

Psalm 79

*A song of Asaph
to sing and strum*

O God, the Gentiles have invaded us:
They have come into Your inheritance:
They have defiled Your holy dwelling place
And they have laid waste to Jerusalem.

The corpses of Your servants have been giv'n
As food for the unclean birds of the sky:
The bodies of Your saints have now been giv'n
As food for the unclean beasts of the earth!

They have poured out their blood like water, too
Around about Jerusalem, it's true,
And there is none alive to bury them:
We are a gibe unto our neighbours now!

All those around us laugh at us with scorn,
How long, O LORD, will You pour out Your wrath?
Will You be angry with us for all time?
And will Your jealousy still burn like fire?

Pour out Your wrath upon the Gentiles now,
On those that have not known Your character,
And on the kingdoms of those nations who
Have never called upon Your holy name!

For they have eaten Jacob's people up
And they have laid waste Israel's dwelling place:
Do not remember our iniquities
But let compassion now be shown to us!

We are brought low: help us, O God, we pray,
And save us for the glory of Your name:
Deliver us, and purge away our sins:
We ask it for the sake of Your great name!

Why should the Gentiles say "Where is their God?"
Let it be known among them in our sight!
The shed blood of Your servants is avenged:
The groans of those in prison have been heard!

And by the greatness of Your strong right arm
Preserve the ones who are condemned to die:
Return unto our neighbours seven times
The insults that they poured on You, my Lord!

We are Your people, the sheep of Your flock:
We give our thanks to You for evermore.
From generation to generation
We will show forth Your praise to all mankind!

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