not reprove you / for your / sacrifices :

for your burnt / offerings are / always be/fore me.

*9* I will take no bull / out of your / house :

nor / he-goat / out of your / folds,

*10* For all the beasts of the / forest are / mine :

the cattle up/on a / thousand / hills.

*11* I know every / bird of the / mountains :

and the / insect • of the / field is / mine.

*12* If I were hungry, I / would not / tell you :

for the whole world is / mine and / all that / fills it.

*13* Do you think I eat the / flesh of / bulls :

or / drink the / blood of / goats?

*14* Offer to God a / sacrifice of / thanksgiving :

and fulfil your / vows to / God Most / High.

‡*15* Call upon me in the / day of / trouble :

I will deliver / you and / you shall / honour me.’

*16* But to the / wicked, says / God :

‘Why do you recite my statutes

and take my / covenant up/on your / lips,

*17* Since you re/fuse to be / disciplined :

and have / cast my / words be/hind you?

*18* When you saw a thief, / you made / friends with him :

and you / threw in your / lot • with ad/ulterers.

*19* You have loosed your / lips for / evil :

and / harnessed your / tongue • to de/ceit.

‡*20* You sit and speak evil / of your / brother :

you slander your / own / mother’s / son.

*21* These things have you done, and should / I keep / silence? :

Did you think that I am even / such a / one as your/self?

*22* But no, I / must re/prove you :

and set before your eyes the / things that / you have / done.

*23* You that forget God, con/sider this / well :

lest I tear you apart and / there is / none to de/liver you.

*24* Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving / honours / me :

and to those who keep my way

will I / show • the sal/vation of / God.’

***Psalm 51***

*1* Have mercy on me, O God, in / your great / goodness :

according to the abundance of your compassion

/ blot out / my of/fences.

*2* Wash me thoroughly / from my / wickedness :

and / cleanse me / from my / sin.

*3* For I ac/knowledge my / faults :

and my / sin is / ever be/fore me.

*4* Against you only / have I / sinned :

and done what is / evil / in your / sight,

‡*5* So that you are justified / in your / sentence :

and / righteous / in your / judgement.

*6* I have been wicked even / from my / birth :

a sinner / when my / mother con/ceived me.

*7* Behold, you desire truth / deep with/in me :

and shall make me understand wisdom

/ in the / depths of my / heart.

*8* Purge me with hyssop and I / shall be / clean :

wash me and I / shall be / whiter than / snow.

*9* Make me hear of / joy and / gladness :

that the bones you have / broken / may re/joice.

*10* Turn your face / from my / sins :

and / blot out / all my mis/deeds.

*11* Make me a clean / heart, O / God :

and re/new a right / spirit with/in me.

*12* Cast me not away / from your / presence :

and take not your / holy / spirit / from me.

*13* Give me again the joy of / your sal/vation :

and sustain me / with your / gracious / spirit;

‡*14* Then shall I teach your ways / to the / wicked :

and sinners / shall re/turn to / you.

*15* Deliver me from my guilt, O God,

the God of / my sal/vation :

and my / tongue shall / sing of your / righteousness.

*16* O Lord, / open my / lips :

and my / mouth shall pro/claim your / praise.

*17* For you desire no sacrifice, else / I would / give it :

you take no de/light in / burnt / offerings.

*18* The sacrifice of God is a / broken / spirit :

a broken and contrite heart, O God, / you will / not des/pise.

*19* O be favourable and / gracious to / Zion :

build / up the / walls of Je/rusalem.

*20* Then you will accept sacrifices offered in righteousness,

the burnt offerings / and ob/lations :

then shall they offer up / bulls / on your / altar.

***Psalm 52***

*1* Why do you glory in / evil, you / tyrant :

while the goodness of / God en/dures con/tinually?

*2* You plot destruction, / you de/ceiver :

your tongue is / like a / sharpened / razor.

*3* You love evil / rather than / good :

falsehood / rather • than the / word of / truth.

*4* You love all / words that / hurt :

O / you de/ceitful / tongue.

‡*5* Therefore God shall utterly / bring you / down :

he shall take you and pluck you out of your tent

and root you / out of the / land • of the / living.

*6* The righteous shall / see this and / tremble :

they shall / laugh you to / scorn, and / say:

*7* ‘This is the one who did not take God / for a / refuge :

but trusted in great riches

/ and re/lied upon / wickedness.’

*8* But I am like a spreading olive tree in the / house of / God :

I trust in the goodness of / God for / ever and / ever.

*9* I will always give thanks to you for / what you have / done :

I will hope in your name,

for your / faithful / ones de/light in it.

***Psalm 53***

*1* The fool has said in his heart, ‘There / is no / God.’ :

Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness;

there is / no one / that does / good.

*2* God has looked down from heaven upon the / children of / earth :

to see if there is anyone who is / wise and / seeks after / God.

*3* They are all gone out of the way;

all alike have be/come cor/rupt :

there is no one that does / good, / no not / one.

*4* Have they no knowledge, those / evil/doers :

who eat up my people as if they ate bread,

and / do not / call upon / God?

*5* There shall they be in great fear, such fear as / never / was :

for God will scatter the / bones of / the un/godly.

*6* They will be / put to / shame :

because / God / has re/jected them.

‡*7* O that Israel’s salvation would / come • out of / Zion! :

When God restores the fortunes of his people

then will Jacob re/joice and / Israel be / glad.

***Psalm 54***

*1* Save me, O God, / by your / name :

and / vindicate / me • by your / power.

*2* Hear my / prayer, O / God :

give / heed • to the / words of my / mouth.

‡*3* For strangers have risen up against me,

and the ruthless seek / after my / life :

they have / not set / God be/fore them.

*4* Behold, / God is my / helper :

it is the / Lord • who up/holds my / life.

*5* May evil rebound on those who / lie in / wait for me :

des/troy them / in your / faithfulness.

*6* An offering of a free heart / will I / give you :

and praise your name, O / Lord, for / it is / gracious.

*7* For he has delivered me out of / all my / trouble :

and my eye has seen the / downfall / of my / enemies.

***Psalm 55***

*1* Hear my / prayer, O / God :

hide not your/self from / my pe/tition.

*2* Give heed to / me and / answer me :

I am / restless in / my com/plaining.

*3* I am alarmed at the / voice of the / enemy :

and at the / clamour / of the / wicked;

*4* For they would bring down / evil up/on me :

and are / set a/gainst me in / fury.

*5* My heart is dis/quieted with/in me :

and the terrors of / death have / fallen up/on me.

*6* Fearfulness and trembling are / come up/on me :

and a horrible / dread has / over/whelmed me.

*7* And I said: ‘O that I had / wings • like a / dove :

for then would I fly a/way and / be at / rest.

*8* Then would I flee / far a/way :

and make my / lodging / in the / wilderness.

*9* I would make / haste to es/cape :

from the / stormy / wind and / tempest.’

*10* Confuse their tongues, O Lord, / and di/vide them :

for I have seen violence and / strife / in the / city.

*11* Day and night they go about / on her / walls :

mischief and / trouble are / in her / midst.

*12* Wickedness / walks in her / streets :

oppression and guile / never / leave her / squares.

*13* For it was not an open enemy / that re/viled me :

for / then I / could have / borne it;

*14* Nor was it my adversary that puffed himself / up a/gainst me :

for then I / would have / hid myself / from him.

*15* But it was even you, one / like my/self :

my companion and my / own fa/miliar / friend.

*16* We took sweet / counsel to/gether :

and walked with the multitude / in the / house of / God.

‡*17* Let death come suddenly upon them;

let them go down alive / to the / Pit :

for wickedness inhabits their / dwellings, their / very / hearts.

*18* As for me, I will / call upon / God :

and the / Lord / will de/liver me.

*19* In the evening and morning and at noonday

I will pray and make my / suppli/cation :

and / he shall / hear my / voice.

*20* He shall redeem my soul in peace

from the battle / waged a/gainst me :

for / many have / come up/on me.

*21* God, who is enthroned of old, will hear and / bring them / down :

they will not repent, for they / have no / fear of / God.

*22* My companion stretched out his hands a/gainst his / friend :

and has / broken / his / covenant;

*23* His speech was softer than butter,

though war was / in his / heart :

his words were smoother than oil,

yet / are they / naked / swords.

*24* Cast your burden upon the Lord and he / will sus/tain you :

and will not let the / righteous / fall for / ever.

*25* But those that are bloodthirsty and de/ceitful, O / God :

you will bring / down • to the / pit of des/truction.

‡*26* They shall not live out / half their / days :

but my trust shall / be in / you, O / Lord.

***Psalm 56***

*1* Have mercy on me, O God, for they / trample / over me :

all day long / they as/sault • and op/press me.

*2* My adversaries trample over me / all the day / long :

many are they that / make proud / war a/gainst me.

*3* In the day of my fear I put my / trust in / you :

in / God whose / word I / praise.

*4* In God I trust, and / will not / fear :

for / what can / flesh / do to me?

*5* All day long they / wound me with / words :

their every / thought • is to / do me / evil.

*6* They stir up trouble; they / lie in / wait :

marking my / steps, they / seek my / life.

*7* Shall they escape for / all their / wickedness? :

In anger, O God, / cast the / peoples / down.

*8* You have counted up my groaning;

put my tears / into your / bottle :

are they not / written / in your / book?

*9* Then shall my enemies turn back

on the day when I / call up/on you :

this I know, for / God is / on my / side.

*10* In God whose word I praise,

in the Lord whose / word I / praise :

in God I trust and will not fear:

/ what can / flesh / do to me?

*11* To you, O God, will I ful/fil my / vows :

to you will I pre/sent my / offerings of / thanks,

*12* For you will deliver my soul from death

and my / feet from / falling :

that I may walk before God / in the / light of the / living.

***Psalm 57***

*1* Be merciful to me, O God, be / merciful to / me :

for my / soul takes / refuge in / you;

*2* In the shadow of your wings will / I take / refuge :

until the storm of des/truction / has passed / by.

*3* I will call upon the / Most High / God :

the God who ful/fils his / purpose for / me.

*4* He will send from heaven and save me

and rebuke those that would / trample up/on me :

God will send / forth his / love • and his / faithfulness.

*5* I lie in the / midst of / lions :

people whose teeth are spears and arrows,

/ and their / tongue a sharp / sword.

*6* Be exalted, O God, a/bove the / heavens :

and your glory / over / all the / earth.

*7* They have laid a net for my feet;

my soul is / pressed / down :

they have dug a pit before me

and will / fall • into / it them/selves.

*8* My heart is ready, O God, my / heart is / ready :

I will / sing and / give you / praise.

*9* Awake, my soul; awake, / harp and / lyre :

that / I may a/waken the / dawn.

*10* I will give you thanks, O Lord, a/mong the / peoples :

I will sing praise to / you a/mong the / nations.

*11* For your loving-kindness is as / high as the / heavens :

and your faithfulness / reaches / to the / clouds.

*12* Be exalted, O God, a/bove the / heavens :

and your glory / over / all the / earth.

***Psalm 58***

*1* Do you indeed speak / justly, you / mighty? :

Do you / rule the / peoples with / equity?

*2* With unjust heart you act through/out the / land :

your / hands / mete out / violence.

*3* The wicked are estranged, even / from the / womb :

those who speak falsehood go a/stray / from their / birth.

*4* They are as venomous / as a / serpent :

they are like the deaf / adder which / stops its / ears,

‡*5* Which does not heed the / voice of the / charmers :

and is deaf to the / skilful / weaver of / spells.

*6* Break, O God, their / teeth in their / mouths :

smash the / fangs of these / lions, O / Lord.

*7* Let them vanish like water that / runs a/way :

let them / wither like / trodden / grass.

*8* Let them be as the slimy / track of the / snail :

like the untimely birth that / never / sees the / sun.

*9* Before ever their pots feel the / heat of the / thorns :

green or blazing, / let them be / swept a/way.

*10* The righteous will be glad when they / see God’s / vengeance :

they will bathe their / feet • in the / blood of the / wicked.

*11* So that people will say,

‘Truly, there is a harvest / for the / righteous :

truly, there is a God who / judges / in the / earth.’

***Psalm 59***

*1* Rescue me from my enemies, / O my / God :

set me high above / those that / rise up a/gainst me.

*2* Save me from the / evil/doers :

and from / murderous / foes de/liver me.

*3* For see how they lie in wait / for my / soul :

and the mighty / stir up / trouble a/gainst me.

*4* Not for any fault or sin of / mine, O / Lord :

for no offence, they run and pre/pare them/selves for / war.

*5* Rouse yourself, come to my / aid and / see :

for you are the Lord of / hosts, the / God of / Israel.

*6* Awake, and judge / all the / nations :

show no mercy / to the / evil / traitors.

*7* They return at nightfall and / snarl like / dogs :

and / prowl a/bout the / city.

*8* They pour out evil words with their mouths;

swords are / on their / lips :

‘For / who’, they / say, ‘can / hear us?’

*9* But you / laugh at them, O / Lord :

you hold all the / nations / in de/rision.

*10* For you, O my strength, / will I / watch :

you, O God, / are my / strong / tower.

*11* My God in his steadfast / love will / come to me :

he will let me behold the / downfall / of my / enemies.

*12* Slay them not, lest my / people for/get :

send them reeling by your might

and bring them / down, O / Lord our / shield.

*13* For the sins of their mouth, for the / words of their / lips :

let them be / taken / in their / pride.

*14* For the cursing and falsehood / they have / uttered :

consume them in wrath,

consume them / till they / are no / more.

*15* And they shall know that God / rules in / Jacob :

and / to the / ends of the / earth.

*16* And still they return at nightfall and / snarl like / dogs :

and / prowl a/bout the / city.

*17* Though they forage for / something • to de/vour :

and howl / if they / are not / filled,

*18* Yet will I / sing of your / strength :

and every morning / praise your / steadfast / love;

*19* For you have / been my / stronghold :

my refuge / in the / day of my / trouble.

*20* To you, O my strength, / will I / sing :

for you, O God, are my refuge, my / God of / steadfast / love.

***Psalm 60***

*1* O God, you have cast us / off and / broken us :

you have been angry; restore us / to your/self a/gain.

*2* You have shaken the earth and / torn it a/part :

heal its / wounds, / for it / trembles.

*3* You have made your people drink / bitter / things :

we reel from the / deadly / wine • you have / given us.

*4* You have made those who / fear you to / flee :

to es/cape • from the / range of the / bow.

‡*5* That your beloved may / be de/livered :

save us by / your right / hand and / answer us.

*6* God has spoken / in his / holiness :

‘I will triumph and divide Shechem,

and share / out the / valley of / Succoth.

*7* Gilead is mine and Ma/nasseh is / mine :

Ephraim is my / helmet and / Judah my / sceptre.

‡*8* Moab shall be my washpot;

over Edom will I / cast my / sandal :

across Philistia / will I / shout in / triumph.’

*9* Who will lead me into the / strong / city? :

Who will / bring me / into / Edom?

*10* Have you not cast us / off, O / God? :

Will you no longer / go forth / with our / troops?

*11* Grant us your help a/gainst the / enemy :

for / earthly / help is in / vain.

*12* Through God will we / do great / acts :

for it is he that / shall tread / down our / enemies.

***Psalm 61***

*1* Hear my / crying, O / God :

and / listen / to my / prayer.

*2* From the end of the earth

I call to you with / fainting / heart :

O set me on the / rock • that is / higher than / I.

*3* For / you are my / refuge :

a strong / tower a/gainst the / enemy.

*4* Let me dwell in your / tent for / ever :

and take refuge under the / cover / of your / wings.

*5* For you, O God, will / hear my / vows :

you will grant the request of / those who / fear your / name.

*6* You will add length of days to the / life of the / king :

that his years may endure through/out all / gene/rations.

*7* May he sit enthroned before / God for / ever :

may steadfast / love and / truth watch / over him.

*8* So will I always sing / praise to your / name :

and day by / day ful/fil my / vows.

***Psalm 62***

*1* On God alone my soul in / stillness / waits :

from / him comes / my sal/vation.

*2* He alone is my rock and / my sal/vation :

my stronghold, so that / I shall / never be / shaken.

*3* How long will all of you assail me / to des/troy me :

as you would a tottering / wall • or a / leaning / fence?

*4* They plot only to thrust me down from my place of honour;

lies are their / chief de/light :

they bless with their mouth,

but / in their / heart they / curse.

*5* Wait on God alone in stillness, / O my / soul :

for in / him / is my / hope.

*6* He alone is my rock and / my sal/vation :

my stronghold, so that / I shall / not be / shaken.

*7* In God is my strength / and my / glory :

God is my strong rock; in / him / is my / refuge.

*8* Put your trust in him / always, my / people :

pour out your hearts before him,

for / God / is our / refuge.

*9* The peoples are but a breath,

the whole human race / a de/ceit :

on the scales they are alto/gether / lighter than / air.

*10* Put no trust in oppression;

in robbery take no / empty / pride :

though wealth increase, / set not your / heart up/on it.

*11* God spoke once, and twice have I / heard the / same :

that / power be/longs to / God.

*12* Steadfast love belongs to / you, O / Lord :

for you repay everyone ac/cording / to their / deeds.

***Psalm 63***

*1* O God, you are my God; / eagerly I / seek you :

my / soul • is a/thirst for / you.

*2* My flesh / also / faints for you :

as in a dry and thirsty / land • where there / is no / water.

*3* So would I gaze upon you in your / holy / place :

that I might behold your / power / and your / glory.

*4* Your loving-kindness is better than / life it/self :

and / so my / lips shall / praise you.

*5* I will bless you as / long as I / live :

and / lift up my / hands • in your / name.

*6* My soul shall be satisfied, as with / marrow and / fatness :

and my mouth shall / praise you with / joyful / lips,

*7* When I remember you up/on my / bed :

and meditate on you in the / watches / of the / night.

*8* For you have / been my / helper :

and under the shadow of your / wings will / I re/joice.

*9* My / soul / clings to you :

your / right hand shall / hold me / fast.

*10* But those who seek my soul / to des/troy it :

shall go / down • to the / depths of the / earth;

*11* Let them fall by the / edge of the / sword :

and be/come a / portion for / jackals.

*12* But the king shall rejoice in God;

all those who swear by him / shall be / glad :

for the mouth of those who speak / lies / shall be / stopped.

***Psalm 64***

*1* Hear my voice, O God, in / my com/plaint :

preserve my / life from / fear of the / enemy.

*2* Hide me from the conspiracy / of the / wicked :

from the / gathering of / evil/doers.

*3* They sharpen their tongue / like a / sword :

and aim their / bitter / words like / arrows,

*4* That they may shoot at the / blameless from / hiding places :

suddenly they / shoot, and / are not / seen.

*5* They hold fast to their / evil / course :

they talk of laying snares / saying / ‘Who will / see us?’

*6* They search out wickedness and lay a / cunning / trap :

for deep are the / inward / thoughts of the / heart.

*7* But God will shoot at them with his / swift / arrow :

and / suddenly / they shall be / wounded.

*8* Their own tongues shall / make them / fall :

and all who see them shall / wag their / heads in / scorn.

*9* All peoples shall fear and tell what / God has / done :

and they will / ponder / all his / works.

*10* The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord

and put their / trust in / him :

and all that are true of / heart / shall ex/ult.

***Psalm 65***

*1* Praise is due to you, O / God, in / Zion :

to you that answer / prayer shall / vows be / paid.

*2* To you shall all flesh come to con/fess their / sins :

when our misdeeds prevail against us,

/ you will / purge them a/way.

*3* Happy are they whom you choose

and draw to your / courts to / dwell there :

we shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,

/ even • of your / holy / temple.

*4* With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,

O God of / our sal/vation :

O hope of all the ends of the earth

and / of the / farthest / seas.

*5* In your strength you set / fast the / mountains :

and are / girded a/bout with / might.

*6* You still the / raging • of the / seas :

the roaring of their waves and the / clamour / of the / peoples.

‡*7* Those who dwell at the ends of the earth

tremble / at your / marvels :

the gates of the morning and / evening / sing your / praise.

*8* You visit the / earth and / water it :

you / make it / very / plenteous.

*9* The river of God is / full of / water :

you prepare grain for your people,

for / so you pro/vide • for the / earth.

*10* You drench the furrows and / smooth out the / ridges :

you soften the ground with / showers and / bless its / increase.

*11* You crown the year / with your / goodness :

and your / paths • over/flow with / plenty.

*12* May the pastures of the wilderness / flow with / goodness :

and the / hills be / girded with / joy.

*13* May the meadows be clothed with / flocks of / sheep :

and the valleys stand so thick with corn

that / they shall / laugh and / sing.

***Psalm 66***

*1* Be joyful in God / all the / earth :

sing the glory of his name;

sing the / glory / of his / praise.

*2* Say to God, ‘How awesome / are your / deeds! :

Because of your great strength

your / enemies shall / bow be/fore you.

‡*3* All the / earth shall / worship you :

sing to you, sing / praise / to your / name.’

*4* Come now and behold the / works of / God :

how wonderful he is in his / dealings with / human/kind.

*5* He turned the sea into dry land;

the river they passed / through on / foot :

there / we re/joiced in / him.

‡*6* In his might he rules for ever;

his eyes keep watch / over the / nations :

let no / rebel rise / up a/gainst him.

*7* Bless our God, / O you / peoples :

make the voice of his / praise / to be / heard,

*8* Who holds our / souls in / life :

and suffers / not our / feet to / slip.

*9* For you, O / God, have / proved us :

you have / tried us as / silver is / tried.

*10* You brought us / into the / snare :

you laid heavy / burdens up/on our / backs.

‡*11* You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through / fire and / water :

but you brought us out / into a / place of / liberty.

*12* I will come into your house with burnt offerings

and will / pay you my / vows :

which my lips uttered

and my mouth promised / when I / was in / trouble.

*13* I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the / smoke of / rams :

I will / sacrifice / oxen and / goats.

*14* Come and listen, all you who / fear / God :

and I will tell you what / he has / done for my / soul.

*15* I called out to him / with my / mouth :

and his / praise was / on my / tongue.

*16* If I had nursed evil / in my / heart :

the / Lord would / not have / heard me,

*17* But in truth / God has / heard me :

he has / heeded the / voice • of my / prayer.

‡*18* Blessed be God, who has not / rejected my / prayer :

nor withheld his / loving / mercy / from me.

***Psalm 67***

*1* God be gracious to / us and / bless us :

and make his / face to / shine up/on us,

*2* That your way may be / known upon / earth :

your saving / power a/mong all / nations.

‡*3* Let the peoples / praise you, O / God :

let / all the / peoples / praise you.

*4* O let the nations re/joice and be / glad :

for you will judge the peoples righteously

and govern the / nations / upon / earth.

*5* Let the peoples / praise you, O / God :

let / all the / peoples / praise you.

*6* Then shall the earth bring / forth her / increase :

and God, our / own / God, will / bless us.

*7* God / will / bless us :

and all the / ends of the / earth shall / fear him.

***Psalm 68***

*1* Let God arise and let his / enemies be / scattered :

let those that / hate him / flee be/fore him.

*2* As the smoke vanishes, so may they / vanish a/way :

as wax melts at the fire,

so let the wicked / perish • at the / presence of / God.

*3* But let the righteous be glad and re/joice before / God :

let / them make / merry with / gladness.

*4* Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

exalt him who / rides on the / clouds :

the Lord is his / name; re/joice be/fore him.

*5* Father of the fatherless, de/fender of / widows :

God in his / holy / habi/tation!

*6* God gives the solitary a home

and brings forth prisoners to / songs of / welcome :

but the rebellious in/habit a / burning / desert.

*7* O God, when you went forth be/fore your / people :

when you / marched / through the / wilderness,

*8* The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,

at the presence of God, the / Lord of / Sinai :

at the presence of / God, the / God of / Israel.

*9* You sent down a gracious / rain, O / God :

you refreshed your in/heritance when / it was / weary.

*10* Your people / came to / dwell there :

in your goodness, O God, / you pro/vide • for the / poor.

*11a* The Lord / gave the / word :

great was the company of / women who / bore the / tidings:

*11b* ‘Kings and their armies they / flee, they / flee!’ :

and women at home / are di/viding the / spoil.

*12* Though you stayed a/mong the / sheepfolds :

see now a dove’s wings covered with silver

and its / feathers with / green / gold.

*13* When the Almighty / scattered the / kings :

it was like / snowflakes / falling on / Zalmon.

*14* You mighty mountain, great / mountain of / Bashan! :

You towering / mountain, great / mountain of / Bashan!

*15* Why look with envy, you towering mountains,

at the mount which God has desired / for his / dwelling :

the place where the / Lord will / dwell for / ever?

*16* The chariots of God are twice ten thousand,

even / thousands • upon / thousands :

the Lord is among them, the Lord of / Sinai in / holy / power.

*17* You have gone up on high and led / captivity / captive :

you have received tribute,

even from those who rebelled,

that you may / reign as / Lord and / God.

*18* Blessed be the Lord who bears our burdens / day by / day :

for / God is / our sal/vation.

*19* God is for us the God of / our sal/vation :

God is the Lord who / can de/liver from / death.

‡*20* God will smite the / head of his / enemies :

the hairy scalp of / those who / walk in / wickedness.

*21* The Lord has said, ‘From the / heights of / Bashan :

from the depths of the / sea • will I / bring them / back,

*22* Till you dip your / foot in / blood :

and the tongue of your / dogs • has a / taste of your / enemies.’

*23* We see your solemn / processions, O / God :

your processions into the sanctuary,

my / God / and my / King.

*24* The singers go before, the musicians / follow / after :

in the midst of / maidens / playing on / timbrels.

*25* In your companies, / bless your / God :

bless the Lord, you that / are of the / fount of / Israel.

*26* At the head there is Benjamin, least of the tribes,

the princes of Judah in / joyful / company :

the princes of / Zebu/lun and / Naphtali.

*27* Send forth your / strength, O / God :

establish, O God, / what you have / wrought in / us.

*28* For your temple’s sake / in Je/rusalem :

kings shall / bring their / gifts to / you.

*29* Drive back with your word the wild / beast of the / reeds :

the herd of the / bull-like, the / brutish / hordes.

*30* Trample down those who / lust after / silver :

scatter the / peoples • that de/light in / war.

‡*31* Vessels of bronze shall be / brought from / Egypt :

Ethiopia will / stretch out her / hands to / God.

*32* Sing to God, you kingdoms / of the / earth :

make music in / praise / of the / Lord;

*33* He rides on the ancient / heaven of / heavens :

and sends forth his / voice, a / mighty / voice.

*34* Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is / over / Israel :

whose power / is a/bove the / clouds.

*35* How terrible is God in his / holy / sanctuary :

the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his / people!

/ Blessed be / God.

***Psalm 69***

*1* Save me / O – / God :

for the waters have come up / even / to my / neck.

*2* I sink in deep mire where there / is no / foothold :

I have come into deep waters

/ and the / flood sweeps / over me.

*3* I have grown weary with crying; my / throat is / raw :

my eyes have failed from looking so / long / for my / God.

*4* Those who hate me without / any / cause :

are more than the / hairs / of my / head;

*5* Those who would destroy / me are / mighty :

my enemies accuse me falsely:

must I now give / back • what I / never / stole?

*6* O God, you / know my / foolishness :

and my faults / are not / hidden / from you.

*7* Let not those who hope in you

be put to shame through me, Lord / God of / hosts :

let not those who seek you be disgraced because of / me,

O / God of / Israel.

*8,9* For your sake have I suffered reproach;

shame has / covered my / face :

I have become a stranger to my kindred,

an alien / to my / mother’s / children.

*10* Zeal for your house has / eaten me / up :

the scorn of those who scorn / you has / fallen up/on me.

*11* I humbled my/self with / fasting :

but that was / turned to / my re/proach.

*12* I put on / sackcloth / also :

and be/came a / byword a/mong them.

*13* Those who sit at the gate / murmur a/gainst me :

and the / drunkards make / songs a/bout me.

*14* But as for me, I make my prayer to / you, O / Lord :

at an ac/ceptable / time, O / God.

*15* Answer me, O God, in the abundance / of your / mercy :

and / with your / sure sal/vation.

*16* Draw me out of the mire, / that I / sink not :

let me be rescued from those who hate me

and / out of the / deep / waters.

*17* Let not the water flood drown me,

neither the deep / swallow me / up :

let not the Pit / shut its / mouth up/on me.

*18* Answer me, Lord, for your loving/kindness is / good :

turn to me in the / multitude / of your / mercies.

*19* Hide not your face / from your / servant :

be swift to answer me, / for I / am in / trouble.

*20* Draw near to my soul / and re/deem me :

de/liver me be/cause of my / enemies.

*21* You know my reproach, my shame and / my dis/honour :

my adversaries are / all / in your / sight.

*22* Reproach has broken my heart; I am / full of / heaviness :

I looked for some to have pity, but there was no one,

neither / found I / any to / comfort me.

*23* They gave me / gall to / eat :

and when I was thirsty, they / gave me / vinegar to / drink.

*24* Let the table before them / be a / trap :

and their / sacred / feasts a / snare.

*25* Let their eyes be darkened, that they / cannot / see :

and give them continual / trembling / in their / loins.

*26* Pour out your indig/nation up/on them :

and let the heat of your / anger / over/take them.

*27* Let their / camp be / desolate :

and let there be / no one to / dwell • in their / tents.

‡*28* For they persecute the one whom / you have / stricken :

and increase the sorrows

of / him whom / you have / pierced.

*29* Lay to their charge / guilt upon / guilt :

and let them not re/ceive your / vindi/cation.

*30* Let them be wiped out of the / book of the / living :

and not be / written a/mong the / righteous.

*31* As for me, I am poor / and in / misery :

your saving help, O / God, will / lift me / up.

*32* I will praise the name of God / with a / song :

I will pro/claim his / greatness with / thanksgiving.

*33* This will please the Lord more than an / offering of / oxen :

more than / bulls with / horns and / hooves.

*34* The humble shall see / and be / glad :

you who seek / God, your / heart shall / live.

*35* For the Lord listens / to the / needy :

and his own who are imprisoned / he does / not des/pise.

*36* Let the heavens and the / earth / praise him :

the seas and / all that / moves / in them;

*37* For God will save Zion and rebuild the / cities of / Judah :

they shall live there and / have it / in pos/session.

*38* The children of his servants / shall in/herit it :

and they that love his / name shall / dwell there/in.

***Psalm 70***

*1* O God, make / speed to / save me :

O / Lord, make / haste to / help me.

*2* Let those who seek my life

be put to / shame and con/fusion :

let them be turned back and dis/graced

who / wish me / evil.

*3* Let those who / mock and de/ride me :

turn / back be/cause of their / shame.

*4* But let all who seek you rejoice and be / glad in / you :

let those who love your salvation

say / always / ‘Great is the / Lord!’

*5* As for me, I am / poor and / needy :

come to me / quickly, / O / God.

*6* You are my help and / my de/liverer :

O / Lord, do / not de/lay.

***Psalm 71***

*1* In you, O Lord, do / I seek / refuge :

let me / never be / put to / shame.

*2* In your righteousness, deliver me and / set me / free :

incline your / ear to / me and / save me.

*3* Be for me a stronghold to which I may / ever re/sort :

send out to save me, for / you are my / rock • and my / fortress.

*4* Deliver me, my God, from the / hand of the / wicked :

from the grasp of the evil/doer / and the op/pressor.

*5* For you are my hope, / O Lord / God :

my confidence, / even / from my / youth.

*6* Upon you have I leaned from my birth,

when you drew me from my / mother’s / womb :

my praise / shall be / always of / you.

*7* I have become a / portent to / many :

but you are my / refuge / and my / strength.

*8* Let my mouth be / full of your / praise :

and your / glory / all the day / long.

*9* Do not cast me away in the / time of old / age :

forsake me not / when my / strength / fails.

*10* For my enemies are / talking a/gainst me :

and those who lie in wait for my / life

take / counsel to/gether.

*11* They say, ‘God has forsaken him;

pur/sue him and / take him :

because there is / none / to de/liver him.’

*12* O God, be not / far from / me :

come quickly to / help me, / O my / God.

‡*13* Let those who are against me

be put to / shame and dis/grace :

let those who seek to do me evil

be / covered with / scorn • and re/proach.

*14* But as for me I will / hope con/tinually :

and will / praise you / more and / more.

*15* My mouth shall tell of your righteousness

and salvation / all the day / long :

for I / know no / end of the / telling.

*16* I will begin with the mighty works of the / Lord / God :

I will recall your / righteousness, / yours a/lone.

*17* O God, you have taught me since / I was / young :

and to this day I / tell of your / wonderful / works.

*18* Forsake me not, O God,

when I am / old and grey-/headed :

till I make known your deeds to the next generation

and your power to / all that / are to / come.

*19* Your righteousness, O God, reaches / to the / heavens :

in the great things you have done,

/ who is like / you, O / God?

*20* What troubles and adversities / you have / shown me :

and yet you will turn and refresh me

and bring me from the / deep of the / earth a/gain.

*21* In/crease my / honour :

turn a/gain / and / comfort me.

*22* Therefore will I praise you upon the harp

for your faithfulness, / O my / God :

I will sing to you with the lyre, O / Holy / One of / Israel.

*23* My lips will sing / out as I / play to you :

and so will my / soul, which / you have re/deemed.

*24* My tongue also will tell of your righteousness / all the day / long :

for they shall be shamed and disgraced

who / sought to / do me / evil.

***Psalm 72***

*1* Give the king your / judgements, O / God :

and your righteousness / to the / son of a / king.

*2* Then shall he judge your / people / righteously :

and your / poor / with / justice.

*3* May the mountains / bring forth / peace :

and the little hills / righteousness / for the / people.

*4* May he defend the poor a/mong the / people :

deliver the children of the / needy

and / crush • the op/pressor.

*5* May he live as long as the sun and / moon en/dure :

from one gene/ration / to an/other.

*6* May he come down like rain upon the / mown / grass :

like the / showers that / water the / earth.

‡*7* In his time shall / righteousness / flourish :

and abundance of peace

till the / moon shall / be no / more.

*8* May his dominion extend from / sea to / sea :

and from the River / to the / ends of the / earth.

*9* May his foes / kneel be/fore him :

and his / enemies / lick the / dust.

*10* The kings of Tarshish and of the isles / shall pay / tribute :

the kings of Sheba and / Seba / shall bring / gifts.

*11* All kings shall fall / down be/fore him :

all / nations shall / do him / service.

*12* For he shall deliver the / poor that cry / out :

the needy and / those who / have no / helper.

*13* He shall have pity on the / weak and / poor :

he shall pre/serve the / lives of the / needy.

*14* He shall redeem their lives from op/pression and / violence :

and dear shall their / blood be / in his / sight.

*15* Long may he live;

unto him may be given / gold from / Sheba :

may prayer be made for him continually

and may they / bless him / all the day / long.

*16* May there be abundance of grain on the earth,

standing thick up/on the / hilltops :

may its fruit flourish like Lebanon

and its grain / grow • like the / grass of the / field.

*17* May his name remain for ever

and be established as long as the / sun en/dures :

may all nations be blest in / him and / call him / blessed.

*18* Blessed be the Lord, the / God of / Israel :

who a/lone does / wonderful / things.

*19* And blessed be his glorious / name for / ever :

may all the earth be filled with his glory.

/ Amen. / A–/men.

***Psalm 73***

*1* Truly, God is / loving to / Israel :

to those / who are / pure in / heart.

*2* Nevertheless, my feet were / almost / gone :

my / steps had / well-nigh / slipped.

*3* For I was envious / of the / proud :

I saw the / wicked in / such pros/perity;

*4* For they / suffer no / pains :

and their / bodies are / sleek and / sound;

*5* They come to no mis/fortune like / other folk :

nor are they / plagued as / others / are;

*6* Therefore pride / is their / necklace :

and violence / wraps them / like a / cloak.

*7* Their iniquity / comes from with/in :

the conceits of their / hearts / over/flow.

*8* They scoff, and speak / only of / evil :

they talk of op/pression / from on / high.

*9* They set their mouth a/gainst the / heavens :

and their tongue / ranges / round the / earth;

*10* And so the / people / turn to them :

and / find in / them no / fault.

*11* They say, ‘How should / God / know? :

Is there knowledge / in the / Most / High?’

*12* Behold, / these are the / wicked :

ever at ease, / they in/crease their / wealth.

*13* Is it in vain that I / cleansed my / heart :

and / washed my / hands in / innocence?

*14* All day long have / I been / stricken :

and / chastened / every / morning.

*15* If I had said, ‘I will / speak as / they do’ :

I should have betrayed the gene/ration / of your / children.

*16* Then thought I to / under/stand this :

but it / was too / hard for / me,

*17* Until I entered the / sanctuary of / God :

and under/stood the / end of the / wicked:

*18* How you set them in / slippery / places :

you / cast them / down to des/truction.

*19* How suddenly do they / come to des/truction :

perish and / come to a / fearful / end!

*20* As with a dream / when one a/wakes :

so, Lord, when you arise you / will des/pise their / image.

*21* When my heart be/came em/bittered :

and / I was / pierced to the / quick,

*22* I was but / foolish and / ignorant :

I was like a brute / beast / in your / presence.

*23* Yet I am / always with / you :

you hold me / by my / right / hand.

*24* You will guide me / with your / counsel :

and / afterwards re/ceive me with / glory.

*25* Whom have I in / heaven but / you? :

And there is nothing upon earth that I de/sire •

in com/parison with / you.

*26* Though my flesh and my / heart / fail me :

God is the strength of my heart / and my / portion for / ever.

*27* Truly, those who for/sake you will / perish :

you will put to silence the / faithless / who be/tray you.

*28* But it is good for me to draw / near to / God :

in the Lord God have I made my refuge,

that I may / tell of / all your / works.

***Psalm 74***

*1* O God, why have you / utterly dis/owned us? :

Why does your anger burn

a/gainst the / sheep of your / pasture?

*2* Remember your congregation that you / purchased of / old :

the tribe you redeemed for your own possession,

and Mount / Zion / where you / dwelt.

*3* Hasten your steps towards the / endless / ruins :

where the enemy has laid / waste / all your / sanctuary.

*4* Your adversaries roared in the / place of your / worship :

they set up their / banners as / tokens of / victory.

*5* Like men brandishing axes on high in a / thicket of / trees :

all her carved work they smashed / down

with / hatchet and / hammer.

*6* They set fire to your / holy / place :

they defiled the dwelling place of your name

and / razed it / to the / ground.

*7* They said in their heart,

‘Let us make havoc of them / alto/gether’ :

and they burned down

all the sanctuaries of / God / in the / land.

*8* There are no signs to see, not one / prophet / left :

not one a/mong us who / knows how / long.

*9* How long, O God, will the / adversary / scoff? :

Shall the enemy blas/pheme your / name for / ever?

*10* Why have you with/held your / hand :

and hidden your / right hand / in your / bosom?

*11* Yet God is my king / from of / old :

who did deeds of salvation / in the / midst of the / earth.

*12* It was you that divided the sea / by your / might :

and shattered the heads of the / dragons / on the / waters;

*13* You alone crushed the / heads of Le/viathan :

and gave him to the / beasts of the / desert for / food.

*14* You cleft the rock for / fountain and / flood :

you dried up / ever/flowing / rivers.

*15* Yours is the day, yours / also the / night :

you es/tablished the / moon • and the / sun.

*16* You set all the / bounds of the / earth :

you / fashioned both / summer and / winter.

*17* Remember now, Lord, how the / enemy / scoffed :

how a foolish / people des/pised your / name.

*18* Do not give to wild beasts the / soul of your / turtle dove :

forget not the / lives of your / poor for / ever.

*19* Look upon / your cre/ation :

for the earth is full of darkness,

/ full of the / haunts of / violence.

*20* Let not the oppressed turn a/way a/shamed :

but let the poor and / needy / praise your / name.

*21* Arise, O God, maintain your / own / cause :

remember how fools re/vile you / all the day / long.

*22* Forget not the / clamour • of your / adversaries :

the tumult of your enemies / that as/cends con/tinually.

***Psalm 75***

*1* We give you thanks, O God, we / give you / thanks :

for your name is near, as your / wonderful / deeds de/clare.

*2* ‘I will seize the ap/pointed / time :

I, the / Lord, will / judge with / equity.

*3* Though the earth reels and / all that / dwell in her :

it is I that / hold her / pillars / steady.

*4* To the boasters I say / “Boast no / longer” :

and to the wicked / “Do not / lift up your / horn.

*5* Do not lift up your / horn on / high :

do not / speak with a / stiff / neck.” ’

*6* For neither from the east / nor from the / west :

nor yet from the / wilderness comes / exal/tation.

*7* But God a/lone is / judge :

he puts down one and / raises / up an/other.

*8* For in the hand of the Lord there / is a / cup :

well mixed and / full of / foaming / wine.

‡*9* He pours it out for all the / wicked • of the / earth :

they shall / drink it, and / drain the / dregs.

*10* But I will re/joice for / ever :

and make music / to the / God of / Jacob.

*11* All the horns of the wicked / will I / break :

but the horns of the / righteous shall / be ex/alted.

***Psalm 76***

*1* In Judah / God is / known :

his / name is / great in / Israel.

*2* At Salem / is his / tabernacle :

and his / dwelling / place in / Zion.

*3* There broke he the flashing / arrows • of the / bow :

the shield, the / sword • and the / weapons of / war.

*4* In the light of splendour / you ap/peared :

glorious / from the e/ternal / mountains.

*5* The boastful were plundered; they have / slept their / sleep :

none of the / warriors can / lift their / hand.

*6* At your rebuke, O / God of / Jacob :

both / horse and / chariot fell / stunned.

*7* Terrible are / you in / majesty :

who can stand before your / face when / you are / angry?

*8* You caused your judgement to be / heard from / heaven :

the earth / trembled / and was / still,

*9* When God a/rose to / judgement :

to save all the / meek / upon / earth.

*10* You crushed the / wrath of the / peoples :

and / bridled the / wrathful / remnant.

*11* Make a vow to the Lord your / God and / keep it :

let all who are round about him bring gifts

to him that is / worthy / to be / feared.

*12* He breaks down the / spirit of / princes :

and strikes terror / in the / kings of the / earth.

***Psalm 77***

*1* I cry a/loud to / God :

I cry aloud to / God and / he will / hear me.

*2* In the day of my trouble I have / sought the / Lord :

by night my hand is stretched out and does not tire;

my / soul re/fuses / comfort.

*3* I think upon God / and I / groan :

I ponder, / and my / spirit / faints.

*4* You will not let my / eyelids / close :

I am so troubled / that I / cannot / speak.

*5* I consider the / days of / old :

I re/member the / years long / past;

*6* I commune with my heart / in the / night :

my spirit / searches for / under/standing.

*7* Will the Lord cast us / off for / ever? :

Will he / no more / show us his / favour?

*8* Has his loving mercy clean / gone for / ever? :

Has his promise come to an / end for / ever/more?

*9* Has God for/gotten • to be / gracious? :

Has he shut up his com/passion / in dis/pleasure?

*10* And I said, ‘My / grief is / this :

that the right hand of the Most / High has / lost its / strength.’

*11* I will remember the / works of the / Lord :

and call to mind your / wonders of / old / time.

*12* I will meditate on / all your / works :

and / ponder your / mighty / deeds.

*13* Your way, O / God, is / holy :

who is so / great a / god as / our God?

*14* You are the / God who worked / wonders :

and declared your / power a/mong the / peoples.

*15* With a mighty arm you re/deemed your / people :

the / children of / Jacob and / Joseph.

*16* The waters saw you, O God;

the waters saw you and / were a/fraid :

the / depths / also were / troubled.

*17* The clouds poured out water; the / skies / thundered :

your arrows / flashed on / every / side;

*18* The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind;

your lightnings / lit up the / ground :

the / earth / trembled and / shook.

*19* Your way was in the sea,

and your paths in the / great / waters :

but your / footsteps / were not / known.

*20* You led your / people like / sheep :

by the / hand of / Moses and / Aaron.

***Psalm 78***

*1* Hear my teaching, / O my / people :

incline your / ears • to the / words of my / mouth.

*2* I will open my / mouth in a / parable :

I will pour forth / mysteries / from of / old,

*3* Such as we have / heard and / known :

which our / forebears / have / told us.

*4* We will not hide from their children,

but will recount to gene/rations to / come :

the praises of the Lord and his power

and the / wonderful / works • he has / done.

*5* He laid a solemn charge on Jacob

and made it a / law in / Israel :

which he com/manded them to / teach their / children,

*6* That the generations to come might know,

and the children / yet un/born :

that they in turn might / tell it / to their / children;

*7* So that they might put their / trust in / God :

and not forget the deeds of / God,

but / keep his com/mandments,

*8* And not be like their forebears,

a stubborn and rebellious / gene/ration :

a generation whose heart was not steadfast,

and whose spirit / was not / faithful to / God.

*9* The people of Ephraim, / armed with the / bow :

turned / back in the / day of / battle;

*10* They did not keep the / covenant of / God :

and re/fused to / walk in his / law;

*11* They forgot what / he had / done :

and the / wonders / he had / shown them.

*12* For he did marvellous things in the / sight of their / forebears :

in the land of Egypt, / in the / field of / Zoan.

*13* He divided the sea and / let them pass / through :

he made the / waters stand / still • in a / heap.

*14* He led them with a / cloud by / day :

and all the night / through • with a / blaze of / fire.

*15* He split the hard / rocks in the / wilderness :

and gave them drink as / from the / great / deep.

*16* He brought streams / out of the / rock :

and made / water gush / out like / rivers.

*17* Yet for all this they sinned / more a/gainst him :

and defied the Most / High / in the / wilderness.

*18* They tested God / in their / hearts :

and de/manded / food for their / craving.

*19* They spoke against / God and / said :

‘Can God prepare a / table / in the / wilderness?

*20* He struck the rock indeed, so that the waters gushed out

and the streams / over/flowed :

but can he give bread or provide / meat / for his / people?’

*21* When the Lord heard this, he was / full of / wrath :

a fire was kindled against Jacob

and his / anger went / out against / Israel,

*22* For they had no / faith in / God :

and put no / trust in his / saving / help.

*23* So he commanded the / clouds a/bove :

and / opened the / doors of / heaven.

*24* He rained down upon them / manna to / eat :

and / gave them the / grain of / heaven.

*25* So mortals ate the / bread of / angels :

he / sent them / food in / plenty.

*26* He caused the east wind to / blow in the / heavens :

and led out the / south wind / by his / might.

*27* He rained flesh upon them as / thick as / dust :

and winged fowl / like the / sand of the / sea.

*28* He let it fall in the / midst of their / camp :

and / round a/bout their / tents.

‡*29* So they ate and / were well / filled :

for he / gave them what / they de/sired.

*30* But they did not / stop their / craving :

their / food was / still in their / mouths,

*31* When the anger of God / rose a/gainst them :

and slew their strongest men

and / felled the / flower of / Israel.

*32* But for all this, they / sinned yet / more :

and put no / faith in his / wonderful / works.

*33* So he brought their days to an end / like a / breath :

and their / years in / sudden / terror.

*34* Whenever he slew them, / they would / seek him :

they would repent and / earnestly / search for / God.

*35* They remembered that / God was their / rock :

and the Most High / God / their re/deemer.

*36* Yet they did but flatter him / with their / mouth :

and dis/sembled / with their / tongue.

*37* Their heart was not / steadfast to/wards him :

neither were they / faithful / to his / covenant.

*38* But he was so merciful that he forgave their misdeeds

and did / not des/troy them :

many a time he turned back his wrath

and did not suffer his whole dis/pleasure / to be / roused.

*39* For he remembered that they / were but / flesh :

a wind that passes / by and / does not re/turn.

*40* How often they rebelled against him / in the / wilderness :

and / grieved him / in the / desert!

*41* Again and again they / tempted / God :

and provoked the / Holy / One of / Israel.

*42* They did not re/member his / power :

in the day when he re/deemed them / from the / enemy;

*43* How he had wrought his / signs in / Egypt :

and his wonders / in the / field of / Zoan.

*44* He turned their rivers / into / blood :

so that they / could not / drink of their / streams.

*45* He sent swarms of flies among them, / which de/voured them :

and / frogs which / brought them / ruin.

*46* He gave their produce / to the / caterpillar :

the fruit of their / toil / to the / locust.

*47* He destroyed their / vines with / hailstones :

and their / sycamore / trees • with the / frost.

*48* He delivered their / cattle to / hailstones :

and their / flocks / to / thunderbolts.

*49* He set loose on them his / blazing / anger :

fury, displeasure and trouble,

a / troop of des/troying / angels.

*50* He made a way for his anger

and spared not their / souls from / death :

but gave their life / over / to the / pestilence.

*51* He smote the / firstborn of / Egypt :

the first fruits of their / strength • in the / tents of / Ham.

*52* But he led out his / people like / sheep :

and guided them in the / wilderness / like a / flock.

*53* He led them to safety and they were / not a/fraid :

but the / sea • over/whelmed their / enemies.

*54* He brought them to his / holy / place :

the mountain which his / right hand / took in pos/session.

*55* He drove out the nations before them

and shared out to them / their in/heritance :

he settled the tribes of / Israel / in their / tents.

*56* Yet still they tested God Most High

and re/belled a/gainst him :

and / would not / keep his com/mandments.

*57* They turned back and fell away / like their / forebears :

starting aside / like an / unstrung / bow.

‡*58* They grieved him / with their / hill altars :

and provoked him to dis/pleasure / with their / idols.

*59* God heard and was / greatly / angered :

and / utterly re/jected / Israel.

*60* He forsook the / tabernacle at / Shiloh :

the / tent • of his / presence on / earth.

*61* He gave the ark of his strength / into cap/tivity :

his splendour / into the / adver•sary’s / hand.

*62* He delivered his people / to the / sword :

and / raged a/gainst his in/heritance.

*63* The fire consumed / their young / men :

there was / no one • to la/ment their / maidens.

*64* Their priests / fell • by the / sword :

and their widows / made no / lamen/tation.

*65* Then the Lord woke as / out of / sleep :

like a warrior who had been / over/come with / wine.

*66* He struck his enemies / from be/hind :

and put them / to per/petual / shame.

*67* He rejected the / tent of / Joseph :

and chose / not the / tribe of / Ephraim,

*68* But he chose the / tribe of / Judah :

and the hill of / Zion, / which he / loved.

*69* And there he built his sanctuary like the / heights of / heaven :

like the earth / which he / founded for / ever.

*70* He chose David / also, his / servant :

and took him a/way / from the / sheepfolds.

*71* From following the ewes with their / lambs he / took him :

that he might shepherd Jacob his people

and / Israel / his in/heritance.

*72* So he shepherded them with a de/voted / heart :

and with / skilful / hands he / guided them.

***Psalm 79***

*1* O God, the heathen have come / into your / heritage :

your holy temple have they defiled

and made Je/rusalem a / heap of / stones.

*2* The dead bodies of your servants they have given

to be food for the / birds of the / air :

and the flesh of your / faithful • to the / beasts of the / field.

*3* Their blood have they shed like water

on every / side of Je/rusalem :

and / there was / no one to / bury them.

*4* We have become the / taunt of our / neighbours :

the scorn and derision of / those that are / round a/bout us.

*5* Lord, how long will you be / angry, for / ever? :

How long will your jealous / fury / blaze like / fire?

*6* Pour out your wrath

upon the nations that / have not / known you :

and upon the kingdoms

that have not / called up/on your / name.

*7* For they have de/voured / Jacob :

and / laid / waste his / dwelling place.

*8* Remember not against us our / former / sins :

let your compassion make haste to meet us,

for / we are brought / very / low.

*9* Help us, O God of our salvation,

for the glory / of your / name :

deliver us, and wipe away our sins / for your / name’s / sake.

*10* Why should the / heathen / say :

‘Where is / now – / their – / God?’

*11* Let vengeance for your servants’ / blood • that is / shed :

be known among the / nations / in our / sight.

*12* Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners / come be/fore you :

and by your mighty arm

preserve those / who are con/demned to / die.

*13* May the taunts with which our neighbours / taunted you, / Lord :

return / sevenfold / into their / bosom.

*14* But we that are your people and the sheep of your pasture

will give you / thanks for / ever :

and tell of your praise from gene/ration to / gene/ration.

***Psalm 80***

*1* Hear, O / Shepherd of / Israel :

you that led / Joseph / like a / flock;

*2* Shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the / cherubim :

before Ephraim, / Benjamin / and Ma/nasseh.

*3* Stir up your / mighty / strength :

and / come to / our sal/vation.

*4* Turn us a/gain, O / God :

show the light of your countenance, / and we / shall be / saved.

*5* O Lord / God of / hosts :

how long will you be angry / at your / people’s / prayer?

*6* You feed them with the / bread of / tears :

you give them a/bundance of / tears to / drink.

*7* You have made us the derision / of our / neighbours :

and our / enemies / laugh us to / scorn.

*8* Turn us again, O / God of / hosts :

show the light of your countenance, / and we / shall be / saved.

*9* You brought a vine / out of / Egypt :

you drove / out the / nations and / planted it.

*10* You made / room a/round it :

and when it had taken / root, it / filled the / land.

*11* The hills were covered / with its / shadow :

and the cedars of / God / by its / boughs.

*12* It stretched out its branches / to the / Sea :

and its / tendrils / to the / River.

*13* Why then have you broken / down its / wall :

so that all who pass / by pluck / off its / grapes?

*14* The wild boar out of the wood / tears it / off :

and all the / insects • of the / field de/vour it.

*15* Turn again, O / God of / hosts :

look down from / heaven / and be/hold;

*16* Cherish this vine which your / right hand has / planted :

and the branch that you / made so / strong for your/self.

*17* Let those who burnt it with fire, who / cut it / down :

perish / at the re/buke • of your / countenance.

*18* Let your hand be upon the man / at your / right hand :

the son of man you / made so / strong • for your/self.

*19* And so will we / not go / back from you :

give us life, and we shall / call up/on your / name.

*20* Turn us again, O Lord / God of / hosts :

show the light of your countenance, / and we / shall be / saved.

***Psalm 81***

*1* Sing merrily to / God our / strength :

shout for / joy • to the / God of / Jacob.

*2* Take up the song and / sound the / timbrel :

the tuneful / lyre / with the / harp.

*3* Blow the trumpet at the / new / moon :

as at the full moon, up/on our / solemn / feast day.

*4* For this is a / statute for / Israel :

a / law • of the / God of / Jacob,

*5* The charge he laid on the / people of / Joseph :

when they came / out of the / land of / Egypt.

*6* I heard a voice I did not / know, that / said :

‘I eased their shoulder from the burden;

their hands were set / free from / bearing the / load.

*7* You called upon me in trouble and / I de/livered you :

I answered you from the secret place of thunder

and proved you / at the / waters of / Meribah.

*8* Hear, O my people, and I / will ad/monish you :

O Israel, if you / would but / listen to / me!

*9* There shall be no strange / god a/mong you :

you shall not / worship a / foreign / god.

*10* I am the Lord your God,

who brought you up from the / land of / Egypt :

open your mouth / wide and / I shall / fill it.’

*11* But my people would not / hear my / voice :

and / Israel would / not o/bey me.

*12* So I sent them away in the stubbornness / of their / hearts :

and let them walk / after their / own / counsels.

*13* O that my people would / listen to / me :

that / Israel would / walk • in my / ways!

*14* Then I should soon put / down their / enemies :

and turn my / hand a/gainst their / adversaries.

*15* Those who hate the Lord would be / humbled be/fore him :

and their / punishment would / last for / ever.

*16* But Israel would I feed with the / finest / wheat :

and with honey / from the / rock • would I / satisfy them.

***Psalm 82***

*1* God has taken his stand in the / council of / heaven :

in the midst of the / gods / he gives / judgement:

*2* ‘How long will you / judge un/justly :

and show such / favour / to the / wicked?

*3* You were to judge the weak / and the / orphan :

defend the / right • of the / humble and / needy;

*4* Rescue the weak / and the / poor :

deliver them / from the / hand of the / wicked.

*5* They have no knowledge or wisdom;

they walk on / still in / darkness :

all the foun/dations • of the / earth are / shaken.

*6* Therefore I say that though / you are / gods :

and all of you / children • of the / Most / High,

*7* Nevertheless, you shall / die like / mortals :

and / fall like / one of their / princes.’

*8* Arise, O God and / judge the / earth :

for it is you that shall take all / nations / for your pos/session.

***Psalm 83***

*1* Hold not your peace, O God, do / not keep / silent :

be / not un/moved, O / God;

*2* For your enemies / are in / tumult :

and those who / hate you / lift up their / heads.

*3* They take secret counsel a/gainst your / people :

and plot a/gainst those / whom you / treasure.

*4* They say, ‘Come, let us destroy them / as a / nation :

that the name of Israel / be re/membered no / more.’

*5* They have conspired together / with one / mind :

they / are in / league a/gainst you:

*6,7* The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites,

/ Moab • and the / Hagarenes :

Gebal and Ammon and Amalek,

the Philistines and / those who / dwell in / Tyre.

‡*8* Ashur / also has / joined them :

and has lent a strong / arm • to the / children of / Lot.

*9* Do to them as you / did to / Midian :

to Sisera and to Jabin / at the / river of / Kishon,

*10* Who / perished at / Endor :

and be/came as / dung • for the / earth.

*11* Make their commanders like / Oreb and / Zeëb :

and all their princes like / Zebah / and Zal/munna,

*12* Who said, ‘Let us / take for our/selves :

the pastures of / God as / our pos/session.’

*13* O my God, / make them like / thistledown :

like / chaff be/fore the / wind.

*14* Like fire that con/sumes a / forest :

like the / flame • that sets / mountains a/blaze,

*15* So drive them / with your / tempest :

and dis/may them / with your / storm.

*16* Cover their faces with / shame, O / Lord :

that / they may / seek your / name.

*17* Let them be disgraced and dis/mayed for / ever :

let them be / put to con/fusion and / perish;

*18* And they shall know that you, whose / name is the / Lord :

are alone the Most High / over / all the / earth.

***Psalm 84***

*1* How lovely is your dwelling place, O / Lord of / hosts! :

My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh re/joice in the / living / God.

*2* The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may / lay her / young :

at your altars, O Lord of / hosts, my / King and my / God.

*3* Blessed are they who / dwell in your / house :

they will / always be / praising / you.

*4* Blessed are those whose / strength is in / you :

in whose heart / are the / highways to / Zion,

*5* Who going through the barren valley find / there a / spring :

and the early / rains will / clothe it with / blessing.

*6* They will go from / strength to / strength :

and ap/pear before / God in / Zion.

*7,8* O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;

listen, O / God of / Jacob :

behold our defender, O God,

and look upon the / face of / your a/nointed.

*9* For one day / in your / courts :

is / better / than a / thousand.

*10* I would rather be a doorkeeper in the / house of my / God :

than / dwell • in the / tents of un/godliness.

*11* For the Lord God is both sun and shield;

he will give / grace and / glory :

no good thing shall the Lord withhold

from / those who / walk with in/tegrity.

‡*12* O Lord / God of / hosts :

blessed are those who / put their / trust in / you.

***Psalm 85***

*1* Lord, you were gracious / to your / land :

you re/stored the / fortunes of / Jacob.

*2* You forgave the of/fence of your / people :

and / covered / all their / sins.

‡*3* You laid aside / all your / fury :

and turned from your / wrathful / indig/nation.

*4* Restore us again, O / God our / Saviour :

and / let your / anger / cease from us.

*5* Will you be displeased with / us for / ever? :

Will you stretch out your wrath

from one gene/ration / to an/other?

*6* Will you not give us / life a/gain :

that your people / may re/joice in / you?

*7* Show us your / mercy, O / Lord :

and / grant us / your sal/vation.

*8* I will listen to what the Lord / God will / say :

for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,

that they / turn • not a/gain to / folly.

*9* Truly, his salvation is near to / those who / fear him :

that his / glory may / dwell • in our / land.

*10* Mercy and truth are / met to/gether :

righteousness and / peace have / kissed each / other;

*11* Truth shall spring / up from the / earth :

and / righteousness look / down from / heaven.

*12* The Lord will indeed give / all that is / good :

and our / land will / yield its / increase.

*13* Righteousness shall / go be/fore him :

and di/rect his / steps • in the / way.

***Psalm 86***

*1* Incline your ear, O / Lord, and / answer me :

for / I am / poor • and in / misery.

*2* Preserve my soul, for / I am / faithful :

save your servant, for I / put my / trust in / you.

*3* Be merciful to me, O Lord, for / you are my / God :

I call up/on you / all the day / long.

*4* Gladden the / soul of your / servant :

for to you, O / Lord, I / lift up my / soul.

‡*5* For you, Lord, are / good and for/giving :

abounding in steadfast love to / all who / call up/on you.

*6* Give ear, O Lord, / to my / prayer :

and listen to the / voice of my / suppli/cation.

*7* In the day of my distress I will / call up/on you :

for / you will / answer / me.

*8* Among the gods there is none like / you, O / Lord :

nor / any / works like / yours.

*9* All nations you have made

shall come and worship / you, O / Lord :

and shall / glori/fy your / name.

*10* For you are great and do / wonderful / things :

you a/lone / are / God.

*11* Teach me your way, O Lord,

and I will / walk in your / truth :

knit my heart to you, that / I may / fear your / name.

*12* I will thank you, O Lord my God, with / all my / heart :

and glorify your / name for / ever/more;

*13* For great is your steadfast / love to/wards me :

for you have delivered my soul

from the / depths / of the / grave.

*14* O God, the proud rise up against me

and a ruthless horde seek / after my / life :

they have not / set you be/fore their / eyes.

*15* But you, Lord, are gracious and / full of com/passion :

slow to anger and / full of / kindness and / truth.

*16* Turn to me and have / mercy up/on me :

give your strength to your servant

and / save the / child of your / handmaid.

*17* Show me a token of your favour,

that those who hate me may see it and / be a/shamed :

because you, O / Lord, have / helped and / comforted me.

***Psalm 87***

*1* His foundation is on the / holy / mountains :

the Lord loves the gates of Zion

more than / all the / dwellings of / Jacob.

*2* Glorious things are / spoken of / you :

Zion, / city / of our / God.

*3* I record Egypt and Babylon as / those who / know me :

behold Philistia, Tyre and Ethiopia:

in / Zion / were they / born.

*4* And of Zion it shall be said,

‘Each one was / born in / her :

and the Most High himself / has es/tablished / her.’

*5* The Lord will record as he / writes up the / peoples :

‘This one / also / was born / there.’

*6* And as they dance / they shall / sing :

‘All my / fresh / springs are / in you.’

***Psalm 88***

*1* O Lord, God of / my sal/vation :

I have cried / day and / night be/fore you.

*2* Let my prayer come / into your / presence :

in/cline your / ear to my / cry.

*3* For my soul is / full of / troubles :

my life draws / near to the / land of / death.

*4* I am counted as one gone / down to the / Pit :

I am like / one that / has no / strength,

*5* Lost a/mong the / dead :

like the / slain who / lie in the / grave,

*6* Whom you re/member no / more :

for they are / cut off / from your / hand.

*7* You have laid me in the / lowest / pit :

in a place of / darkness / in the a/byss.

*8* Your anger lies / heavy up/on me :

and you have af/flicted me with / all your / waves.

*9* You have put my friends / far / from me :

and made me to / be ab/horred / by them.

*10* I am so fast in prison that I / cannot get / free :

my eyes / fail from / all my / trouble.

*11* Lord, I have called / daily up/on you :

I have stretched / out my / hands / to you.

*12* Do you work wonders / for the / dead? :

Will the / shades stand / up and / praise you?

*13* Shall your loving-kindness be de/clared in the / grave :

your faithfulness / in the / land of des/truction?

*14* Shall your wonders be / known in the / dark :

or your righteous deeds in the / land where / all is for/gotten?

*15* But as for me, O Lord, I will / cry to / you :

early in the morning my / prayer shall / come be/fore you.

*16* Lord, why have you re/jected my / soul? :

Why have you / hidden your / face / from me?

*17* I have been wretched and at the point of death / from my / youth :

I suffer your terrors / and am / no more / seen.

*18* Your / wrath sweeps / over me :

your / horrors are / come • to des/troy me;

*19* All day long they come a/bout me like / water :

they close me / in on / every / side.

*20* Lover and friend have / you put / far from me :

and hid my com/panions / out of my / sight.

***Psalm 89***

*1* My song shall be always of the loving-kindness / of the / Lord :

with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness

through/out all / gene/rations.

*2* I will declare that your love is es/tablished for / ever :

you have set your faithfulness as / firm / as the / heavens.

*3* For you said: ‘I have made a covenant / with my / chosen one :

I have sworn an / oath to / David my / servant:

*4*  “Your seed will I es/tablish for / ever :

and build up your throne for / all / gene/rations.” ’

*5* The heavens praise your / wonders, O / Lord :

and your faithfulness in the as/sembly / of the / holy ones;

*6* For who among the clouds can be com/pared to the / Lord? :

Who is like the Lord a/mong the / host of / heaven?

*7* A God feared in the council / of the / holy ones :

great and terrible above / all those / round a/bout him.

*8* Who is like you, Lord / God of / hosts? :

Mighty Lord, your / faithfulness is / all a/round you.

*9* You rule the / raging • of the / sea :

you still its / waves when / they a/rise.

*10* You crushed Rahab with a / deadly / wound :

and scattered your enemies / with your / mighty / arm.

*11* Yours are the heavens; the earth / also is / yours :

you established the / world and / all that / fills it.

*12* You created the / north and the / south :

Tabor and / Hermon re/joice • in your / name.

*13* You have a / mighty / arm :

strong is your hand and / high is / your right / hand.

*14* Righteousness and justice are the foundation / of your / throne :

steadfast love and faithfulness / go be/fore your / face.

*15* Happy are the people who know the / shout of / triumph :

they walk, O Lord, / in the / light of your / countenance.

*16* In your name they rejoice / all the day / long :

and are ex/alted / in your / righteousness.

*17* For you are the glory / of their / strength :

and in your favour / you lift / up our / heads.

*18* Truly the Lord / is our / shield :

the Holy One of / Israel / is our / king.

*19* You spoke once in a vision and said to your / faithful / people :

‘I have set a youth above the mighty;

I have raised a / young man / over the / people.

*20* I have found / David my / servant :

with my holy / oil have / I a/nointed him.

*21* My hand shall / hold him / fast :

and my / arm shall / strengthen / him.

*22* No enemy / shall de/ceive him :

nor any / wicked / person af/flict him.

*23* I will strike down his foes be/fore his / face :

and / beat down / those that / hate him.

*24* My truth also and my steadfast love / shall be / with him :

and in my name shall his / head / be ex/alted.

*25* I will set his dominion up/on the / sea :

and his / right hand up/on the / rivers.

*26* He shall call to me / “You are my / Father :

my God, and the / rock of / my sal/vation.”

‡*27* And I will make / him my / firstborn :

the most high a/bove the / kings of the / earth.

*28* The love I have pledged to him will I / keep for / ever :

and my covenant / will stand / fast with / him.

*29* His seed also will I make to en/dure for / ever :

and his throne / as the / days of / heaven.

*30* But if his children for/sake my / law :

and / cease to / walk in my / judgements,

*31,32* If they break my statutes

and do not / keep my com/mandments :

I will punish their offences with a rod

/ and their / sin with / scourges.

*33* But I will not take from him my / steadfast / love :

nor / suffer my / truth to / fail.

*34* My covenant will / I not / break :

nor alter / what has gone / out of my / lips.

*35* Once for all have I sworn / by my / holiness :

that I will / not prove / false to / David.

*36* His seed shall en/dure for / ever :

and his throne / as the / sun be/fore me;

‡*37* It shall stand fast for ever / as the / moon :

the enduring / witness / in the / heavens.’

*38* But you have cast off and rejected / your a/nointed :

you have / shown fierce / anger a/gainst him.

*39* You have broken the covenant / with your / servant :

and have / cast his / crown • to the / dust.

*40* You have broken down / all his / walls :

and / laid his / strongholds in / ruins.

*41* All who pass / by de/spoil him :

and he has be/come the / scorn of his / neighbours.

*42* You have exalted the right hand / of his / foes :

and made / all his / enemies re/joice.

*43* You have turned back the / edge of his / sword :

and have / not up/held him in / battle.

*44* You have made an / end of his / radiance :

and / cast his / throne to the / ground.

*45* You have cut short the / days of his / youth :

and have / covered / him with / shame.

*46* How long will you hide yourself so / utterly, O / Lord? :

How long shall your / anger / burn like / fire?

*47* Remember how / short my / time is :

how frail you have / made all / mortal / flesh.

*48* Which of the living shall / not see / death :

and shall deliver their soul / from the / power of / darkness?

*49* Where, O Lord, is your steadfast / love of / old :

which you swore to / David / in your / faithfulness?

*50* Remember, O Lord, how your / servant is / scorned :

how I bear in my bosom the / taunts of / many / peoples,

*51* While your enemies / mock, O / Lord :

while they mock the / footsteps of / your a/nointed.

‡*52* Blessed be the Lord for / ever/more :

A/men and / A–/men.

***Psalm 90***

*1* Lord, you have / been our / refuge :

from one gene/ration / to a/nother.

*2* Before the mountains were brought forth,

or the earth and the / world were / formed :

from everlasting to ever/lasting / you are / God.

*3* You turn us back to / dust and / say :

‘Turn / back, O / children of / earth.’

*4* For a thousand years in your sight are / but as / yesterday :

which passes / like a / watch in the / night.

*5* You sweep them away / like a / dream :

they fade away / suddenly / like the / grass.

*6* In the morning it is / green and / flourishes :

in the evening it is / dried / up and / withered.

*7* For we consume away in / your dis/pleasure :

we are afraid at your / wrathful / indig/nation.

*8* You have set our mis/deeds be/fore you :

and our secret sins / in the / light of your / countenance.

*9* When you are angry, all our / days are / gone :

our years come to an / end / like a / sigh.

*10* The days of our life are three score years and ten,

or if our strength endures, / even / four score :

yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow,

for they soon pass a/way and / we are / gone.

*11* Who regards the / power of your / wrath :

and your indig/nation like / those who / fear you?

*12* So teach us to / number our / days :

that we may ap/ply our / hearts to / wisdom.

*13* Turn again, O Lord; how long will / you de/lay? :

Have com/passion / on your / servants.

*14* Satisfy us with your loving-kindness / in the / morning :

that we may rejoice and be / glad / all our / days.

*15* Give us gladness for the days / you have af/flicted us :

and for the years in which / we have / seen ad/versity.

*16* Show your / servants your / works :

and let your / glory be / over their / children.

‡*17* May the gracious favour of the Lord our God / be up/on us :

prosper our handiwork; O / prosper the / work of our / hands.

***Psalm 91***

*1* Whoever dwells in the shelter of the / Most / High :

and abides under the / shadow / of the Al/mighty,

*2* Shall say to the Lord, ‘My refuge / and my / stronghold :

my God, in / whom I / put my / trust.’

*3* For he shall deliver you from the / snare of the / fowler :

and / from the / deadly / pestilence.

*4* He shall cover you with his wings

and you shall be safe / under his / feathers :

his faithfulness shall / be your / shield and / buckler.

*5* You shall not be afraid of any / terror by / night :

nor of the / arrow that / flies by / day;

*6* Of the pestilence that / stalks in / darkness :

nor of the sickness / that des/troys at / noonday.

*7* Though a thousand fall at your side

and ten thousand at / your right / hand :

yet / it shall / not come / near you.

*8* Your eyes have only / to be/hold :

to see the re/ward / of the / wicked.

*9* Because you have made the / Lord your / refuge :

and the / Most / High your / stronghold,

*10* There shall no evil / happen to / you :

neither shall any / plague come / near your / tent.

*11* For he shall give his angels / charge / over you :

to / keep you in / all your / ways.

*12* They shall bear you / in their / hands :

lest you dash your / foot a/gainst a / stone.

‡*13* You shall tread upon the / lion and / adder :

the young lion and the serpent you shall / trample / under/foot.

*14* Because they have set their love upon me,

therefore will / I de/liver them :

I will lift them up, be/cause they / know my / name.

*15* They will call upon me and / I will / answer them :

I am with them in trouble,

I will de/liver them and / bring them to / honour.

‡*16* With long life / will I / satisfy them :

and / show them / my sal/vation.

***Psalm 92***

*1* It is a good thing to give / thanks to the / Lord :

and to sing praises to your / name, / O Most / High;

*2* To tell of your love early / in the / morning :

and of your / faithfulness / in the / night-time,

*3* Upon the ten-stringed instrument, up/on the / harp :

and to the / melody / of the / lyre.

*4* For you, Lord, have made me glad / by your / acts :

and I sing aloud at the / works / of your / hands.

*5* O Lord, how glorious / are your / works! :

Your / thoughts are / very / deep.

*6,7* The senseless do not know, nor do fools / under/stand :

that though the wicked sprout like grass

and all the / workers • of in/iquity / flourish,

*8* It is only to be des/troyed for / ever :

but you, O Lord, shall be ex/alted for / ever/more.

*9* For lo, your enemies, O Lord,

lo, your / enemies shall / perish :

and all the workers of in/iquity / shall be / scattered.

*10* But my horn you have exalted

like the horns of / wild / oxen :

I am a/nointed with / fresh / oil.

*11* My eyes will look down / on my / foes :

my ears shall hear the ruin

of the evildoers / who rise / up a/gainst me.

*12* The righteous shall flourish / like a / palm tree :

and shall spread abroad / like a / cedar of / Lebanon.

*13* Such as are planted in the / house of the / Lord :

shall flourish / in the / courts of our / God.

*14* They shall still bear fruit in / old / age :

they shall be / vigorous and / in full / leaf;

*15* That they may show that the / Lord is / true :

he is my rock, and there is / no un/righteousness / in him.

***Psalm 93***

*1* The Lord is king and has put on / glorious ap/parel :

the Lord has put on his glory

and / girded him/self with / strength.

*2* He has made the whole / world so / sure :

that / it can/not be / moved.

*3* Your throne has been established / from of / old :

you / are from / ever/lasting.

*4* The floods have lifted up, O Lord,

the floods have lifted / up their / voice :

the floods lift / up their / pounding / waves.

*5* Mightier than the thunder of many waters,

mightier than the breakers / of the / sea :

the / Lord on / high is / mightier.

*6* Your testimonies are / very / sure :

holiness adorns your / house, O / Lord, for / ever.

***Psalm 94***

*1* Lord God to whom / vengeance be/longs :

O God to whom vengeance be/longs, shine / out in / majesty.

*2* Rise up, O / Judge of the / earth :

give the / arrogant their / just de/serts.

*3* Lord, how / long shall the / wicked :

how / long shall the / wicked / triumph?

*4* How long shall the evil/doers / boast :

and pour / out such / impudent / words?

*5,6* They crush your people, O Lord, and af/flict your / heritage :

they murder the widow and the stranger;

the / orphans they / put to / death.

*7* And yet they say, ‘The Lord / will not / see :

neither shall the / God of / Jacob re/gard it.’

*8* Consider, most / stupid of / people :

you fools, / when will you / under/stand?

*9* He that planted the ear, shall / he not / hear? :

He that formed the / eye, shall / he not / see?

*10* He who corrects the nations, shall / he not / punish? :

He who teaches the / peoples, does / he lack / knowledge?

*11* The Lord knows every / human / thought :

that / they are / but a / breath.

*12* Blessed are those whom you / chasten, O / Lord :

whom you in/struct / from / your law;

*13* That you may give them rest in / days of ad/versity :

until a / pit is / dug • for the / wicked.

*14* For the Lord will not / fail his / people :

neither will / he for/sake • his in/heritance.

*15* For justice shall re/turn to the / righteous :

and all that are / true of / heart shall / follow it.

*16* Who will rise up for me a/gainst the / wicked? :

Who will take my part a/gainst the / evil/doers?

*17* If the Lord / had not / helped me :

my soul would / soon have been / put to / silence.

*18* And when I said, ‘My / foot has / slipped’ :

your loving / mercy, O / Lord, up/held me.

*19* In the multitude of cares that / troubled my / heart :

your comforts / have re/freshed my / soul.

*20* Will you have anything to do with the / throne of / wickedness :

which fashions / evil / through its / law?

*21* They gather together against the / life of the / righteous :

and con/demn the / innocent to / death.

*22* But the Lord has be/come my / stronghold :

and my / God the / rock of my / trust.

*23* He will turn against them their own wickedness

and silence them through their / own / malice :

the Lord our / God will / put them to / silence.

***Psalm 95***

*1* O come, let us / sing to the / Lord :

let us heartily rejoice in the / rock of / our sal/vation.

*2* Let us come into his / presence with / thanksgiving :

and be / glad in / him with / psalms.

*3* For the Lord is a / great / God :

and a great / king a/bove all / gods.

*4* In his hand are the / depths of the / earth :

and the heights of the / mountains are / his / also.

‡*5* The sea is his, / for he / made it :

and his hands have / moulded the / dry / land.

*6* Come, let us worship / and bow / down :

and kneel be/fore the / Lord our / Maker.

*7* For / he is our / God :

we are the people of his pasture

/ and the / sheep of his / hand.

*8* O that today you would listen / to his / voice :

‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

on that day at / Massah / in the / wilderness,

*9* When your forebears tested me, and put me / to the / proof :

though / they had / seen my / works.

*10* Forty years long I detested that gene/ration and / said :

“This people are wayward in their hearts;

they / do not / know my / ways.”

*11* So I / swore in my / wrath :

“They shall not / enter / into my / rest.” ’

***Psalm 96***

*1* Sing to the Lord a / new / song :

sing to the / Lord / all the / earth.

*2* Sing to the Lord and / bless his / name :

tell out his sal/vation from / day to / day.

*3* Declare his glory a/mong the / nations :

and his / wonders a/mong all / peoples.

*4* For great is the Lord and greatly / to be / praised :

he is more to be / feared than / all / gods.

*5* For all the gods of the nations / are but / idols :

it is the / Lord who / made the / heavens.

*6* Honour and majesty / are be/fore him :

power and / splendour are / in his / sanctuary.

*7* Ascribe to the Lord, you families / of the / peoples :

ascribe to the / Lord / honour and / strength.

*8* Ascribe to the Lord the honour / due to his / name :

bring offerings and / come in/to his / courts.

*9* O worship the Lord in the / beauty of / holiness :

let the / whole earth / tremble be/fore him.

*10* Tell it out among the nations that the / Lord is / king :

he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

he will / judge the / peoples with / equity.

*11* Let the heavens rejoice and let the / earth be / glad :

let the sea / thunder and / all • that is / in it;

*12* Let the fields be joyful and / all • that is / in them :

let all the trees of the wood shout for / joy be/fore the / Lord.

‡*13* For he comes, he comes to / judge the / earth :

with righteousness he will judge the world

and the / peoples / with his / truth.

***Psalm 97***

*1* The Lord is king: let the / earth re/joice :

let the multitude / of the / isles be / glad.

*2* Clouds and darkness are / round a/bout him :

righteousness and justice are the foun/dation / of his / throne.

‡*3* Fire / goes be/fore him :

and burns up his / enemies on / every / side.

*4* His lightnings / lit up the / world :

the / earth / saw it and / trembled.

*5* The mountains melted like wax

at the / presence • of the / Lord :

at the presence of the / Lord of the / whole / earth.

‡*6* The heavens de/clared his / righteousness :

and all the / peoples have / seen his / glory.

*7* Confounded be all who worship carved images

and delight in / mere / idols :

bow down be/fore him / all you / gods.

*8* Zion heard and was glad,

and the daughters of / Judah re/joiced :

be/cause of your / judgements, O / Lord.

‡*9* For you, Lord, are most high over / all the / earth :

you are exalted / far a/bove all / gods.

*10* The Lord loves those / who hate / evil :

he preserves the lives of his faithful

and delivers them / from the / hand of the / wicked.

*11* Light has sprung / up • for the / righteous :

and / joy • for the / true of / heart.

‡*12* Rejoice in the / Lord, you / righteous :

and give / thanks • to his / holy / name.

***Psalm 98***

*1* Sing to the Lord a / new / song :

for he / has done / marvellous / things.

*2* His own right hand and his / holy / arm :

have / won for / him the / victory.

*3* The Lord has made known / his sal/vation :

his deliverance has he openly shown

/ in the / sight of the / nations.

*4* He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness

towards the / house of / Israel :

and all the ends of the earth

have seen the sal/vation / of our / God.

*5* Sound praises to the Lord, / all the / earth :

break into / singing / and make / music.

*6* Make music to the Lord / with the / lyre :

with the lyre / and the / voice of / melody.

‡*7* With trumpets and the / sound of the / horn :

sound praises be/fore the / Lord, the / King.

*8* Let the sea thunder and / all that / fills it :

the world and / all that / dwell up/on it.

*9* Let the rivers / clap their / hands :

and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,

for he / comes to / judge the / earth.

‡*10* In righteousness shall he / judge the / world :

and the / peo/ples with / equity.

***Psalm 99***

*1* The Lord is king: let the / peoples / tremble :

he is enthroned above the cherubim: / let the / earth / shake.

*2* The Lord is / great in / Zion :

and / high a/bove all / peoples.

*3* Let them praise your name, which is / great and / awesome :

the / Lord our / God is / holy.

*4* Mighty king, who loves justice, you have es/tablished / equity :

you have executed / justice and / righteousness in / Jacob.

‡*5* Exalt the / Lord our / God :

bow down before his / footstool, for / he is / holy.

*6* Moses and Aaron among his priests

and Samuel among those who / call upon his / name :

they called upon the / Lord / and he / answered them.

*7* He spoke to them out of the / pillar of / cloud :

they kept his testimonies / and the / law that he / gave them.

*8* You answered them, O / Lord our / God :

you were a God who forgave them

and pardoned / them for / their of/fences.

*9* Exalt the Lord our God

and worship him upon his / holy / hill :

for the / Lord our / God is / holy.

***Psalm 100***

*1* O be joyful in the Lord, / all the / earth :

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his / presence / with a / song.

*2* Know that the / Lord is / God :

it is he that has made us and we are his;

we are his people / and the / sheep of his / pasture.

*3* Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his / courts with / praise :

give thanks to / him and / bless his / name.

*4* For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is / ever/lasting :

and his faithfulness endures from gene/ration to / gene/ration.

***Psalm 101*** *First setting*

*1* I will sing of / faithfulness and / justice :

to you, O / Lord, / will I / sing.

*2* Let me be wise in the / way that is / perfect :

when / will you / come to / me?

*3* I will walk with / purity of / heart :

with/in the / walls of my / house.

*4* I will not set be/fore my / eyes :

a / counsel / that is / evil.

*5* I abhor the / deeds of un/faithfulness :

they / shall not / cling to / me.

*6* A crooked heart / shall de/part from me :

I will not / know a / wicked / person.

*7* One who slanders a / neighbour in / secret :

I will / quickly / put to / silence.

*8* Haughty eyes and an / arrogant / heart :

I / will / not en/dure.

*9* My eyes are upon the faithful / in the / land :

that / they may / dwell with / me.

*10* One who walks in the / way that is / pure :

shall / be / my / servant.

*11* There shall not / dwell in my / house :

one that / practi/ses de/ceit.

*12* One who / utters / falsehood :

shall not con/tinue / in my / sight.

*13* Morning by morning will I / put to / silence :

all the / wicked / in the / land,

*14* To cut off from the city / of the / Lord :

all / those who / practise / evil.

***Psalm 101*** *Second setting*

*1,2* I will sing of faithfulness and justice;

to you, O Lord, / will I / sing :

Let me be wise in the way that is perfect:

/ when will you / come to / me?

*3,4* I will walk with purity of heart

within the / walls of my / house :

I will not set before my eyes a / counsel / that is / evil.

*5,6* I abhor the deeds of unfaithfulness;

they / shall not / cling to me :

a crooked heart shall depart from me;

I will not / know a / wicked / person.

*7,8* One who slanders a neighbour in secret

I will quickly / put to / silence :

haughty eyes and an arrogant heart / I will / not en/dure.

‡*9,10* My eyes are upon the faithful in the land,

that / they may / dwell with me :

one who walks in the way that is / pure shall / be my / servant.

*11,12* There shall not dwell in my house one that / practises de/ceit :

one who utters falsehood shall not con/tinue / in my / sight.

*13,14* Morning by morning will I put to silence

all the / wicked • in the / land :

to cut off from the city of the Lord

all / those who / practise / evil.

***Psalm 102***

*1* O Lord, / hear my / prayer :

and let my / crying / come be/fore you.

*2* Hide not your / face / from me :

in the / day of / my dis/tress.

*3* Incline your / ear to / me :

when I / call, make / haste to / answer me,

*4* For my days are con/sumed in / smoke :

and my bones burn a/way as / in a / furnace.

*5* My heart is smitten down and / withered like / grass :

so that I for/get to / eat my / bread.

*6* From the / sound of my / groaning :

my / bones cleave / fast to my / skin.

*7* I am become like a vulture / in the / wilderness :

like an / owl that / haunts the / ruins.

*8* I / keep / watch :

and am become like a sparrow

/ solitary up/on the / housetop.

*9* My enemies revile me / all the day / long :

and those who rage at me have / sworn to/gether a/gainst me.

*10* I have eaten / ashes for / bread :

and / mingled my / drink with / weeping,

*11* Because of your indig/nation and / wrath :

for you have taken me / up and / cast me / down.

*12* My days fade away / like a / shadow :

and / I am / withered like / grass.

*13* But you, O Lord, shall en/dure for / ever :

and your name through / all / gene/rations.

*14* You will arise and have / pity on / Zion :

it is time to have mercy upon her;

/ surely the / time has / come.

‡*15* For your servants love her / very / stones :

and feel com/passion / for her / dust.

*16* Then shall the nations fear your / name, O / Lord :

and all the / kings of the / earth your / glory,

*17* When the Lord has / built up / Zion :

and / shown him/self in / glory;

*18* When he has turned to the / prayer of the / destitute :

and has / not des/pised their / plea.

*19* This shall be written for / those that come / after :

and a people yet un/born shall / praise the / Lord.

*20* For he has looked down from his / holy / height :

from the heavens / he be/held the / earth,

*21* That he might hear the sighings / of the / prisoner :

and set free / those con/demned to / die;

*22* That the name of the Lord may be pro/claimed in / Zion :

and his / praises / in Je/rusalem,

*23* When peoples are / gathered to/gether :

and kingdoms / also, to / serve the / Lord.

*24* He has brought down my strength / in my / journey :

and has / shortened / my / days.

*25* I pray, ‘O my God, do not take me in the / midst of my / days :

your years endure through/out all / gene/rations.

*26* In the beginning you laid the foundations / of the / earth :

and the heavens / are the / work of your / hands;

*27* They shall perish, but you / will en/dure :

they all shall / wear out / like a / garment.

*28* You change them like clothing, and they / shall be / changed :

but you are the same / and your / years • will not / fail.

*29* The children of your servants / shall con/tinue :

and their descendants shall be es/tablished / in your / sight.’

***Psalm 103***

*1* Bless the Lord / O my / soul :

and all that is within me / bless his / holy / name.

*2* Bless the Lord / O my / soul :

and for/get not / all his / benefits;

*3* Who forgives / all your / sins :

and / heals / all your in/firmities;

*4* Who redeems your life / from the / Pit :

and crowns you with / faithful / love • and com/passion;

‡*5* Who satisfies you with / good / things :

so that your / youth is re/newed • like an / eagle’s.

*6* The Lord / executes / righteousness :

and judgement for / all who / are op/pressed.

*7* He made his ways / known to / Moses :

and his works / to the / children of / Israel.

*8* The Lord is full of com/passion and / mercy :

slow to anger / and of / great / kindness.

*9* He will not / always ac/cuse us :

neither will he / keep his / anger for / ever.

‡*10* He has not dealt with us according / to our / sins :

nor rewarded us ac/cording / to our / wickedness.

*11* For as the heavens are high a/bove the / earth :

so great is his / mercy • upon / those who / fear him.

*12* As far as the east is / from the / west :

so far has he / set our / sins / from us.

*13* As a father has compassion / on his / children :

so is the Lord merciful towards / those who / fear / him.

*14* For he knows of what / we are / made :

he remembers / that we / are but / dust.

*15* Our days are / but as / grass :

we flourish / as a / flower of the / field;

*16* For as soon as the wind goes over it, / it is / gone :

and its / place shall / know it no / more.

*17* But the merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old

and endures for ever on / those who / fear him :

and his / righteousness on / children’s / children;

*18* On those who / keep his / covenant :

and remember / his com/mandments to / do them.

*19* The Lord has established his / throne in / heaven :

and his kingdom has do/minion / over / all.

*20* Bless the Lord, you / angels of / his :

you mighty ones who do his bidding

and / hearken • to the / voice of his / word.

*21* Bless the Lord, all / you his / hosts :

you ministers of / his who / do his / will.

*22* Bless the Lord, all you works of his,

in all places of / his do/minion :

bless the / Lord, / O my / soul.

***Psalm 104***

*1* Bless the Lord, / O my / soul :

O Lord my God, how / excellent / is your / greatness!

*2* You are clothed with / majesty and / honour :

wrapped in / light as / in a / garment.

*3* You spread out the heavens / like a / curtain :

and lay the beams of your dwelling place

/ in the / waters a/bove.

*4* You make the / clouds your / chariot :

and / ride on the / wings of the / wind.

*5* You make the / winds your / messengers :

and / flames of / fire your / servants.

*6* You laid the foundations / of the / earth :

that it never should / move at / any / time.

*7* You covered it with the deep / like a / garment :

the waters stood / high a/bove the / hills.

*8* At your re/buke they / fled :

at the voice of your / thunder they / hastened a/way.

*9* They rose up to the hills

and flowed down to the / valleys be/neath :

to the place which / you had ap/pointed / for them.

*10* You have set them their bounds that they / should not / pass :

nor turn a/gain to / cover the / earth.

*11* You send the springs / into the / brooks :

which / run a/mong the / hills.

*12* They give drink to every / beast of the / field :

and the wild / asses / quench their / thirst.

*13* Beside them the birds of the air / make their / nests :

and / sing a/mong the / branches.

*14* You water the hills from your / dwelling on / high :

the earth is / filled • with the / fruit of your / works.

*15* You make grass to / grow for the / cattle :

and / plants to / meet our / needs,

*16* Bringing forth / food from the / earth :

and / wine to / gladden our / hearts,

*17* Oil to give us a / cheerful / countenance :

and / bread to / strengthen our / hearts.

*18* The trees of the Lord are / full of / sap :

the cedars of / Lebanon / which he / planted,

*19* In which the birds / build their / nests :

while the fir trees are a / dwelling / for the / stork.

*20* The mountains are a refuge for the / wild / goats :

and the / stony / cliffs • for the / conies.

*21* You appointed the moon to / mark the / seasons :

and the sun / knows the / time for its / setting.

*22* You make darkness that it / may be / night :

in which all the beasts of the / forest / creep / forth.

*23* The lions roar / for their / prey :

and / seek their / food from / God.

*24* The sun rises and / they are / gone :

to lay themselves / down / in their / dens.

‡*25* People go / forth to their / work :

and to their / labour un/til the / evening.

*26* O Lord, how manifold / are your / works! :

In wisdom you have made them all;

the / earth is / full of your / creatures.

*27* There is the sea, spread / far and / wide :

and there move creatures beyond / number,

both / small and / great.

*28* There go the ships, and there is / that Le/viathan :

which you have / made to / play in the / deep.

*29* All of these / look to / you :

to give them their / food in / due / season.

*30* When you give it / them, they / gather it :

you open your hand and / they are / filled with / good.

*31* When you hide your face / they are / troubled :

when you take away their breath,

they die and re/turn a/gain to the / dust.

‡*32* When you send forth your spirit, they / are cre/ated :

and you re/new the / face of the / earth.

*33* May the glory of the Lord en/dure for / ever :

may the / Lord re/joice in his / works;

*34* He looks on the earth / and it / trembles :

he touches the / mountains / and they / smoke.

*35* I will sing to the Lord as / long as I / live :

I will make music to my God / while I / have my / being.

*36* So shall my / song / please him :

while I re/joice / in the / Lord.

*37* Let sinners be consumed / out of the / earth :

and the / wicked / be no / more.

*37a* Bless the Lord, / O my / soul :

Alle/luia,/Alle/luia.

***Psalm 105***

*1* O give thanks to the Lord and call up/on his / name :

make known his / deeds a/mong the / peoples.

*2* Sing to / him, sing / praises :

and tell of / all his / marvellous / works.

*3* Rejoice in the praise of his / holy / name :

let the hearts of them re/joice who / seek the / Lord.

*4* Seek the Lord / and his / strength :

seek his / face / con/tinually.

*5* Remember the marvels / he has / done :

his wonders and the / judgements / of his / mouth,

*6* O seed of / Abraham his / servant :

O / children of / Jacob his / chosen.

*7* He is the / Lord our / God :

his judgements / are in / all the / earth.

*8* He has always been mindful / of his / covenant :

the promise that he made for a / thousand / gene/rations:

*9* The covenant he / made with / Abraham :

the oath / that he / swore to / Isaac,

*10* Which he established as a / statute for / Jacob :

an everlasting / coven/ant for / Israel,

‡*11* Saying, ‘To you will I give the / land of / Canaan :

to be the / portion of / your in/heritance.’

*12* When they were but / few in / number :

of little account, and / sojourners / in the / land,

*13* Wandering from / nation to / nation :

from one kingdom / to an/other / people,

*14* He suffered no one to / do them / wrong :

and rebuked even / kings / for their / sake,

*15* Saying, ‘Touch not / my a/nointed :

and / do my / prophets no / harm.’

*16* Then he called down famine / over the / land :

and broke / every / staff of / bread.

*17* But he had sent a / man be/fore them :

Joseph, / who was / sold as a / slave.

*18* They shackled his / feet with / fetters :

his / neck was / ringed with / iron.

*19* Until all he foretold / came to / pass :

the / word of the / Lord / tested him.

*20* The king sent / and re/leased him :

the ruler of / peoples / set him / free.

*21* He appointed him / lord of his / household :

and / ruler of / all he pos/sessed,

‡*22* To instruct his princes / as he / willed :

and to / teach his / counsellors / wisdom.

*23* Then Israel / came into / Egypt :

Jacob sojourned / in the / land of / Ham.

*24* And the Lord made his people ex/ceedingly / fruitful :

he made them too / many / for their / adversaries,

‡*25* Whose heart he turned, so that they / hated his / people :

and dealt / craftily / with his / servants.

*26* Then sent he / Moses his / servant :

and / Aaron whom / he had / chosen.

*27* He showed his signs / through their / word :

and his wonders / in the / land of / Ham.

*28* He sent darkness and / it grew / dark :

yet they / did not / heed his / words.

*29* He turned their waters / into / blood :

and / slew / all their / fish.

*30* Their land / swarmed with / frogs :

even / in their / kings’ / chambers.

*31* He spoke the word, and there came / clouds of / flies :

swarms of / gnats within / all their / borders.

*32* He gave them / hailstones for / rain :

and flames of / lightning / in their / land.

*33* He blasted their vines / and their / fig trees :

and shattered / trees a/cross their / country.

*34* He spoke the word, and the / grasshoppers / came :

and young / locusts / without / number;

*35* They ate every / plant in their / land :

and de/voured the / fruit of their / soil.

‡*36* He smote all the firstborn / in their / land :

the / first fruits of / all their / strength.

*37* Then he brought them out with / silver and / gold :

there was not one a/mong their / tribes that / stumbled.

*38* Egypt was glad at / their de/parting :

for a / dread of them had / fallen up/on them.

*39* He spread out a cloud / for a / covering :

and a / fire to / light up the / night.

*40* They asked and he / brought them / quails :

he satisfied them / with the / bread of / heaven.

*41* He opened the rock, and the / waters gushed / out :

and ran in the dry / places / like a / river.

*42* For he remembered his / holy / word :

and / Abra/ham, his / servant.

*43* So he brought forth his / people with / joy :

his / chosen / ones with / singing.

*44* He gave them the / lands of the / nations :

and they took possession of the / fruit / of their / toil,

‡*45* That they might / keep his / statutes :

and faithfully observe his / laws. / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 106***

*1* Alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord, for / he is / gracious :

for his / faithfulness en/dures for / ever.

*2* Who can express the mighty / acts of the / Lord :

or / show forth / all his / praise?

*3* Blessed are those who observe / what is / right :

and / always / do • what is / just.

*4* Remember me, O Lord,

in the favour you bear / for your / people :

visit me in the / day of / your sal/vation;

‡*5* That I may see the prosperity of your chosen

and rejoice in the gladness / of your / people :

and ex/ult with / your in/heritance.

*6* We have sinned / like our / forebears :

we have done / wrong and / dealt / wickedly.

*7* In Egypt they did not consider your wonders,

nor remember the abundance of your / faithful / love :

they rebelled against the Most High / at the / Red / Sea.

*8* But he saved them for his / name’s / sake :

that he might / make his / power to be / known.

*9* He rebuked the Red Sea and it was / dried / up :

so he led them through the / deep

as / through the / wilderness.

*10* He saved them from the / adversary’s / hand :

and redeemed them / from the / hand of the / enemy.

*11* As for those that troubled them,

the waters / over/whelmed them :

there / was not / one of them / left.

‡*12* Then they be/lieved his / words :

and / sang a/loud his / praise.

*13* But soon they for/got his / deeds :

and / would not / wait for his / counsel.

*14* A craving seized them / in the / wilderness :

and they put / God to the / test • in the / desert.

*15* He gave them / their de/sire :

but sent a / wasting / sickness a/mong them.

*16* They grew jealous of Moses / in the / camp :

and of Aaron, the / holy one / of the / Lord.

*17* So the earth opened and / swallowed up / Dathan :

and covered the / company / of A/biram.

*18* A fire was kindled / in their / company :

the / flame burnt / up the / wicked.

*19* They made a / calf at / Horeb :

and / worshipped the / molten / image;

*20* Thus they ex/changed their / glory :

for the image of an / ox that / feeds on / hay.

*21* They forgot / God their / saviour :

who had done such / great / things in / Egypt,

*22* Wonderful deeds in the / land of / Ham :

and fearful things / at the / Red / Sea.

*23* So he would have destroyed them,

had not Moses his chosen

stood before him / in the / breach :

to turn a/way his / wrath from con/suming them.

*24* Then they scorned the / Promised / Land :

and / would not be/lieve his / word,

*25* But murmured / in their / tents :

and would not / heed the / voice of the / Lord.

*26* So he lifted his / hand a/gainst them :

and swore to over/throw them / in the / wilderness,

‡*27* To disperse their descendants a/mong the / nations :

and to / scatter them through/out the / lands.

*28* They joined themselves to the / Baal of / Peor :

and ate sacrifices / offered / to the / dead.

*29* They provoked him to anger with their / evil / deeds :

and a / plague broke / out a/mong them.

*30* Then Phinehas stood up and / inter/ceded :

and / so the / plague was / stayed.

*31* This was counted to / him for / righteousness :

throughout all / gene/rations for / ever.

*32* They angered him also at the / waters of / Meribah :

so that Moses / suffered / for their / sake;

*33* For they so em/bittered his / spirit :

that he spoke / rash words / with his / lips.

*34* They did not des/troy the / peoples :

as the / Lord / had com/manded them.

*35* They mingled / with the / nations :

and / learned to / follow their / ways,

*36* So that they / worshipped their / idols :

which be/came to / them a / snare.

*37* Their own / sons and / daughters :

they / sacrificed to / evil / spirits.

*38* They shed / innocent / blood :

the / blood of their / sons and / daughters,

*39* Which they offered to the / idols of / Canaan :

and the / land was de/filed with / blood.

*40* Thus were they polluted / by their / actions :

and in their wanton deeds went / whoring • after / other / gods.

*41* Therefore was the wrath of the Lord

kindled a/gainst his / people :

and he ab/horred / his in/heritance.

*42* He gave them over to the / hand of the / nations :

and those who / hated / them ruled / over them.

*43* So their / enemies op/pressed them :

and put them in sub/jection / under their / hand.

*44* Many a time did he deliver them,

but they rebelled through their / own de/vices :

and were / brought down / through their / wickedness.

*45* Nevertheless, he / saw their ad/versity :

when he / heard their / lamen/tation.

*46* He remembered his / covenant / with them :

and relented according to the greatness / of his / faithful / love.

*47* He made them also / to be / pitied :

by all / who had / taken them / captive.

*48* Save us, O Lord our God,

and gather us from a/mong the / nations :

that we may give thanks to your holy name

and / glory / in your / praise.

*49* Blessed be the Lord, the / God of / Israel :

from everlasting / and to / ever/lasting;

*49a* and let all the / people / say :

A/men. – / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 107***

*1* O give thanks to the Lord, for / he is / gracious :

for his steadfast / love en/dures for / ever.

*2* Let the redeemed of the / Lord / say this :

those he redeemed / from the / hand of the / enemy,

‡*3* And gathered out of the lands from the east and / from the / west :

from the / north and / from the / south.

*4* Some went astray in / desert / wastes :

and found no / path • to a / city to / dwell in.

*5* Hungry / and / thirsty :

their / soul was / fainting with/in them.

*6* So they cried to the Lord / in their / trouble :

and he delivered / them from / their dis/tress.

‡*7* He set their feet on the / right / way :

till they / came • to a / city to / dwell in.

*8* Let them give thanks to the Lord / for his / goodness :

and the / wonders he / does • for his / children.

*9* For he satisfies the / longing / soul :

and fills the / hungry / soul with / good.

*10* Some sat in darkness and in the / shadow of / death :

bound / fast in / misery and / iron,

*11* For they had rebelled against the / words of / God :

and despised the / counsel • of the / Most / High.

*12* So he bowed down their / heart with / heaviness :

they stumbled and / there was / none to / help them.

*13* Then they cried to the Lord / in their / trouble :

and he delivered / them from / their dis/tress.

‡*14* He brought them out of darkness

and out of the / shadow of / death :

and / broke their / bonds a/sunder.

*15* Let them give thanks to the Lord / for his / goodness :

and the / wonders he / does • for his / children.

*16* For he has broken the / doors of / bronze :

and breaks the / bars of / iron in / pieces.

*17* Some were foolish and took a re/bellious / way :

and were plagued be/cause of / their wrong/doing.

*18* Their soul abhorred all / manner of / food :

and drew / near to the / gates of / death.

*19* Then they cried to the Lord / in their / trouble :

and he delivered / them from / their dis/tress.

*20* He sent forth his / word and / healed them :

and / saved them / from des/truction.

*21* Let them give thanks to the Lord / for his / goodness :

and the / wonders he / does • for his / children.

*22* Let them offer him / sacrifices of / thanksgiving :

and tell of his / acts with / shouts of / joy.

*23* Those who go down to the / sea in / ships :

and ply their / trade in / great / waters,

*24* These have seen the / works of the / Lord :

and his / wonders / in the / deep.

*25* For at his word the stormy / wind a/rose :

and lifted / up the / waves of the / sea.

*26* They were carried up to the heavens

and down again / to the / deep :

their soul melted a/way / in their / peril.

*27* They reeled and staggered / like a / drunkard :

and were / at their / wits’ / end.

*28* Then they cried to the Lord / in their / trouble :

and he brought them / out of / their dis/tress.

*29* He made the / storm be / still :

and the / waves of the / sea were / calmed.

*30* Then were they glad because they / were at / rest :

and he brought them to the / haven / they de/sired.

*31* Let them give thanks to the Lord / for his / goodness :

and the / wonders he / does • for his / children.

*32* Let them exalt him in the congregation / of the / people :

and praise him in the / council / of the / elders.

*33* The Lord turns rivers / into / wilderness :

and water springs / into / thirsty / ground;

*34* A fruitful land he makes a / salty / waste :

because of the / wickedness of / those who / dwell there.

*35* He makes the wilderness a / pool of / water :

and water springs / out of a / thirsty / land.

*36* There he / settles the / hungry :

and they / build a / city to / dwell in.

*37* They sow fields / and plant / vineyards :

and bring / in a / fruitful / harvest.

*38* He blesses them, so that they / multiply / greatly :

he does not let their / herds of / cattle / decrease.

*39* He pours con/tempt on / princes :

and makes them / wander in / trackless / wastes.

*40* They are diminished / and brought / low :

through / stress • of mis/fortune and / sorrow,

*41* But he raises the poor / from their / misery :

and multiplies their / families like / flocks of / sheep.

*42* The upright will see this / and re/joice :

but all / wickedness will / shut its / mouth.

‡*43* Whoever is wise will / ponder these / things :

and consider the loving/kindness / of the / Lord.

***Psalm 108***

*1* My heart is ready, O God, my / heart is / ready :

I will / sing and / give you / praise.

*2* Awake, my soul; awake / harp and / lyre :

that I / may a/waken the / dawn.

*3* I will give you thanks, O Lord, a/mong the / peoples :

I will sing praise to / you a/mong the / nations.

*4* For your loving-kindness is as / high as the / heavens :

and your faithfulness / reaches / to the / clouds.

*5* Be exalted, O God, a/bove the / heavens :

and your glory / over / all the / earth.

*6* That your beloved may / be de/livered :

save us by / your right / hand and / answer me.

*7* God has spoken / in his / holiness :

‘I will triumph and divide Shechem

and / share out the / valley of / Succoth.

*8* Gilead is mine and Ma/nasseh is / mine :

Ephraim is my / helmet and / Judah my / sceptre.

‡*9* Moab shall be my wash pot, over Edom will I / cast my / sandal :

across Philistia / will I / shout in / triumph.’

*10* Who will lead me into the / strong / city? :

Who will / bring me / into / Edom?

*11* Have you not cast us / off, O / God? :

Will you no longer / go forth / with our / troops?

*12* O grant us your help a/gainst the / enemy :

for / earthly / help is in / vain.

*13* Through God will we / do great / acts :

for it is he that / shall tread / down our / enemies.

***Psalm 109***

*1* Keep silent no longer, O / God of my / praise :

for the mouth of wickedness and / treachery

is / opened a/gainst me.

*2* They have spoken against me with a / lying / tongue :

they encompassed me with words of hatred

and fought a/gainst me with/out a / cause.

*3* In return for my love, they set them/selves a/gainst me :

even though / I had / prayed for / them.

*4* Thus have they repaid me with / evil for / good :

and / hatred for / my good / will.

*5* They say, ‘Appoint a / wicked man / over him :

and let an accuser / stand at / his right / hand.

*6* When he is judged, let / him be found / guilty :

and let his / prayer be / counted as / sin.

*7* Let his / days be / few :

and let an/other / take his / office.

*8* Let his / children be / fatherless :

and his / wife be/come a / widow.

*9* Let his children wander to / beg their / bread :

let them / seek it in / desolate / places.

*10* Let the creditor seize / all that he / has :

let strangers / plunder the / fruit of his / toil.

*11* Let there be no one to keep / faith with / him :

or have compassion / on his / fatherless / children.

*12* Let his line soon / come to an / end :

and his name be blotted out / in the / next gene/ration.

*13* Let the wickedness of his fathers

be remembered be/fore the / Lord :

and no sin of his / mother be / blotted / out;

*14* Let their sin be always be/fore the / Lord :

that he may / root out their / name • from the / earth;

*15* Because he was not minded / to keep / faith :

but persecuted the poor and needy

and sought to / kill the / broken/hearted.

*16* He loved cursing / and it / came to him :

he took no delight in blessing / and it was / far / from him.

*17* He clothed himself with cursing / as with a / garment :

it seeped into his body like water

and / into his / bones like / oil;

*18* Let it be to him like the cloak which he / wraps a/round him :

and like the belt / that he / wears con/tinually.’

‡*19* Thus may the Lord repay / my ac/cusers :

and those / who speak / evil a/gainst me.

*20* But deal with me, O Lord my God, according / to your / name :

O deliver me, for / sweet / is your / faithfulness.

*21* For I am / helpless and / poor :

and my heart / is dis/quieted with/in me.

*22* I fade like a / shadow that / lengthens :

I am / shaken / off • like a / locust.

*23* My knees are / weak through / fasting :

and my flesh / is dried / up and / wasted.

‡*24* I have become a re/proach to / them :

those who see me / shake their / heads in / scorn.

*25* Help me, O / Lord my / God :

save me for your / loving / mercy’s / sake,

*26* And they shall know that / this is your / hand :

that / you, O / Lord, have / done it.

*27* Though they curse, / may you / bless :

let those who rise up against me be confounded,

but / let your / servant re/joice.

*28* Let my accusers be clothed / with dis/grace :

and wrap themselves in their / shame as / in a / cloak.

*29* I will give great thanks to the Lord / with my / mouth :

in the midst of the / multitude / will I / praise him;

*30* Because he has stood at the right hand / of the / needy :

to save them from / those who / would con/demn them.

***Psalm 110***

*1* The Lord said to my lord / ‘Sit at my / right hand :

until I / make your / enemies your / footstool.’

*2* May the Lord stretch forth the sceptre / of your / power :

rule from Zion / in the / midst of your / enemies.

*3* ‘Noble are you on this / day of your / birth :

on the holy mountain, from the womb of the dawn

the dew of your / new birth / is up/on you.’

*4* The Lord has sworn and / will not re/tract :

‘You are a priest for ever after the / order / of Mel/chizedek.’

*5* The king at your / right hand, O / Lord :

shall smite down / kings • in the / day of his / wrath.

*6* In all his majesty, he shall judge a/mong the / nations :

smiting heads over / all the / wide / earth.

‡*7* He shall drink from the brook be/side the / way :

therefore / shall he lift / high his / head.

***Psalm 111***

*1* Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my / whole / heart :

in the company of the faithful and / in the / congre/gation.

*2* The works of the / Lord are / great :

sought out by / all / who de/light in them.

*3* His work is full of / majesty and / honour :

and his / righteousness en/dures for / ever.

*4* He appointed a memorial for his / marvellous / deeds :

the Lord is / gracious and / full of com/passion.

*5* He gave food to / those who / feared him :

he is ever / mindful / of his / covenant.

*6* He showed his people the / power of his / works :

in giving them the / heritage / of the / nations.

*7* The works of his hands are / truth and / justice :

all / his com/mandments are / sure.

*8* They stand fast for / ever and / ever :

they are / done in / truth and / equity.

*9* He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his / covenant for / ever :

holy and / awesome / is his / name.

*10* The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good

understanding have / those who / live by it :

his / praise en/dures for / ever.

***Psalm 112***

*1* Alleluia.

Blessed are those who / fear the / Lord :

and have great de/light in / his com/mandments.

*2* Their descendants will be mighty / in the / land :

a generation of the / faithful that / will be / blest.

*3* Wealth and riches will be / in their / house :

and their / righteousness en/dures for / ever.

*4* Light shines in the darkness / for the / upright :

gracious and full of com/passion / are the / righteous.

*5* It goes well with those who are / generous in / lending :

and order / their af/fairs with / justice,

*6* For they will / never be / shaken :

the righteous will be held in / ever/lasting re/membrance.

*7* They will not be afraid of any / evil / tidings :

their heart is steadfast, / trusting / in the / Lord.

*8* Their heart is sustained and / will not / fear :

until they see the / downfall / of their / foes.

*9* They have given freely to the poor;

their righteousness stands / fast for / ever :

their head will / be ex/alted with / honour.

*10* The wicked shall see it and be angry;

they shall gnash their teeth / in des/pair :

the de/sire • of the / wicked shall / perish.

***Psalm 113***

*1* Alleluia.

Give praise, you servants / of the / Lord :

O / praise the / name of the / Lord.

*2* Blessed be the / name of the / Lord :

from this time forth / and for / ever/more.

*3* From the rising of the sun / to its / setting :

let the / name of the / Lord be / praised.

*4* The Lord is high a/bove all / nations :

and his / glory a/bove the / heavens.

*5* Who is like the / Lord our / God :

that / has his / throne so / high,

*5a* Yet humbles himself / to be/hold :

the / things of / heaven and / earth?

*6,7* He raises the poor from the dust

and lifts the needy / from the / ashes :

To set them with princes,

with the / princes / of his / people.

*8* He gives the barren woman a / place in the / house :

and makes her a joyful mother of / children. / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 114***

*1,2* When Israel came out of Egypt,

the house of Jacob from a people of a / strange / tongue :

Judah became his sanctuary,

/ Israel / his do/minion.

*3,4* The sea saw that, and fled;

Jordan was / driven / back :

The mountains skipped like rams,

the little / hills like / young / sheep.

*5* What ailed you, O sea / that you / fled? :

O Jordan, that / you were / driven / back?

*6* You mountains, that you / skipped like / rams :

you little / hills like / young / sheep?

*7* Tremble, O earth, at the / presence • of the / Lord :

at the / presence • of the / God of / Jacob,

*8* Who turns the hard rock into a / pool of / water :

the flint-stone / into a / springing / well.

***Psalm 115***

*1* Not to us, Lord, not to us,

but to your name / give the / glory :

for the sake of your / loving / mercy and / truth.

*2* Why should the / nations / say :

‘Where is / now – / their – / God?’

*3* As for our God / he is in / heaven;

he / does what/ever he / pleases.

*4* Their idols are / silver and / gold :

the / work of / human / hands.

*5* They have mouths, but / cannot / speak :

eyes have / they, but / cannot / see;

*6* They have ears, but / cannot / hear :

noses have / they, but / cannot / smell;

*7* They have hands, but cannot feel;

feet have they, but / cannot / walk :

not a whisper / do they / make from their / throats.

*8* Those who make them / shall be/come like them :

and so will / all who / put their / trust in them.

*9* But you, Israel, put your / trust in the / Lord :

he is their / help / and their / shield.

*10* House of Aaron, / trust in the / Lord :

he is their / help / and their / shield.

*11* You that fear the Lord, / trust in the / Lord :

he is their / help / and their / shield.

*12* The Lord has been mindful of us and / he will / bless us :

may he bless the house of Israel;

may he / bless the / house of / Aaron;

*13* May he bless those who / fear the / Lord :

both / small and / great to/gether.

*14* May the Lord increase you / more and / more :

you and your / children / after / you.

*15* May you be / blest • by the / Lord :

the / maker of / heaven and / earth.

*16* The heavens are the / heavens • of the / Lord :

but the earth he has en/trusted / to his / children.

*17* The dead do not / praise the / Lord :

nor / those gone / down into / silence;

*18* But we will / bless the / Lord :

from this time forth for ever/more. / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 116***

*1* I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my / suppli/cation :

because he inclined his ear to me

on the / day I / called to / him.

*2* The snares of death encompassed me;

the pains of / hell took / hold of me :

by grief and / sorrow / was I / held.

*3* Then I called upon the / name of the / Lord :

‘O Lord, I / beg you, de/liver my / soul.’

*4* Gracious is the / Lord and / righteous :

our / God is / full of com/passion.

*5* The Lord watches / over the / simple :

I was brought very / low – / and he / saved me.

*6* Turn again to your rest / O my / soul :

for the Lord / has been / gracious to / you.

*7* For you have delivered my / soul from / death :

my eyes from tears / and my / feet from / falling.

*8* I will walk be/fore the / Lord :

in the / land / of the / living.

*9* I believed that I should perish

for I was / sorely / troubled :

and I said in my alarm / ‘Everyone / is a / liar.’

*10* How shall I re/pay the / Lord :

for all the benefits / he has / given to / me?

*11* I will lift up the / cup of sal/vation :

and / call up•on the / name of the / Lord.

*12* I will fulfil my vows / to the / Lord :

in the / presence of / all his / people.

*13* Precious in the / sight of the / Lord :

is the / death of his / faithful / servants.

*14* O Lord, / I am your / servant :

your servant, the child of your handmaid;

you have / freed me / from my / bonds.

*15* I will offer to you a / sacrifice of / thanksgiving :

and / call up•on the / name of the / Lord.

*16* I will fulfil my vows / to the / Lord :

in the / presence of / all his / people,

‡*17* In the courts of the / house of the / Lord :

in the midst of you, O Je/rusalem. / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 117***

*1* O praise the Lord, / all you / nations :

praise / him / all you / peoples.

*2* For great is his steadfast / love to/wards us :

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for / ever.

/ Alle/luia.

***Psalm 118***

*1* O give thanks to the Lord, for / he is / good :

his / mercy en/dures for / ever.

*2* Let Israel / now pro/claim :

‘His / mercy en/dures for / ever.’

*3* Let the house of Aaron / now pro/claim :

‘His / mercy en/dures for / ever.’

*4* Let those who fear the / Lord pro/claim :

‘His / mercy en/dures for / ever.’

*5* In my constraint I / called to the / Lord :

the Lord / answered and / set me / free.

*6* The Lord is at my side; I / will not / fear :

what can / flesh / do to / me?

*7* With the Lord at my side / as my / saviour :

I shall see the / downfall / of my / enemies.

*8* It is better to take refuge / in the / Lord :

than to put any / confi/dence in / flesh.

*9* It is better to take refuge / in the / Lord :

than to put any / confi/dence in / princes.

*10* All the / nations en/compassed me :

but by the name of the / Lord I / drove them / back.

*11* They hemmed me in, they hemmed me in on / every / side :

but by the name of the / Lord I / drove them / back.

*12* They swarmed about me like bees;

they blazed like / fire among / thorns :

but by the name of the / Lord I / drove them / back.

‡*13* Surely, I was / thrust • to the / brink :

but the / Lord / came to my / help.

*14* The Lord is my / strength and my / song :

and he has be/come / my sal/vation.

*15* Joyful / shouts of sal/vation :

sound / from the / tents of the / righteous:

‡*16* ‘The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;

the right hand of the Lord / raises / up :

the right hand of the / Lord does / mighty / deeds.’

*17* I shall not / die, but / live :

and de/clare the / works of the / Lord.

*18* The Lord has / punished me / sorely :

but he has not / given me / over to / death.

*19* Open to me the / gates of / righteousness :

that I may enter / and give / thanks to the / Lord.

*20* This is the / gate of the / Lord :

the / righteous shall / enter / through it.

*21* I will give thanks to you, for / you have / answered me :

and have be/come / my sal/vation.

*22* The stone which the / builders re/jected :

has be/come the / chief / cornerstone.

‡*23* This is the / Lord’s / doing :

and it is / marvellous / in our / eyes.

*24* This is the day that the / Lord has / made :

we will re/joice / and be / glad in it.

*25* Come, O Lord, and / save us we / pray :

Come, Lord, / send us / now pros/perity.

*26* Blessed is he who comes in the / name of the / Lord :

we bless you / from the / house of the / Lord.

*27* The Lord is God; he has / given us / light :

link the pilgrims with cords

/ right • to the / horns of the / altar.

*28* You are my God and / I will / thank you :

you are my / God and / I will ex/alt you.

*29* O give thanks to the Lord, for / he is / good :

his / mercy en/dures for / ever.

***Psalm 119***

*1* א *Aleph*

*1* Blessed are those whose / way is / pure :

who / walk • in the / law of the / Lord.

*2* Blessed are those who / keep his / testimonies :

and seek him / with their / whole / heart,

*3* Those who / do no / wickedness :

but / walk in / his / ways.

*4* You, O / Lord, have / charged :

that we should / diligently / keep • your com/mandments.

*5* O that my ways were made / so di/rect :

that / I might / keep your / statutes.

*6* Then should I not be / put to / shame :

because I have re/gard for / all your com/mandments.

*7* I will thank you with an / unfeigned / heart :

when I have / learned your / righteous / judgements.

*8* I will / keep your / statutes :

O for/sake me / not / utterly.

*2* ב *Beth*

*9* How shall young people / cleanse their / way :

to keep themselves ac/cording / to your / word?

*10* With my whole heart / have I / sought you :

O let me not go a/stray from / your com/mandments.

*11* Your words have I hidden with/in my / heart :

that I / should not / sin a/gainst you.

*12* Blessed are / you, O / Lord :

O / teach / me your / statutes.

*13* With my lips have / I been / telling :

of all the / judgements / of your / mouth.

*14* I have taken greater delight in the / way of your / testimonies :

than in / all / manner of / riches.

*15* I will meditate on / your com/mandments :

and / contem/plate your / ways.

*16* My delight shall be / in your / statutes :

and I will / not for/get your / word.

*3* ג *Gimel*

*17* O do good to your servant that / I may / live :

and / so • shall I / keep your / word.

*18* Open my eyes, that / I may / see :

the / wonders / of your / law.

*19* I am a stranger / upon / earth :

hide not / your com/mandments / from me.

*20* My soul is con/sumed at / all times :

with fervent / longing / for your / judgements.

*21* You have re/buked the / arrogant :

cursed are those who / stray from / your com/mandments.

*22* Turn from me / shame • and re/buke :

for / I have / kept your / testimonies.

*23* Rulers also sit and / speak a/gainst me :

but your servant / meditates / on your / statutes.

*24* For your testimonies are / my de/light :

they / are my / faithful / counsellors.

*4* ד *Daleth*

*25* My soul / cleaves • to the / dust :

O give me life ac/cording / to your / word.

*26* I have acknowledged my ways and / you have / answered me :

O / teach / me your / statutes.

*27* Make me understand the way of / your com/mandments :

and so shall I meditate / on your / wondrous / works.

*28* My soul melts away in / tears of / sorrow :

raise me up ac/cording / to your / word.

*29* Take from me the / way of / falsehood :

be gracious / to me / through your / law.

*30* I have chosen the / way of / truth :

and your judgements / have I / laid be/fore me.

*31* I hold fast / to your / testimonies :

O Lord, let me / not be / put to / shame.

*32* I will run the way of / your com/mandments :

when you have / set my / heart at / liberty.

*5* ה *He*

*33* Teach me, O Lord, the / way of your / statutes :

and I shall / keep it / to the / end.

*34* Give me understanding and I shall / keep your / law :

I shall keep it / with my / whole / heart.

*35* Lead me in the path of / your com/mandments :

for there/in is / my de/light.

*36* Incline my heart / to your / testimonies :

and / not to / unjust / gain.

*37* Turn away my eyes lest they / gaze on / vanities :

O / give me / life in your / ways.

*38* Confirm to your / servant your / promise :

which / stands for / all who / fear you.

*39* Turn away the reproach / which I / dread :

be/cause your / judgements are / good.

*40* Behold, I long for / your com/mandments :

in your / righteousness / give me / life.

*6* ו *Waw*

*41* Let your faithful love come unto / me, O / Lord :

even your salvation, ac/cording / to your / promise.

*42* Then shall I answer / those who / taunt me :

for my / trust is / in your / word.

*43* O take not the word of truth utterly / out of my / mouth :

for my / hope is / in your / judgements.

*44* So shall I always / keep your / law :

I shall / keep it for / ever and / ever.

*45* I will / walk at / liberty :

because I / study / your com/mandments.

*46* I will tell of your testimonies, even / before / kings :

and / will not / be a/shamed.

*47* My delight shall be in / your com/mandments :

which / I have / greatly / loved.

*48* My hands will I lift up to your commandments / which I / love :

and I will / meditate / on your / statutes.

*7* ז *Zayin*

*49* Remember your word / to your / servant :

on which / you have / built my / hope.

*50* This is my comfort / in my / trouble :

that your / promise / gives me / life.

*51* The proud have de/rided me / cruelly :

but I have not / turned a/side • from your / law.

*52* I have remembered your everlasting / judgements, O / Lord :

and / have / been / comforted.

*53* I am seized with indignation / at the / wicked :

for they / have for/saken your / law.

*54* Your statutes have been like / songs to / me :

in the / house / of my / pilgrimage.

*55* I have thought on your name in the / night, O / Lord :

and / so • have I / kept your / law.

*56* These blessings / have been / mine :

for / I have / kept • your com/mandments.

*8* ח *Heth*

*57* You only are my / portion, O / Lord :

I have / promised to / keep your / words.

*58* I entreat you with / all my / heart :

be merciful to me ac/cording / to your / promise.

*59* I have con/sidered my / ways :

and turned my / feet / back • to your / testimonies.

*60* I made haste and / did not de/lay :

to / keep / your com/mandments.

*61* Though the cords of the / wicked en/tangle me :

I do / not for/get your / law.

*62* At midnight I will rise to / give you / thanks :

be/cause of your / righteous / judgements.

*63* I am a companion of all / those who / fear you :

those who / keep / your com/mandments.

*64* The earth, O Lord, is full of your / faithful / love :

in/struct me / in your / statutes.

*9* ט *Teth*

*65* You have dealt graciously / with your / servant :

according / to your / word, O / Lord.

*66* O teach me true under/standing and / knowledge :

for I have / trusted in / your com/mandments.

*67* Before I was afflicted I / went a/stray :

but / now I / keep your / word.

*68* You are gracious / and do / good :

O / Lord / teach me your / statutes.

*69* The proud have / smeared me with / lies :

but I will keep your commandments

/ with my / whole / heart.

*70* Their heart has become / gross with / fat :

but my de/light is / in your / law.

*71* It is good for me that I have / been af/flicted :

that / I may / learn your / statutes.

*72* The law of your mouth is / dearer to / me :

than a / hoard of / gold and / silver.

*10* י *Yodh*

*73* Your hands have / made me and / fashioned me :

give me understanding, that / I may / learn your com/mandments.

*74* Those who fear you will be glad / when they / see me :

because / I have / hoped • in your / word.

*75* I know, O Lord, that your / judgements are / right :

and that in very faithfulness you / caused me / to be / troubled.

*76* Let your faithful love / be my / comfort :

according to your / promise / to your / servant.

*77* Let your tender mercies come to me, that / I may / live :

for your / law is / my de/light.

*78* Let the proud be put to shame, for they / wrong me with / lies :

but I will / meditate on / your com/mandments.

*79* Let those who fear you / turn to / me :

even / those who / know your / testimonies.

*80* Let my heart be sound / in your / statutes :

that I may / not be / put to / shame.

*11* כ *Kaph*

*81* My soul is pining for / your sal/vation :

I have / hoped / in your / word.

*82* My eyes fail with watching / for your / word :

while I / say, ‘O / when will you / comfort me?’

*83* I have become like a wineskin / in the / smoke :

yet I do / not for/get your / statutes.

*84* How many are the / days of your / servant? :

When will you bring / judgement on / those who / persecute me?

*85* The proud / have dug / pits for me :

in de/fiance / of your / law.

*86* All your com/mandments are / true :

help me, for they / persecute / me with / falsehood.

*87* They had almost made an / end of me on / earth :

but I have not for/saken / your com/mandments.

*88* Give me life according to your / loving/kindness :

so shall I keep the / testi•monies / of your / mouth.

*12* ל *Lamedh*

*89* O Lord, your word is / ever/lasting :

it ever stands / firm / in the / heavens.

*90* Your faithfulness also remains from one generation / to an/other :

you have established the / earth and / it a/bides.

*91* So also your judgements stand / firm this / day :

for / all things / are your / servants.

*92* If your law had not been / my de/light :

I should have / perished / in my / trouble.

*93* I will never forget / your com/mandments :

for by them / you have / given me / life.

*94* I am / yours, O / save me! :

For / I have / sought • your com/mandments.

*95* The wicked have waited for me / to des/troy me :

but I will / meditate / on your / testimonies.

*96* I have seen an end of / all per/fection :

but your com/mandment / knows no / bounds.

*13* מ *Mem*

*97* Lord, how I / love your / law! :

All the day / long it / is my / study.

*98* Your commandments have made me

wiser / than my / enemies :

for / they are / ever with / me.

*99* I have more understanding than / all my / teachers :

for your testimonies / are my / medi/tation.

*100* I am wiser / than the / aged :

be/cause I / keep • your com/mandments.

*101* I restrain my feet from every / evil / way :

that / I may / keep your / word.

*102* I have not turned aside / from your / judgements :

for / you have / been my / teacher.

*103* How sweet are your words / on my / tongue! :

They are sweeter than / honey / to my / mouth.

*104* Through your commandments I get / under/standing :

therefore I / hate all / lying / ways.

*14* נ *Nun*

*105* Your word is a lantern / to my / feet :

and a / light up/on my / path.

*106* I have sworn and / will ful/fil it :

to / keep your / righteous / judgements.

*107* I am troubled / above / measure :

give me life, O Lord, ac/cording / to your / word.

*108* Accept the freewill offering of my / mouth, O / Lord :

and / teach / me your / judgements.

*109* My soul is ever / in my / hand :

yet I do / not for/get your / law.

*110* The wicked have / laid a / snare for me :

but I have not / strayed from / your com/mandments.

*111* Your testimonies have I claimed as my / heritage for / ever :

for they are the / very / joy of my / heart.

*112* I have applied my heart to ful/fil your / statutes :

always, / even / to the / end.

*15* ס *Samekh*

*113* I hate those who are / double/minded :

but your / law / do I / love.

*114* You are my hiding place / and my / shield :

and my / hope is / in your / word.

*115* Away from / me, you / wicked! :

I will keep the com/mandments / of my / God.

*116* Sustain me according to your promise, that / I may / live :

and let me not be disap/pointed / in my / hope.

*117* Hold me up and I / shall be / saved :

and my delight shall be / ever / in your / statutes.

*118* You set at nought those who depart / from your / statutes :

for their de/ceiving / is in / vain.

*119* You consider all the / wicked as / dross :

there/fore I / love your / testimonies.

*120* My flesh trembles for / fear of / you :

and I am a/fraid / of your / judgements.

*16* ע *Ayin*

*121* I have done what is / just and / right :

O give me not / over to / my op/pressors.

*122* Stand surety for your / servant’s / good :

let / not the / proud op/press me.

*123* My eyes fail with watching for / your sal/vation :

and / for your / righteous / promise.

*124* O deal with your servant according to your / faithful / love :

and / teach / me your / statutes.

*125* I am your servant; O grant me / under/standing :

that / I may / know your / testimonies.

*126* It is time for you to / act, O / Lord :

for / they frus/trate your / law.

*127* Therefore I / love • your com/mandments :

above gold / even / much fine / gold.

*128* Therefore I direct my steps by / all your / precepts :

and all false / ways I / utterly ab/hor.

*17* פ *Pe*

*129* Your testimonies / are / wonderful :

there/fore my / soul / keeps them.

*130* The opening of your / word gives / light :

it gives under/standing / to the / simple.

*131* I open my mouth and / draw in my / breath :

as I / long for / your com/mandments.

*132* Turn to me and be / gracious / to me :

as is your way with / those who / love your / name.

*133* Order my steps / by your / word :

and let no wickedness / have do/minion / over me.

*134* Redeem me from / earthly op/pressors :

so that / I may / keep • your com/mandments.

*135* Show the light of your countenance up/on your / servant :

and / teach / me your / statutes.

*136* My eyes run down with / streams of / water :

because the wicked / do not / keep your / law.

*18* צ *Tsadhe*

*137* Righteous are / you, O / Lord :

and / true / are your / judgements.

*138* You have ordered / your de/crees :

in / righteousness and / in great / faithfulness.

*139* My indig/nation des/troys me :

because my / adversaries for/get your / word.

*140* Your word has been tried / to the / uttermost :

and / so your / servant / loves it.

*141* I am small and of / no • repu/tation :

yet do I / not for/get • your com/mandments.

*142* Your righteousness is an ever/lasting / righteousness :

and your / law / is the / truth.

*143* Trouble and heaviness have taken / hold up/on me :

yet my de/light • is in / your com/mandments.

*144* The righteousness of your testimonies is / ever/lasting :

O grant me under/standing and / I shall / live.

*19* ק *Qoph*

*145* I call with my / whole / heart :

answer me, O Lord, that / I may / keep your / statutes.

*146* To you I / call, O / save me! :

And / I shall / keep your / testimonies.

*147* Early in the morning I / cry to / you :

for in your / word / is my / trust.

*148* My eyes are open before the / night / watches :

that I may / meditate / on your / word.

*149* Hear my voice, O Lord, according to your / faithful / love :

according to your / judgement / give me / life.

*150* They draw near that in / malice / persecute me :

who are / far / from your / law.

*151* You, O Lord, are / near at / hand :

and / all • your com/mandments are / true.

*152* Long have I / known • of your / testimonies :

that you have / founded / them for / ever.

*20* ר *Resh*

*153* O consider my affliction / and de/liver me :

for I do / not for/get your / law.

*154* Plead my cause / and re/deem me :

according to your / promise / give me / life.

*155* Salvation is / far • from the / wicked :

for they / do not / seek your / statutes.

*156* Great is your com/passion, O / Lord :

give me life, ac/cording / to your / judgements.

*157* Many there are that persecute / and op/press me :

yet do / I not / swerve • from your / testimonies.

*158* It grieves me when I / see the / treacherous :

for they / do not / keep your / word.

*159* Consider, O Lord, how I / love • your com/mandments :

give me life ac/cording • to your / loving/kindness.

*160* The sum of your / word is / truth :

and all your righteous judgements en/dure for / ever/more.

*21* ש *Shin*

*161* Princes have persecuted me with/out a / cause :

but my heart / stands in / awe of your / word.

*162* I am as / glad of your / word :

as / one who / finds great / spoils.

*163* As for lies, I / hate • and ab/hor them :

but your / law / do I / love.

*164* Seven times a day / do I / praise you :

be/cause of your / righteous / judgements.

*165* Great peace have they who / love your / law :

nothing / shall / make them / stumble.

*166* Lord, I have looked for / your sal/vation :

and / I have ful/filled • your com/mandments.

*167* My soul has / kept your / testimonies :

and / greatly / have I / loved them.

*168* I have kept your com/mandments and / testimonies :

for / all my / ways are be/fore you.

*22* ת *Taw*

*169* Let my cry come be/fore you, O / Lord :

give me understanding, ac/cording / to your / word.

*170* Let my supplication / come be/fore you :

deliver me, ac/cording / to your / promise.

*171* My lips shall pour / forth your / praise :

when / you have / taught me your / statutes.

*172* My tongue shall / sing of your / word :

for / all • your com/mandments are / righteous.

*173* Let your hand reach / out to / help me :

for I have / chosen / your com/mandments.

*174* I have longed for your sal/vation, O / Lord :

and your / law is / my de/light.

*175* Let my soul live and / it shall / praise you :

and let your / judgements / be my / help.

*176* I have gone astray like a sheep / that is / lost :

O seek your servant,

for I do / not for/get • your com/mandments.

***Psalm 120***

*1* When I was in trouble I / called • to the / Lord :

I called to the / Lord / and he / answered me.

*2* Deliver me, O Lord, from / lying / lips :

and / from a de/ceitful / tongue.

‡*3,4* What shall be given to you?

What more shall be done to you, de/ceitful / tongue? :

The sharp arrows of a warrior,

/ tempered in / burning / coals!

*5* Woe is me, that I must / lodge in / Meshech :

and dwell a/mong the / tents of / Kedar.

*6,7* My soul has dwelt too long

with / enemies of / peace :

I am for making peace,

but when I speak of it, / they make / ready for / war.

***Psalm 121***

*1* I lift up my eyes / to the / hills :

from / where is my / help to / come?

*2* My help comes / from the / Lord :

the / maker of / heaven and / earth.

*3* He will not suffer your / foot to / stumble :

he who watches / over you / will not / sleep.

*4* Behold, he who keeps watch / over / Israel :

shall / neither / slumber nor / sleep.

*5* The Lord himself / watches / over you :

the Lord is your shade / at your / right / hand,

*6* So that the sun shall not / strike you by / day :

nei/ther the / moon by / night.

*7* The Lord shall keep you / from all / evil :

it is / he who shall / keep your / soul.

*8* The Lord shall keep watch over your going out

and your / coming / in :

from this time / forth for / ever/more.

***Psalm 122***

*1* I was glad when they / said to / me :

‘Let us / go • to the / house of the / Lord.’

*2* And now our / feet are / standing :

within your / gates, / O Je/rusalem;

*3* Jerusalem, / built • as a / city :

that is at / unity / in it/self.

*4* Thither the tribes go up, the / tribes of the / Lord :

as is decreed for Israel,

to give / thanks • to the / name of the / Lord.

‡*5* For there are set the / thrones of / judgement :

the / thrones of the / house of / David.

*6* O pray for the / peace of Je/rusalem :

‘May they / prosper who / love / you.

*7* Peace be with/in your / walls :

and tran/quillity with/in your / palaces.’

*8* For my kindred and com/panions’ / sake :

I will / pray that / peace be / with you.

*9* For the sake of the house of the / Lord our / God :

I will / seek to / do you / good.

***Psalm 123***

*1* To you I lift / up my / eyes :

to you that are en/throned / in the / heavens.

*2* As the eyes of servants look to the / hand of their / master :

or the eyes of a / maid • to the / hand of her / mistress,

*3* So our eyes wait upon the / Lord our / God :

until / he have / mercy up/on us.

*4* Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have / mercy up/on us :

for we have had / more than e/nough • of con/tempt.

‡*5* Our soul has had more than enough

of the / scorn of the / arrogant :

and / of the con/tempt • of the / proud.

***Psalm 124***

*1,2* If the Lord himself had not been on our side,

now may / Israel / say :

If the Lord had not been on our side,

when / enemies rose / up a/gainst us;

*3* Then would they have / swallowed • us a/live :

when their / anger / burned a/gainst us;

*4* Then would the waters have overwhelmed us

and the torrent gone / over our / soul :

over our soul would have / swept the / raging / waters.

*5* But blessed / be the / Lord :

who has not given us over to be a / prey / for their / teeth.

*6* Our soul has escaped

as a bird from the / snare of the / fowler :

the snare is / broken and / we are de/livered.

*7* Our help is in the / name of the / Lord :

who / has made / heaven and / earth.

***Psalm 125***

*1* Those who trust in the Lord are / like Mount / Zion :

which cannot be moved / but stands / fast for / ever.

*2* As the hills stand a/bout Je/rusalem :

so the Lord stands round about his people,

from this time / forth for / ever/more.

*3* The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway

over the land allotted / to the / righteous :

lest the righteous / turn their / hands to / evil.

*4* Do good, O Lord, to those / who are / good :

and to those / who are / true of / heart.

‡*5* Those who turn aside to crooked ways

the Lord shall take away with the / evil/doers :

but let there be / peace / upon / Israel.

***Psalm 126***

*1* When the Lord restored the / fortunes of / Zion :

then were / we like / those who / dream.

*2* Then was our mouth / filled with / laughter :

and our / tongue with / songs of / joy.

*3* Then said they a/mong the / nations :

‘The Lord has / done great / things for / them.’

*4* The Lord has indeed done / great things for / us :

and / therefore / we re/joiced.

*5* Restore again our / fortunes, O / Lord :

as the / river beds / of the / desert.

*6* Those who / sow in / tears :

shall / reap with / songs of / joy.

‡*7* Those who go out weeping / bearing the / seed :

will come back with shouts of joy,

/ bearing their / sheaves / with them.

***Psalm 127***

*1* Unless the Lord / builds the / house :

those who / build it / labour in / vain.

*2* Unless the Lord / keeps the / city :

the / guard keeps / watch in / vain.

*3* It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early

and go so late to rest, eating the / bread of / toil :

for he / gives • his be/loved / sleep.

*4* Children are a heritage / from the / Lord :

and the fruit of the / womb / is his / gift.

*5* Like arrows in the / hand of a / warrior :

so are the / children / of one’s / youth.

*6* Happy are those who have their / quiver / full of them :

they shall not be put to shame

when they dispute with their / enemies / in the / gate.

***Psalm 128***

*1* Blessed are all those who / fear the / Lord :

and / walk / in his / ways.

*2* You shall eat the fruit of the / toil • of your / hands :

it shall go well with you, and / happy / shall you / be.

*3* Your wife within your house shall be like a / fruitful / vine :

your children round your table, like / fresh / olive / branches.

*4* Thus / shall the / one be / blest :

who / fears – / the / Lord.

*5* The Lord from out of / Zion / bless you :

that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity

/ all the / days of your / life.

*6* May you see your / children’s / children :

and may there be / peace / upon / Israel.

***Psalm 129***

*1* ‘Many a time have they fought against me / from my / youth’ :

may / Israel / now / say;

*2* ‘Many a time have they fought against me / from my / youth :

but they have / not pre/vailed a/gainst me.’

*3* The ploughers ploughed up/on my / back :

and / made their / furrows / long.

*4* But the / righteous / Lord :

has cut the / cords • of the / wicked in / pieces.

*5* Let them be put to shame / and turned / backwards :

as many / as are / enemies of / Zion.

*6* Let them be like grass up/on the / housetops :

which / withers be/fore it can / grow,

*7* So that no reaper can / fill his / hand :

nor a / binder of / sheaves his / bosom;

*8* And none who go by may say,

‘The blessing of the Lord / be up/on you :

We bless you / in the / name of the / Lord.’

***Psalm 130***

*1* Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;

Lord, / hear my / voice :

let your ears consider well the / voice of my / suppli/cation.

*2* If you, Lord, were to mark what is / done a/miss :

O / Lord, / who could / stand?

‡*3* But there is for/giveness with / you :

so / that you / shall be / feared.

*4* I wait for the Lord; my / soul / waits for him :

in his / word / is my / hope.

*5* My soul waits for the Lord,

more than the night watch / for the / morning :

more than the / night watch / for the / morning.

*6* O Israel, / wait for the / Lord :

for with the / Lord / there is / mercy;

*7* With him is / plenteous re/demption :

and he shall redeem / Israel from / all their / sins.

***Psalm 131***

*1* O Lord, my heart / is not / proud :

my eyes are not / raised in / haughty / looks.

*2* I do not occupy myself with / great / matters :

with / things that / are too / high for me.

*3* But I have quieted and stilled my soul,

like a weaned child on its / mother’s / breast :

so my / soul is / quieted with/in me.

*4* O Israel, / trust in the / Lord :

from this time / forth for / ever/more.

***Psalm 132***

*1* Lord, re/member for / David :

all the / hardships / he en/dured;

*2* How he swore an / oath • to the / Lord :

and vowed a vow to the / Mighty / One of / Jacob:

*3* ‘I will not come within the shelter / of my / house :

nor / climb up / into my / bed;

*4* I will not allow my / eyes to / sleep :

nor / let my / eyelids / slumber,

‡*5* Until I find a place / for the / Lord :

a dwelling for the / Mighty / One of / Jacob.’

*6* Now, we heard of the / ark in / Ephrathah :

and found it / in the / fields of / Ja-ar.

*7* Let us / enter his / dwelling place :

and fall / low be/fore his / footstool.

*8* Arise, O Lord / into your / resting place :

you / and the / ark of your / strength.

*9* Let your priests be / clothed with / righteousness :

and your / faithful ones / sing with / joy.

‡*10* For your servant / David’s / sake :

turn not away the / face of / your a/nointed.

*11* The Lord has sworn an / oath to / David :

a promise from / which he / will not / shrink:

*12* ‘Of the / fruit of your / body :

shall I / set up/on your / throne.

*13* If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies

that / I shall / teach them :

their children also

shall sit upon your / throne for / ever/more.’

*14* For the Lord has chosen Zion / for him/self :

he has desired her / for his / habi/tation:

*15* ‘This shall be my / resting place for / ever :

here will I dwell, for / I have / longed for / her.

*16* I will abundantly / bless • her pro/vision :

her poor / will I / satisfy with / bread.

*17* I will clothe her priests / with sal/vation :

and her faithful ones / shall re/joice and / sing.

*18* There will I make a horn to spring / up for / David :

I will keep a lantern / burning for / my a/nointed.

‡*19* As for his enemies, I will clothe / them with / shame :

but on him / shall his / crown be / bright.’

***Psalm 133***

*1* Behold how good and / pleasant it / is :

to / dwell to/gether in / unity.

*2* It is like the precious oil up/on the / head :

running / down up/on the / beard,

‡*3* Even on / Aaron’s / beard :

running down upon the / collar / of his / clothing.

*4* It is like the / dew of / Hermon :

running down up/on the / hills of / Zion.

*5* For there the Lord has / promised his / blessing :

even / life for / ever/more.

***Psalm 134***

*1* Come, bless the Lord, all you servants / of the /Lord :

you that by night / stand • in the / house of the / Lord.

*2,3* Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary

and / bless the / Lord :

the Lord who made heaven and earth

give you / blessing / out of / Zion.

***Psalm 135***

*1* Alleluia.

Praise the / name of the / Lord :

give praise, you / servants / of the / Lord,

*2* You that stand in the / house of the / Lord :

in the / courts • of the / house of our / God.

*3* Praise the Lord, for the / Lord is / good :

make music to his / name, for / it is / lovely.

*4* For the Lord has chosen Jacob / for him/self :

and Israel / for his / own pos/session.

*5* For I know that the / Lord is / great :

and that our Lord / is a/bove all / gods.

*6* The Lord does whatever he pleases

in heaven / and on / earth :

in the seas / and in / all the / deeps.

*7* He brings up the clouds from the / ends of the / earth :

he makes lightning with the rain

and brings the / winds / out of his / treasuries.

*8* He smote the / firstborn of / Egypt :

the / firstborn of / man and / beast.

*9* He sent signs and wonders into your / midst, O / Egypt :

upon / Pharaoh and / all his / servants.

*10* He smote / many / nations :

and / slew / mighty / kings:

*11* Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, the / king of / Bashan :

and / all the / kingdoms of / Canaan.

*12* He gave their land / as a / heritage :

a heritage for / Israel / his / people.

*13* Your name, O Lord, en/dures for / ever :

and shall be remembered through / all / gene/rations.

*14* For the Lord will / vindicate his / people :

and have com/passion / on his / servants.

*15* The idols of the nations are but / silver and / gold :

the / work of / human / hands.

*16* They have mouths, but / cannot / speak :

eyes have / they, but / cannot / see;

*17* They have ears, but / cannot / hear :

neither is there / any / breath • in their / mouths.

*18* Those who make them / shall become / like them :

and so will all who / put their / trust in / them.

*19* Bless the Lord, O / house of / Israel :

O house of / Aaron / bless the / Lord.

*20* Bless the Lord, O / house of / Levi :

you who fear the / Lord, / bless the / Lord.

‡*21* Blessed be the / Lord from / Zion :

who dwells in Je/rusalem. / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 136***

*1* Give thanks to the Lord, for / he is / gracious :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever.

*2* Give thanks to the / God of / gods :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever.

*3* Give thanks to the / Lord of / lords :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*4* Who alone / does great / wonders :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*5* Who by wisdom / made the / heavens :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*6* Who laid out the earth up/on the / waters :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*7* Who made the / great / lights :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*8* The sun to / rule the / day :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

‡*9* The moon and the stars to / govern the / night :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*10* Who smote the / firstborn of / Egypt :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*11* And brought out Israel / from a/mong them :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*12* With a mighty hand and / outstretched / arm :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*13* Who divided the Red / Sea in / two :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*14* And made Israel to / pass • through the / midst of it :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*15* But Pharaoh and his host he overthrew in the / Red / Sea :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*16* Who led his people / through the / wilderness :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*17* Who / smote great / kings :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*18* And slew / mighty / kings :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*19* Sihon, / king of the / Amorites :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*20* And Og, the / king of / Bashan :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*21* And gave away their land / for a / heritage :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

‡*22* A heritage for / Israel his / servant :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*23* Who remembered us when / we were in / trouble :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*24* And delivered us / from our / enemies :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever;

*25* Who gives food to / all / creatures :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever.

*26* Give thanks to the / God of / heaven :

for his / mercy en/dures for / ever.

***Psalm 137***

*1* By the waters of Babylon we sat / down and / wept :

when / we re/membered / Zion.

*2* As for our lyres, we / hung them / up :

on the / willows that / grow • in that / land.

*3* For there our captors asked for a song,

our tormentors / called for / mirth :

‘Sing us / one of the / songs of / Zion.’

*4,5* How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a / strange / land? :

If I forget you, O Jerusalem,

let my right / hand for/get its / skill.

*6* Let my tongue cleave to the / roof of my / mouth :

if / I do / not re/member you,

*6a* If I set / not Je/rusalem :

a/bove my / highest / joy.

*7* Remember, O Lord, against the people of Edom

the / day of Je/rusalem :

how they said, ‘Down with it, down with it,

/ even / to the / ground.’

*8* O daughter of Babylon, / doomed • to des/truction :

happy the one who repays you

for / all • you have / done to / us;

‡*9* Who / takes your / little ones :

and / dashes them a/gainst the / rock.

***Psalm 138***

*1* I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my / whole / heart :

before the gods will / I sing / praise to / you.

*2* I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,

because of your / love and / faithfulness :

for you have glorified your name

/ and your / word above / all things.

*3* In the day that I called to you, you / answered / me :

you / put new / strength in my / soul.

*4* All the kings of the earth shall / praise you, O / Lord :

for they have / heard the / words of your / mouth.

*5* They shall sing of the / ways of the / Lord :

that great is the / glory / of the / Lord.

*6* Though the Lord be high, he watches / over the / lowly :

as for the proud, he re/gards them / from a/far.

*7* Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

/ you • will pre/serve me :

you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my

enemies; / your right / hand will / save me.

*8* The Lord shall make good his / purpose / for me :

your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;

for/sake • not the / work of your / hands.

***Psalm 139***

*1* O Lord, you have searched me / out and / known me :

you know my sitting down and my rising up;

you dis/cern my / thoughts • from a/far.

*2* You mark out my journeys / and my / resting place :

and are ac/quainted with / all my / ways.

*3* For there is not a word / on my / tongue :

but you, O Lord, / know it / alto/gether.

*4* You encompass me behind / and be/fore :

and / lay your / hand up/on me.

‡*5* Such knowledge is too / wonderful / for me :

so high / that I / cannot at/tain it.

*6* Where can I go then / from your / spirit? :

Or / where can I / flee • from your / presence?

*7* If I climb up to heaven, / you are / there :

if I make the grave my bed, / you are / there / also.

*8* If I take the / wings of the / morning :

and dwell in the / uttermost / parts • of the / sea,

*9* Even there your / hand shall / lead me :

your / right hand / hold me / fast.

*10* If I say, ‘Surely the / darkness will / cover me :

and the light a/round me / turn to / night’,

*11* Even darkness is no darkness with you;

the night is as / clear as the / day :

darkness and light to / you are / both a/like.

*12* For you yourself created my / inmost / parts :

you knit me together / in my / mother’s / womb.

*13* I thank you, for I am fearfully and / wonderfully / made :

marvellous are your / works, my / soul knows / well.

*14* My frame was not / hidden / from you :

when I was made in secret

and woven in the / depths / of the / earth.

*15* Your eyes beheld my form, as / yet un/finished :

already in your book were / all my / members / written,

‡*16* As day by day / they were / fashioned :

when as / yet / there was / none of them.

*17* How deep are your counsels to / me, O / God! :

How / great / is the / sum of them!

*18* If I count them, they are more in number / than the / sand :

and at the end, I am / still / in your / presence.

*19* O that you would slay the / wicked, O / God :

that the / bloodthirsty / might de/part from me!

*20* They speak against you with / wicked in/tent :

your enemies take / up your / name for / evil.

*21* Do I not oppose those, O Lord, / who op/pose you? :

Do I not abhor / those who / rise up a/gainst you?

*22* I hate them with a / perfect / hatred :

they have become my / own / enemies / also.

*23* Search me out, O God, and / know my / heart :

try me / and ex/amine my / thoughts.

*24* See if there is any way of / wickedness / in me :

and lead me in the / way / ever/lasting.

***Psalm 140***

*1* Deliver me, O Lord, from / evil/doers :

and pro/tect me / from the / violent,

*2* Who devise evil / in their / hearts :

and stir up / strife / all the day / long.

‡*3* They have sharpened their tongues / like a / serpent :

adder’s / poison is / under their / lips.

*4* Keep me, O Lord, from the / hands of the / wicked :

protect me from the violent

who / seek to / make me / stumble.

*5* The proud have laid a snare for me

and spread out a / net of / cords :

they have set / traps a/long my / path.

*6* I have said to the Lord / ‘You are my / God :

listen, O Lord, to the / voice of my / suppli/cation.

*7* O Lord God, the strength of / my sal/vation :

you have covered my / head • in the / day of / battle.

*8* Do not grant the desires of the / wicked, O / Lord :

do not / prosper their / wicked / plans.

*9* Let not those who surround me lift / up their / heads :

let the evil of their own / lips / fall up/on them.

*10* Let hot burning coals / rain up/on them :

let them be cast into the depths, / that they / rise not a/gain.’

*11* No slanderer shall prosper / on the / earth :

and evil shall hunt down the / violent to / over/throw them.

*12* I know that the Lord will bring justice / for the op/pressed :

and main/tain the / cause of the / needy.

*13* Surely, the righteous will give thanks / to your / name :

and the upright shall / dwell / in your / presence.

***Psalm 141***

*1* O Lord, I call to you / come to me / quickly :

hear my voice / when I / cry to / you.

*2* Let my prayer rise be/fore you as / incense :

the lifting up of my hands / as the / evening / sacrifice.

*3* Set a watch before my / mouth, O / Lord :

and / guard the / door of my / lips;

*4* Let not my heart incline to any / evil / thing :

let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers,

nor taste the / pleasures / of their / table.

*5* Let the righteous smite me in friendly rebuke;

but let not the oil of the unrighteous a/noint my / head :

for my prayer is continually a/gainst their / wicked / deeds.

*6* Let their rulers be overthrown in / stony / places :

then they may / know • that my / words are / sweet.

*7* As when a plough turns over the / earth in / furrows :

let their bones be scattered / at the / mouth of the / Pit.

*8* But my eyes are turned to / you, Lord / God :

in you I take refuge / do not / leave me de/fenceless.

*9* Protect me from the snare which / they have / laid for me :

and from the / traps of the / evil/doers.

*10* Let the wicked fall into their / own / nets :

while / I pass / by in / safety.

***Psalm 142***

*1* I cry aloud / to the / Lord :

to the Lord I / make my / suppli/cation.

*2* I pour out my com/plaint be/fore him :

and / tell him / of my / trouble.

*3* When my spirit faints within me, you / know my / path :

in the way wherein I walk

/ have they / laid a / snare for me.

*4* I look to my right hand, and find / no one who / knows me :

I have no place to flee to,

and / no one / cares for my / soul.

*5* I cry out to you, O / Lord, and / say :

‘You are my refuge, my portion / in the / land of the / living.

*6* Listen to my cry, for I am brought / very / low :

save me from my persecutors,

for they / are too / strong / for me.

*7a* Bring my soul / out of / prison :

that I may give / thanks / to your / name;

*7b* When you have dealt / bounti•fully / with me :

then shall the / righteous / gather a/round me.’

***Psalm 143***

*1* Hear my / prayer, O / Lord :

and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications;

/ answer me / in your / righteousness.

*2* Enter not into judgement / with your / servant :

for in your sight shall / no one / living be / justified.

*3* For the enemy has pursued me,

crushing my life / to the / ground :

making me sit in / darkness like / those long / dead.

*4* My spirit / faints with/in me :

my / heart with/in me is / desolate.

*5* I remember the time past; I muse upon / all your / deeds :

I con/sider the / works of your / hands.

*6* I stretch out my / hands to / you :

my soul gasps for you / like a / thirsty / land.

*7* O Lord, make haste to answer me;

my / spirit / fails me :

hide not your face from me

lest I be like / those who go / down • to the / Pit.

*8* Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,

for in you I / put my / trust :

show me the way I should walk in,

for I / lift up my / soul to / you.

*9* Deliver me, O Lord, / from my / enemies :

for I / flee to / you for / refuge.

*10* Teach me to do what pleases you, for / you are my / God :

let your kindly spirit / lead me • on a / level / path.

*11* Revive me, O Lord / for your / name’s sake :

for your righteousness’ sake / bring me / out of / trouble.

*12* In your faithfulness, slay my enemies,

and destroy all the adversaries / of my / soul :

for / truly I / am your / servant.

***Psalm 144***

*1* Blessed be the / Lord my / rock :

who teaches my hands for war / and my / fingers for / battle;

*2* My steadfast help and my fortress,

my stronghold and my deliverer,

my shield in / whom I / trust :

who sub/dues the / peoples / under me.

*3* O Lord, what are mortals that / you should con/sider them :

mere human beings,

that / you should take / thought for / them?

*4* They are like a / breath of / wind :

their days pass a/way / like a / shadow.

*5* Bow your heavens, O Lord / and come / down :

touch the / mountains and / they shall / smoke.

*6* Cast down your / lightnings and / scatter them :

shoot out your arrows / and let / thunder / roar.

*7* Reach down your hand / from on / high :

deliver me and take me out of the great waters,

from the / hand of / foreign / enemies,

*8* Whose / mouth speaks / wickedness :

and their right hand / is the / hand of / falsehood.

*9* O God, I will sing to you a / new / song :

I will play to you / on a / ten-stringed / harp,

*10* You that give sal/vation to / kings :

and have de/livered / David your / servant.

*11* Save me from the peril / of the / sword :

and deliver me from the / hand of / foreign / enemies,

*12* Whose / mouth speaks / wickedness :

and whose right hand / is the / hand of / falsehood;

*13* So that our sons in their youth

may be like well/nurtured / plants :

and our daughters

like pillars carved for the / corners / of the / temple;

*14* Our barns be filled with all / manner of / store :

our flocks bearing thousands,

and ten / thousands / in our / fields;

*15* Our cattle be / heavy with / young :

may there be no miscarriage or untimely birth,

no / cry of dis/tress • in our / streets.

*16* Happy are the people whose / blessing this / is :

happy are the people who have the / Lord / for their / God.

***Psalm 145***

*1* I will exalt you, O / God my / King :

and bless your / name for / ever and / ever.

*2* Every day / will I / bless you :

and praise your / name for / ever and / ever.

*3* Great is the Lord and highly / to be / praised :

his greatness is be/yond all / searching / out.

*4* One generation shall praise your works / to an/other :

and de/clare your / mighty / acts.

*5* They shall speak of the majesty / of your / glory :

and I will tell of / all your / wonderful / deeds.

*6* They shall speak of the might of your / marvellous / acts :

and I will / also / tell of your / greatness.

*7* They shall pour forth the story of your a/bundant / kindness :

and joyfully / sing / of your / righteousness.

*8* The Lord is / gracious and / merciful :

long-suffering / and of / great / goodness.

*9* The Lord is / loving to / everyone :

and his mercy is / over / all his / creatures.

*10* All your works / praise you, O / Lord :

and your / faithful / servants / bless you.

*11* They tell of the glory / of your / kingdom :

and / speak of your / mighty / power,

*12* To make known to all peoples your / mighty / acts :

and the glorious / splendour / of your / kingdom.

*13* Your kingdom is an ever/lasting / kingdom :

your dominion en/dures through/out all / ages.

*14* The Lord is sure in / all his / words :

and / faithful in / all his / deeds.

*15* The Lord upholds all / those who / fall :

and lifts up all / those who / are bowed / down.

*16* The eyes of all wait upon / you, O / Lord :

and you give them their / food in / due / season.

*17* You open / wide your / hand :

and fill / all things / living with / plenty.

*18* The Lord is righteous in / all his / ways :

and / loving in / all his / works.

*19* The Lord is near to those who / call up/on him :

to all who / call up/on him / faithfully.

*20* He fulfils the desire of / those who / fear him :

he / hears their / cry and / saves them.

*21* The Lord watches over / those who / love him :

but all the / wicked shall / he des/troy.

*22* My mouth shall speak the / praise of the / Lord :

and let all flesh bless his holy / name

for / ever and / ever.

***Psalm 146***

*1a* Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, / O my / soul :

while I / live • will I / praise the / Lord;

*1b* as long as I / have any / being :

I will sing / praises / to my / God.

*2* Put not your trust in princes, nor in any / human / power :

for there / is no / help in / them.

*3* When their breath goes forth, they re/turn to the / earth :

on that day / all their / thoughts / perish.

*4* Happy are those who have the God of Jacob / for their / help :

whose hope is / in the / Lord their / God;

*5* Who made heaven and earth,

the sea and / all that is / in them :

who / keeps his / promise for / ever;

‡*6* Who gives justice to those that / suffer / wrong :

and / bread to / those who / hunger.

*7* The Lord looses / those that are / bound :

the Lord opens the / eyes / of the / blind;

*8* The Lord lifts up those who / are bowed / down :

the / Lord / loves the / righteous;

*9* The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;

he upholds the / orphan and / widow :

but the way of the wicked / he turns / upside / down.

*10* The Lord shall / reign for / ever :

your God, O Zion, throughout all gene/rations. / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 147***

*1* Alleluia. How good it is to make music / for our / God :

how joyful to / honour / him with / praise.

*2* The Lord builds / up Je/rusalem :

and gathers to/gether the / outcasts of / Israel.

*3* He heals the / broken/hearted :

and / binds up / all their / wounds.

*4* He counts the / number • of the / stars :

and / calls them / all • by their / names.

*5* Great is our Lord and / mighty in / power :

his wisdom / is be/yond all / telling.

*6* The Lord lifts / up the / poor :

but casts down the / wicked / to the / ground.

*7* Sing to the / Lord with / thanksgiving :

make music to our / God up/on the / lyre;

*8* Who covers the / heavens with / clouds :

and prepares / rain / for the / earth;

*9* Who makes grass to grow up/on the / mountains :

and green / plants to / serve our / needs.

*10* He gives the / beasts their / food :

and the young / ravens / when they / cry.

*11* He takes no pleasure in the / power of a / horse :

no de/light in / human / strength;

*12* But the Lord delights in / those who / fear him :

who put their trust / in his / steadfast / love.

*13* Sing praise to the Lord, / O Je/rusalem :

praise your / God, / O / Zion;

*14* For he has strengthened the / bars of your / gates :

and has / blest your / children with/in you.

*15* He has established peace / in your / borders :

and satisfies you / with the / finest / wheat.

*16* He sends forth his command / to the / earth :

and his / word runs / very / swiftly.

*17* He gives / snow like / wool :

and / scatters the / hoarfrost like / ashes.

*18* He casts down his hailstones like / morsels of / bread :

who / can en/dure his / frost?

*19* He sends forth his / word and / melts them :

he blows with his wind / and the / waters / flow.

*20* He declares his / word to / Jacob :

his / statutes and / judgements to / Israel.

‡*21* He has not dealt so with any / other / nation :

they do not know his / laws. / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 148***

*1* Alleluia.

Praise the Lord / from the / heavens :

praise / – him / in the / heights.

*2* Praise him, all / you his / angels :

praise / – him / all his / host.

*3* Praise him / sun and / moon :

praise him / all you / stars of / light.

*4* Praise him / heaven of / heavens :

and you / waters a/bove the / heavens.

*5* Let them praise the / name of the / Lord :

for he commanded / and they / were cre/ated.

*6* He made them fast for / ever and / ever :

he gave them a law which / shall not / pass a/way.

*7* Praise the Lord / from the / earth :

you sea / monsters and / all / deeps;

*8* Fire and hail, / snow and / mist :

tempestuous / wind, ful/filling his / word;

*9* Mountains and / all / hills :

fruit / trees and / all / cedars;

*10* Wild beasts and / all / cattle :

creeping / things and / birds • on the / wing;

*11* Kings of the earth and / all / peoples :

princes and all / rulers / of the / world;

*12* Young men and women, old and / young to/gether :

let them / praise the / name of the / Lord.

*13* For his name only / is ex/alted :

his splendour / above / earth and / heaven.

*14* He has raised up the horn of his people

and praise for all his / faithful / servants :

the children of Israel, a people who are / near him.

/ Alle/luia.

***Psalm 149***

*1* Alleluia. O sing to the Lord a / new / song :

sing his praise in the congre/gation / of the / faithful.

*2* Let Israel rejoice / in their / maker :

let the children of Zion be / joyful / in their / king.

*3* Let them praise his / name in the / dance :

let them sing praise to / him with / timbrel and / lyre.

*4* For the Lord has pleasure / in his / people :

and adorns the / poor / with sal/vation.

*5* Let the faithful be / joyful in / glory :

let them re/joice / in their / ranks,

*6* With the praises of God / in their / mouths :

and a / two-edged / sword • in their / hands;

*7* To execute vengeance / on the / nations :

and / punishment / on the / peoples;

*8* To bind their / kings in / chains :

and their / nobles with / fetters of / iron;

‡*9* To execute on them the / judgement de/creed :

such honour have all his faithful / servants. / Alle/luia.

***Psalm 150***

*1* Alleluia.

O praise God / in his / holiness :

praise him in the / firmament / of his / power.

*2* Praise him for his / mighty / acts :

praise him ac/cording • to his / excellent / greatness.

*3* Praise him with the / blast of the / trumpet :

praise him up/on the / harp and / lyre.

*4* Praise him with / timbrel and / dances :

praise him up/on the / strings and / pipe.

*5* Praise him with / ringing / cymbals :

praise him up/on the / clashing / cymbals.

*6* Let everything / that has / breath :

praise the / Lord.

/ Alle/luia.