



*To the choirmaster: according to "Do Not Destroy".
A Michtam of David, when he fled from Saul, in the cave.*

1-3

Be gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me, for in You my soul takes refuge, and in the shadow of Your wings I take refuge until destructions pass. ² I cry out to God Most High, to God who **fulfills** (His) **purpose** for me. ³ He will send from heaven and rescue me. [He will put to] shame him who **tramples** me. *Selah* – God will send His steadfast love and truth.

גמר

(gomer)

“accomplish” / “cease”

4-6

My soul is in the midst of lions. I lie amid fiery [beasts] – the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongue is a sharp sword. ⁵ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth! ⁶ They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my way, but they have fallen into it themselves. *Selah*

7-11

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody! ⁸ Awake, my **honor** [*chavod*]! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the **dawn**!

שחר
↙ ↘
(shachor) (shachar)
“black” “dawn”

⁹ I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the **peoples**; I will sing praises to You among the **nations**. ¹⁰ For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens, Your truth to the clouds. ¹¹ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your **glory** [*chavod*] be over all the earth!

עמים
(*amim*)
“peoples”

אמים
(*umim*)
“terrors” / “peoples”

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1Samuel 24:3-7 And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. And the men of David said to him, “Here is the day of which Adonai said to you, ‘Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.’” Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. And afterward David’s heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. He said to his men, “Adonai forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, Adonai’s anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is Adonai’s anointed.” So David persuaded his men with these words and did not permit them to rise up against Saul. And Saul rose up and left the cave and went on his way.

1Samuel 26:9 But David said to Abishai, “Do not destroy him (אל תשחיתהו, *al tashchiteihu*), for who can put out his hand against Adonai’s anointed and be guiltless?”

Verse 1

Psalms 5:9 For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction (הוה, *havah*). Their throat is an open grave. They flatter with their tongue.

Psalms 91:3 For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the destructive (הוה, *havah*) pestilence.

Verse 2

Hosea 1:2-3 When Adonai first spoke through Hosea, Adonai said to Hosea, “Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking Adonai.” So he went and took Gomer (גמר), the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

Philippians 1:6 And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Yeshua Hamashiach.

Pirkei Avot 2:21 – “*It is not for you to complete the task, but neither are you free to stand aside from it.*” (R’ Tarfon)

Verse 4

Psalm 55:21 His speech was smooth as butter, yet war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords.

Verse 6

Psalm 7:15 He has dug a pit and hollowed it out, and has fallen into the hole which he made.

Proverb 26:27 He who digs a pit will fall into it, and he who rolls a stone, it will come back on him.

Proverb 28:10 He who leads the upright astray in an evil way will himself fall into his own pit. But the blameless will inherit good.

Verse 7

Genesis 41:32 “And the doubling of Pharaoh’s dream means that the thing is steadfast (נכון, *nachon*) by God, and God will shortly bring it about.”

Verse 8

Psalms 77:6 I said, “Let me remember my song in the night; let me meditate in my heart.”...

Verse 9

Romans 15:9 ...and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”

Job 20:25 It is drawn forth and comes out of his body; the glittering point comes out of his gallbladder; terrors (עמים, *umim*) come upon him.