

Psalm 78

Alte englische Darby-Übersetzung



1 An instruction. Of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. **2** I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter riddles from of old,**3** Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us: **4** We will not hide them from their sons, shewing forth to the generation to come the praises of Jehovah, and his strength, and his marvellous works which he hath done. **5** For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; **6** That the generation to come might know them , the children that should be born; that they might rise up and tell them to their children, **7** And that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of *God, but observe his commandments; **8** And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that prepared not their heart, and whose spirit was not stedfast with *God.

9 The sons of Ephraim, armed bowmen, turned back in the day of battle. **10** They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law; **11** And forgot his doings, and his marvellous works which he had shewn them. **12** In the sight of their fathers had he done wonders, in the land of Egypt, the field of Zoan. **13** He clave the sea, and caused them to pass through; and made the waters to stand as a heap; **14** And he led them with a cloud in the daytime, and all the night with the light of fire. **15** He clave rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the depths, abundantly; **16** And he brought streams out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers. **17** Yet they still went on sinning against him, provoking the Most High in the desert; **18** And they tempted *God in their heart, by asking meat for their lust; **19** And they spoke against God: they said, Is *God able to prepare a table in the wilderness? **20** Behold, he smote the rock, and waters gushed out, and streams overflowed; is he able to give bread also, or provide flesh for his people? **21** Therefore Jehovah heard, and was wroth; and fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also went up against Israel: **22** Because they believed not in God, and confided not in his salvation; **23** Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and had opened the doors of the heavens, **24** And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them the corn of the heavens. **25** Man did eat the bread of the mighty; he sent them provision to the full. **26** He caused the east wind to rise in the heavens, and by his strength he brought the south wind; **27** And he rained flesh upon them as dust, and feathered fowl as the sand of the seas, **28** And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations: **29** And they did eat, and were well filled; for that they lusted after, he brought to them. **30** They were not alienated from their lust, their meat was yet in their mouths, **31** When the anger of God went up against them; and he slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel. **32** For all this, they sinned still, and believed not in his marvellous works; **33** And he consumed their days in vanity, and their years in terror. **34** When he slew them, then they sought him, and returned and sought early after *God; **35** And they remembered that God was their rock, and *God, the Most High, their redeemer. **36** But they flattered him with their mouth, and lied unto him with their tongue; **37** For their heart was not firm toward him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant. **38** But he was merciful: he forgave the iniquity, and destroyed them not; but many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his fury: **39** And he remembered that they were flesh, a breath that passeth away and cometh not again.

40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! **41** And they turned again and tempted *God, and grieved the Holy One of Israel. **42** They remembered not his hand, the day when he delivered them from the oppressor, **43** How he set his signs in Egypt, and his miracles in the field of Zoan; **44** And turned their rivers into blood, and their streams, that they could not drink; **45** He sent dog-flies among them, which devoured them, and frogs, which destroyed them; **46** And he gave their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust; **47** He killed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with hail-stones; **48** And he delivered up their cattle to the hail, and their flocks

to thunderbolts. **49** He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and distress, --a mission of angels of woes. **50** He made a way for his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence; **51** And he smote all the firstborn in Egypt, the first-fruits of their vigour in the tents of Ham. **52** And he made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock; **53** And he led them safely, so that they were without fear; and the sea covered their enemies. **54** And he brought them to his holy border, this mountain, which his right hand purchased; **55** And he drove out the nations before them, and allotted them for an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents. **56** But they tempted and provoked God, the Most High, and kept not his testimonies, **57** And they drew back and dealt treacherously like their fathers: they turned like a deceitful bow. **58** And they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images. **59** God heard, and was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel: **60** And he forsook the tabernacle at Shiloh, the tent where he had dwelt among men, **61** And gave his strength into captivity, and his glory into the hand of the oppressor; **62** And delivered up his people unto the sword, and was very wroth with his inheritance: **63** The fire consumed their young men, and their maidens were not praised in nuptial song; **64** Their priests fell by the sword, and their widows made no lamentation. **65** Then the Lord awoke as one out of sleep, like a mighty man that shouteth aloud by reason of wine; **66** And he smote his adversaries in the hinder part, and put them to everlasting reproach. **67** And he rejected the tent of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim, **68** But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved; **69** And he built his sanctuary like the heights, like the earth which he hath founded for ever. **70** And he chose David his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds: **71** From following the suckling-ewes, he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance. **72** And he fed them according to the integrity of his heart, and led them by the skilfulness of his hands.