

**To the Chief Musician. Set to "Lily of the Testimony." A Michtam of David. For teaching. When he fought against Mesopotamia and Syria of Zobah, and Joab returned and killed twelve thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt.**

<sup>1</sup> O God, You have cast us off;  
You have broken us down;  
You have been displeased;  
Oh, restore us again!

<sup>2</sup> You have made the earth tremble;  
You have broken it;  
Heal its breaches, for it is shaking.

<sup>3</sup> You have shown Your people hard things;  
You have made us drink the wine of confusion.

<sup>4</sup> You have given a banner to those who fear You,  
That it may be displayed because of the truth. *Selah*

<sup>5</sup> That Your beloved may be delivered,  
Save *with* Your right hand, and hear me.

<sup>6</sup> God has spoken in His holiness:  
"I will rejoice;  
I will divide Shechem  
And measure out the Valley of Succoth.

<sup>7</sup> Gilead *is* Mine, and Manasseh *is* Mine;  
Ephraim also *is* the helmet for My head;  
Judah *is* My lawgiver.

<sup>8</sup> Moab *is* My washpot;  
Over Edom I will cast My shoe;  
Philistia, shout in triumph because of Me."

<sup>9</sup> Who will bring me *to* the strong city?  
Who will lead me to Edom?

<sup>10</sup> *Is it* not You, O God, *who* cast us off?  
And You, O God, *who* did not go out with our armies?

<sup>11</sup> Give us help from trouble,  
For the help of man *is* useless.

<sup>12</sup> Through God we will do valiantly,  
For *it is* He *who* shall tread down our enemies.

Psalms 60:1-12

### **SIMILAR PSALMS**

Psalms 60/ Psalm 108

Psalms 14/ Psalm 53

#### 1. Important background texts

a) 2 Samuel 8

b) 1 Chronicles 18-20

#### 2. These chapters record in brief:

a) The wars that David was engaged in

b) The enemies that had to be fought and conquered

i) Philistines

ii) Ammonites

iii) Edomites

iv) Syrians (Arameans)

#### 3. The Psalms offer significant insights

a) Of historical events

b) Personal insights of David

c) Prayers

## **PRAYER FOR RESTORATION**

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You have broken us down;  
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Oh, restore us again!*

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Heal its breaches, for it is shaking.*

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*Psalms 60:1-3*

1. The features of a broken nation were painfully noted

- a) Cast off
- b) Broken down
- c) Displeasure of God
- d) Breaches need to be healed
- e) Hard things
- f) Wine of confusion

2. Needed prayer

- a) For restoration
- b) For healing (repair) of the breaches

## **THE BANNER OF THE LORD**

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*<sup>5</sup> That Your beloved may be delivered,  
Save with Your right hand, and hear me.*

*Psalms 60:4-5*

### 1. Banner

- a) It is a war flag
- b) For rallying people

### 2. Features of this Banner

- a) Truth
- b) Hope of deliverance

### 3. Prayer

- a) Deliverance
- b) Salvation

## **THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD**

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I will divide Shechem

And measure out the Valley of Succoth.

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Ephraim also *is* the helmet for My head;

Judah *is* My lawgiver.

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Psalm 60:6-8

### 1. God has spoken

### 2. He has spoken in holiness

### 3. The sovereign authority of God

- a) He rejoices in what He has decided on
- b) God is sovereign over all nations

4. Significant regions named:

a) Shechem

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|---|----------------|
| i) Associated with Abraham                | Genesis 12:6-7 |
| ii) Rape of Dinah by a man called Shechem | Genesis 34     |
| iii) Capital of the Northern kingdom      | 1 Kings 12:1   |

### b) Valley of Succoth

- i) Associated with Jacob on his return to Canaan      Genesis 33:17
- ii) Wrested from King Sihon and given to Gad later      Joshua 13:27

c) The tribes of Israel

- i) Gilead is Mine (East of the River Jordan)
- ii) Manasseh is Mine
- iii) Ephraim is the helmet of My head
- iv) Judah is My lawgiver

d) Nations outside Israel

- i) Moab

It is only God's washpot;

- ii) Edom

"Over Edom I will cast My shoe"

- iii) Philistia

Philistia will be conquered  
Israel may shout in triumph because of God

## TRUST IN GOD

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Psalms 50:9-12

### 1. Battling Edom

- a) A strong city
- b) Can Edom be conquered at all?

### 2. Help is to be found in the LORD

- a) God's help is needed
- b) God must go with the army of Israel
- c) Reliance on help from man would end in futility
- d) With God's help
  - i) Israel will do valiantly
  - ii) It is God Himself who treads down enemies

<sup>29</sup> "Then I said to you, 'Do not be terrified, or afraid of them.

<sup>30</sup> The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to  
all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, Deuteronomy 1:29-30