

TEHILLIM TALKS

Psalm 60

To the choirmaster: according to **Shushan-Edut**.

A Miktam of David; for teaching;

when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and when

Joab on his return struck down 12,000 of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

1-4

O God, You have rejected us, broken our defenses; You have been angry; oh, restore us. ² You have made the land to quake; You have torn it open; repair its breaches, for it totters. ³ You have made Your people see hard things; You have given us wine to drink that made us stagger. ⁴ You have set up a banner/test for those who fear You, that they may flee to it from the bow. *Selah*

(neis)
"banner"/"miracle"/"elevate"

קשט (koshet) "bow"/"truth"

5-8

That Your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by Your right hand and answer us! ⁶ God has spoken in His holiness: "With exultation I will divide up Shechem and portion out the Vale of Succoth. ⁷ Gilead is Mine; Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim is My helmet; Judah is My scepter. ⁸ Moab is My washbasin; upon Edom I cast My shoe; over Philistia I shout in triumph."

9-12

Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom? ¹⁰ Have You not rejected us, O God? You do not go forth, O God, with our armies. ¹¹ Oh, grant us help against the foe, for vain is the salvation of man! ¹² With God we shall do valiantly; it is He who will tread down our foes.

REFERENCES:

Superscription

Psalm 106:15 And He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

Verse 4

Proverbs 22:20-21 Have I not written for you thirty sayings of counsel and knowledge, to make you know the certainty of the words of <u>truth</u> (טשט, *koshet*) that you may correctly answer to him who sent you?

Misc. Translations of verse 4

You have set up a banner for those who fear You, that they may flee to it from the <u>bow</u>. (ESV)

Thou hast given a banner to those who fear Thee, that it may be displayed because of the <u>truth</u>. (NAS)

You have given a banner to those fearing You for flight from the face of the bow. (CLT)

But You have given those who fear You a waving banner beyond <u>bowshot</u>. (Koren Tanach)

But You have raised a banner for those who fear You round which they may rally for the sake of <u>truth</u>. (Koren Tehillim)

But you have given a banner to them that fear You to raise themselves to its height before the might of <u>truth</u>. (R' S.R. Hirsch)

Epilogue

Psalm 106:15 Then He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.