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## Psalm 64

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## Psalm 64.

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### Topics.

- Hide me from secret plots of the wicked, whose tongues are swords.
- Let the righteous one rejoice in the LORD and take refuge in him.

**FOR INFORMATION:** concerning people, places and the meaning of words see the title: "Map Locations and People of the Bible," and the title: "Bible Dictionary" on Website Menu.

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### INTRODUCTION

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Psalms are songs and prayers offered to God by the nation Israel, they cover the range of human emotion, expressing praise, faith, victory, sorrow, despair, depression, frustration and the troubled heart of a mourner. They contrast the righteous with the wicked, and include the wisdom and the treasure of God's word. Psalms were written at the beginning of the 15th century BC and probably collected in their final form in the 3rd century.

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### BOOK TWO (PSALM 42-72)

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### PSALM 64:1-6

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To the choirmaster. a psalm of david

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### Hide Me from Plots of the Wicked, whose Tongues are Swords.

- **Psalm 64:1-6:** Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint; preserve my life from dread of the enemy. <sup>2</sup>Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked, from the throng of evildoers, <sup>3</sup>who whet their tongues like swords, who aim bitter words like arrows, <sup>4</sup>shooting from ambush at the blameless, shooting at him suddenly and without fear. <sup>5</sup>They hold fast to their evil purpose; they talk of laying snares secretly, thinking, who can see them? <sup>6</sup>They search out injustice, saying, "We have accomplished a diligent search." For the inward mind and heart of a man are deep!

David's enemies are spoken of in the following manner:

- Whetting their tongues like swords against David, (carrying the idea that they are like hungry beasts drooling over their prey).
- Speaking bitter words like arrows about David, (carrying the idea that they are speaking falsehoods to hurt David and lies to bring him to ruin and turn others against him).
- Without fear, are determined to ruin David's life (meaning their only goal is to destroy David, his kingdom and poison others against him).
- Secretly talk of laying snares against David when he is not with them (meaning they act as friends while with David, but inwardly all their charm and flattery is all pretence).
- Are so narcissistic that they think David does not know the evil that they have in their hearts toward him.

We are not told who David's enemies are in this Psalm, but it matters not, since it is certain most men and woman of all ages have at some time experienced people who have pretended friendship, but spoken badly of them when with others.

**The inward mind and heart of a man are deep** (v6) in this context means that a person can appear as a friend on the outside, but inwardly have another agenda. Many paedophiles appear to those who know them as a good family man and many who appear holy on the outside are as Jesus said of the religious leaders of his generation inwardly corrupt. One of the greatest goals of every faithful brother and sister in Christ should be to have inward attitudes in perfect alignment with outward behaviour so that there is no pretence or hypocrisy dwelling within the heart and mind as there was in these enemies of David who pretend friendship while in his company.

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## PSALM 64:7-9

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### Let the Righteous One Rejoice in the LORD and Take Refuge.

- **Psalm 64:7-9:** But God shoots his arrow at them; they are wounded suddenly. <sup>8</sup>They are brought to ruin, with their own tongues turned against them; all who see them will wag their heads. <sup>9</sup>Then all mankind fears; they tell what God has brought about and ponder what he has done.

David was king of the people, he not only had enormous responsibility to be a good testimony to God, but also to be a good testimony to all those in his kingdom, he was aware that sin dwells within his flesh and that he did not attain to the perfect standard he wished he had and that God would desire of him, and now he has men who pretend to be on his side and his friend, but are secretly plotting his downfall. Many people suicide when they know or discover their friends are behind their backs speaking lies and deception to others to turn them against them (especially teenagers) so how did David cope, what was his secret to mentally and emotionally deal with such potentially depressing circumstances. David's secret, was that his self-worth and his trust was upon nothing within himself or within this world, but solely upon God and the knowledge that in God's time judgment will come upon those who plot and speak evil against those who belong to His global family. David's mental and emotion peace came in the knowledge that he would be resurrected to eternal life and make up God's treasured possession while those who persecuted him would be judged unworthy and cast into the lake of fire (a symbol of eternal death and utter extinction) also called the second death in the following verses.

- He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by *the second death*. (Rev. 2:11).
- Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such *the second death* has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years. (Rev. 20:6).
- Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is *the second death*, the lake of fire. (Rev. 20:14).
- The cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is *the second death*. (Rev. 21:8).

For further information concerning the second death, see the titles:

- Second Death.
- Lake of Fire.

In Death (ON WEBSITE MENU).

The words, "All who see them will wag their heads, then all mankind fears; they tell what God has brought about" (v9) applies firstly to David's victory over his enemies, but its ultimate fulfilment will be when the Lord Jesus Christ returns in glory as King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16) to rule and reign from God's Holy City Jerusalem (on Mount

Zion God's Holy Mountain) to establish God's Kingdom on earth during his glorious millennial reign. The dead in Christ (Old and New Testament) and the faithful, who are alive, will be gathered together in the first resurrection (Rev. 20:4-6) to rule and reign as kings and priests with the Lord over those nations who are left outside the Holy City of God. Christ the King united with his people will not only bring peace to the Middle East, but establish God's Kingdom of steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, joy and peace throughout the world and the glory of God will cover the earth. Jesus will do justice to the poor and oppressed, he will be a faithful and compassionate King forever. He will not allow anyone to strike terror in the earth or use lies and deception to enlarge their own wealth and power. The land will abundantly produce and even the deserts will flourish. The animals will not feed on each other and even the lamb will be able to lie down with the wolf and everyone will eat of their own hands because all that they plant will produce. All nations the LORD has made will come and worship before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will glorify God's Name, proclaiming the LORD is great and does wondrous things and that He alone is God.

The book of Revelation states:

- Jesus Christ, the faithful witness who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father is coming in glory and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him and all kindreds of the earth (Revelation 1:5-7).

In Revelation chapter five we are told that:

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he redeemed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

The great prophet Isaiah wrote:

- They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:9).

At the end of this glorious Kingdom age God descends to earth on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead. They stand before God and are judged according to what is written in certain heavenly books according to what they have done. Death and those counted unworthy are cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal destruction (i.e., total extinction) (also called the, Second Death) (Rev. 20:11-15). Christ hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its fullness and majestic royal glory. For further information see titles:

- Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).
- The Second Resurrection or Great White Throne Judgment.

In, Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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## **PSALM 64:10**

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**Let the Righteous one Rejoice in the LORD and take Refuge in Him.**

- **Psalm 64:10:** Let the righteous one rejoice in the LORD and take refuge (trust in KJV) in him! Let all the upright in heart exult!

The words trust and refuge comes from the Hebrew word (chacah) and means to flee for protection, to hide for refuge, to trust in, to be confident and sure of. Until that glorious day when the Lord returns to gather the faithful to himself those who are patiently waiting for him are called to rejoice in the Lord and take refuge in him during whatever trials troubles or hardships may come upon them. To take refuge in the Lord means to

surrender our will to his will and trust that our lives are in his hand both in the high moments of joy and the low times of grief and sorrow and rest in his promise that he will raise us to eternal life and everlasting happiness. Many times when David prayed he complained and moaned before God he expressed his true feelings, emotions and thoughts (good and bad) and prayed for a positive outcome, but underpinning all of his prayer was is a deep seated faith in God that no matter what did befall him he would continue to trust in the LORD and rest in the confidence that he would not be cast down to eternal destruction, but raised to eternal glory and everlasting happiness. In the meantime, he continued to cast his burdens upon the LORD and the LORD would continue to uphold him, strengthen him and comfort him by His Spirit, His love and His grace. David had the same great faith as Habakkuk and Job, even though Job suffered great affliction his attitude was:

- Though he slays me, yet will I trust in him (Job 13:15).

**Habakkuk begins his prayer saying:** “Even though his body trembles at the power of the LORD and he feels weak and feeble because of the enemies who are coming to invade his land, he will quietly wait for the day of trouble.” He then ends his prayer with the following great words of faith.

- Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, <sup>18</sup>yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. <sup>19</sup>GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places. (Hab. 3:17-19).

We make the Lord our fortress and refuge, in the same way that David, Job and Habakkuk did, which is by making him our greatest love, our best thought and the passion of our heart and mind and rest in the knowledge if everything fails in this life we will be raised to be with the Lord in eternal glory where happiness everlasting dwells and in this life rest in the confidence and faith that the Lord is with us by his Spirit, his love and his grace.

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