



TEHILLIM TALKS

Psalm 8

*To the choirmaster: according to the **Gittit**. A Psalm of David.*

גַּת

“wine press”

גַּתִּית

“wine pressing”

1 Above the Heavens

Adonai, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens.

2

Out of the mouth of babies and infants You have established strength because of Your **foes**, to **still** the **enemy** and the **avenger**.

צָרָר

(*tzarar*)

“foes”

שָׁבַת

(*shavat*)

“rest” / “cease”

3-4 The Heavens

When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,

⁴ what is [**frail**] **man** that You are mindful of him, and the son of **man** that You appoint him [in earthly authority]?

אנוש
(*enosh*)
“[frail] man”

אדם
(*adam*)
“man”

5-8 The Earth

Yet you have made him a little lower than the **elohim** and [desire to] crown him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have **given him dominion** over the works of Your hands. You have put all things under his feet, ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

אלהים
(*elohim*)

“God” / “gods” / “angels” / “powers” / “judges”

משל
(*masha*)

“to rule”

Gen. 1:17-18 / 24:2

9 Refrain

Adonai, our Lord, how majestic [is] Your name in all the earth!

REFERENCES:

Verse 1

Romans 1:18-20 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Verse 2

Matthew 21:15-16 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant, and they said to Him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” And Yeshua said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘*Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies You have prepared praise*’?”

Verses 3-4

Job 34:6 In spite of my right I am counted a liar; my wound is incurable [אנוש, *enosh*], though I am without transgression. (+ Is.17.11 / Micah 1.9)

אנוש [*enosh*] denotes a tainted class in mankind. It signifies that human being who does not think of himself as an אדם [*adam*], as a representative in the service of God on earth but who, instead, in false self-aggrandizement, sets himself up against God and the world. (R' S.R. Hirsch)

Genesis 2:15 Adonai God took the man [אדם, *adam*] and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

Hebrews 2:6-9 It has been testified somewhere, *“What is man, that You are mindful of him, or the son of man, that You care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet.”* Now in putting everything in subjection to him, He left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Yeshua, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

1 Corinthians 15:27-28 For *“God has put all things in subjection under His feet.”* But when it says, *“all things are put in subjection,”* it is plain that He is excepted who put all things in subjection under Him. When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all.

Verses 5-8

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make man [אדם, *adam*] in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Genesis 1:17-18 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule [משל, *masha*] over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 24:2 And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who was steward [משל, *masha*] of all that he had ...