

Psalm 79

Do you have a favorite Bible passage?

Read (What does it say?): Psalm 79

Explain

What is the historical context?

(We think) it's the _____ captivity of 587 BC

Are there any literary/structural observations?

What are the most repeated words?

Your/you (20), our/us/we (14), they/them (7)

What do the words mean?

A Psalm of Asaph ["collector"]. **[Who is Asaph?]**

1 O God [*elohiym*], **the nations have come into Your inheritance;**

Your holy temple they have defiled [*piel* perfect; defile (self), pollute (self), be (make, make self, pronounce) _____];

They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.

2 The dead bodies of Your servants

They have given *as* food for the birds of the heavens,

The flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth.

3 Their blood they have shed like water all around Jerusalem,

And *there was* no one to bury *them*.

4 We have become a reproach [rebuke, reproach, _____] **to our neighbors,**

A scorn and derision [a laughing-stock] **to those who are around us.**

5 How long, LORD [*yehovah*]?

Will You be angry [to breathe _____, be enraged: be angry (displeased)] **forever?**

Will Your jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out [qal **imperative**] **Your wrath on the nations that do not know You, And on the kingdoms that do not call on Your name.**

7 For they have devoured Jacob,

And laid waste [to stun, devastate or (figuratively) stupefy: make amazed, be astonished, (be an) astonish(-ment), (be, bring into, unto, lay, lie, make) desolate(-ion, places), be destitute, destroy (self), (lay, lie, make) waste, wonder] **his dwelling place.**

8 Oh, do not remember former iniquities [perversity, i.e., (moral) evil: fault, iniquity, mischief, punishment (of iniquity), sin] **against us!**

Let Your tender mercies [bowels, compassion, damsel, tender love, (great, tender) mercy, pity, womb] **come speedily to meet** [**piel** imperfect] **us,**

For we have been brought [bring low, dry up, be emptied, be not equal, fail, be impoverished, be made _____] **very** [_____] **low.**

9 Help us [qal **imperative**; to surround, protect or aid: help], **O God** [*elohiyim*] **of our salvation** [*yeshah*; liberty, deliverance, prosperity: safety, salvation, saving],

For the glory [_____] **of Your name;**

And deliver us [hiphil **imperative**; defend, deliver (self), escape, part, pluck, preserve, recover, rescue, rid, save, spoil, strip, take (out)], **and provide atonement**

[**piel imperative**; to _____; figuratively, to expiate or condone, to placate or cancel: appease, make (an atonement, cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful,

pacify, pardon, purge (away), put off, (make) reconcile(-liation)] **for our sins,**

For Your name's sake!

10 Why should the nations say,

"Where is their God [*elohiyim*]?"

Let there be known among the nations in our sight

The avenging [avengement, whether the act or the passion: avenge, revenge(-ing), vengeance] **of the blood of Your servants which has been shed.**

11 Let the groaning [shrieking: crying out, groaning, sighing] **of the prisoner come before You;**

According to the greatness [magnitude: greatness, stout(-ness)] **of Your power** [the arm (as stretched out), or (of animals) the foreleg; figuratively, force: arm, help, mighty, power, shoulder, strength]

Preserve [hiphil **imperative**; excel, leave (a remnant), left behind, too much, make plenteous, preserve, (be, let) remain(-der, -ing, -nant), reserve, residue, rest] **those who are appointed** [a _____] **to die;**

12 And return [hiphil **imperative**] **to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom** [to enclose; the bosom (literally or figuratively): bosom, bottom, lap, midst, within]

Their reproach [contumely, disgrace: rebuke, reproach(-fully), shame] **with which they have reproached You** [piel perfect; to pull off, i.e., (by implication) to expose (as by stripping); specifically, to betroth (as if a surrender); figuratively, to carp at, i.e., defame; to spend the winter: betroth, blaspheme, defy, jeopard, rail, reproach, upbraid], **O Lord** [*adonay*].

Is this a Biblical prayer to pray today?

13 So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture [flock, pasture],

Will give You thanks [hiphil imperfect; literally, to use (i.e., hold out) the _____; physically, to throw (a stone, an arrow) at or away; especially to revere or worship (with extended hands); intensively, to bemoan (by wringing the hands): cast (out), (make) confess(-ion), praise, shoot, (give) thank(-ful, -s, -sgiving)] **forever;**

We will show forth [piel imperfect; properly, to _____ with a mark as a tally or record, i.e., (by implication) to inscribe, and also to enumerate; intensively, to recount, i.e., celebrate: commune, (ac-) count; declare, number, penknife, reckon, scribe, shew forth, speak, talk, tell (out), writer] **Your praise** [laudation; specifically (concretely) a hymn: praise] **to all generations.**

Apply (What is the point?)

1. Little known little value
2. Christians can praise God in _____ situation
3. God's ultimate deliverance is far away
4. _____ requires judgment
5. Telling God's story shows His praise

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Don't forget the _____
2. Praise Him right now
3. Praise Him despite the _____
4. Know that _____ took the judgment
5. Tell _____ story

Next week: 2 Peter