

# Psalm 78:1-11

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1. Give ear, my peo-ple, lis - ten to my teach - ing; In - cline your ear, and  
2. Such things we'll tell, not from their child-ren hide them, That those ac - counts of  
**3. A test - i - mo - ny He in Ja - cob found - ed, In Is - ra - el He**  
4. So would their hope in God a - lone be foun - ded; Then they would not for-  
5. The Eph - raim - ites with bows for war as - sem - bled; Yet they in bat - tle

let my words be reach - ing Your heart and mind, and with their truth im - press you;  
old - en days may guide them, And we will tell the com - ing gen - er - a - tion  
**had His law ex - pound - ed, And to our fa - thers He, the LORD, com - mand - ed**  
get all He pro - poun - ded, Nor come to share their fa - thers' con - dem - na - tion,  
all turned back and trem - bled. They did not keep God's cov - e - nant or fear Him,

The par - a - ble in which I speak shall bless you. My mouth will voice dark  
How God has dealt with Is - ra - el, His na - tion: The glor - ious deeds the  
**That all His words from kin to kin be hand - ed, That child - ren yet un -**  
That stub - born and re - bel - lious gen - e - ra - tion, Those way - ward men, who  
But they de - fied His law and did not hear Him, For - got His deeds for

say - ings from of old, Things we have heard, which us our fa - thers told.  
LORD for them has wrought, The won - ders which His might - y hand them brought.  
**born once might a - rise And teach their seed these laws so good and wise.**  
felt His an - ger's rod, Whose spir - it was not faith - ful to their God.  
Is - ra - el, His own, The mir - a - cles that He to them had shown.

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## Psalm 78:12-25

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6. God wrought great mar - vels and their fath - ers saw them; In E - gypt and in  
 7. By day He gave a cloud to lead and guide them; With fie - ry light He  
 8. Yet more they sinned a - gainst Him by re - bel - ling When in His care they  
 9. They spoke a - gainst their God, "Will He be a - ble To spread us in the  
 10. There - fore the LORD, who heard their pro - vo - ca - tion, Was full of wrath a -  
 11. Yet He com - mand - ed then the skies to heed them, And hea - ven's doors He

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Zo - an won - ders awed them. There they be - held how He the sea di - vid - ed  
 did at night pro - vide them. He cleft the rocks, and founts sprang up to save them;  
**were in de - serts dwell - ing. A - gainst the LORD, the Most High, they con - test - ed,**  
**wil - der - ness a ta - ble? He smote the rock, we saw the foun - tains gush - ing**  
 gainst His chos - en na - tion, A fier - y rage a - gainst all Is - rael mount - ed;  
 o - pened wide to feed them, With boun - teous rain of man - na them en - dow - ing

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And through the sea His peo - ple Is - rael guid - ed. He made the wa - ters  
 A - bun - dant drink as from the deep He gave them. Out of the bar - ren  
**And in their e - vil hearts their God they test - ed. In stub - born pride de -**  
**And streams of wa - ter through the de - sert rush - ing, But can He al - so**  
 His an - ger rose, for nev - er they re - count - ed What He had done to  
 And heav - en's grain to Is - ra - el al - low - ing. The food of an - gels

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stand up like a heap; His might - y hand re - strained the roar - ing deep.  
 rock fresh wa - ter burst, And ri - vers flowed to quench His peo - ple's thirst.  
 fi - ant - ly they raved, De - mand - ing from His hand the food they craved.  
**give His peo - ple bread And bring us meat so that we may be fed.**  
 help them in their plight; They did not trust His sav - ing pow'r and might.  
 gave He them for bread; A - bun - dant - ly were Ja - cob's child - ren fed.

## Psalm 78:26-42

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12. The east wind He called up from hea - ven's bor - ders; The south wind He led  
 13. They ate and were well filled with flesh He grant - ed; He gave them all the  
**14. In spite of this, they still with sins did grieve Him; De - spite His won - ders**  
**15. Then they re - mem - bered God, their rock and Sav - ior, The Most High God, who**  
 16. Yet He in pit - y and in lov - ing - kind - ness For - gave them their in -  
 17. How of - ten did they all re - bel and leave Him, And with their e - vil

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out to do His or - ders, And on their wings they brought what God had gi - ven,  
 food they craved and want - ed, But then, be - fore their cra - ving had been sa - ted,  
**they did not be - lieve Him. So like a breath He made their days to van - ish;**  
**in re - deem - ing fav - or Had brought them out of E - gypt that en - slaved them.**  
 i - qui - ty and blind - ness, Did not de - stroy them when His wrath was burn - ing,  
 in the de - sert grieve Him! They test - ed Him, al - ways His word de - cry - ing,

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For flesh, like dust that by the storm is dri - ven, Rained down up - on them  
 The food still in their mouth, their lust e - la - ted, God's an - ger rose a -  
**Their years went by in ter - ror and in an - guish, But when He slew them,**  
**They flat - tered Him, yet thought that He would save them. Though with their lips they**  
 But He re - strained the an - ger they were earn - ing, Re - mem - b'ring that they  
 The Hol - y One of Is - ra - el de - ny - ing, And they for - got how

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from the dark - ened sky; With quails the LORD did Is - ra - el sup - ply.  
 gainst them, and they died; He slew their strong - est men, their flow'r and pride.  
**then their eyes did see; They turned to God and sought Him ear - nest - ly.**  
**might fine words ex - press, They scorned His cov - 'nant in their faith - less - ness.**  
 were but flesh, and vain, A wind gone by that will not come a - gain.  
 He His might did show That day when He re - deemed them from their foe.

## Psalm 78:43-59

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18. Through won - drous deeds His Is - rael He de - liv - ered; He turned to blood all  
 19. With hail and frost their trees and vines He shat - tered; Their flocks and herds with  
**20. Free rein He gave His fu - ry to en - snare them; From death and grave His**  
**21. Then He led forth His peo - ple, and He guid - ed Like sheep His child - ren**  
 22. The LORD drove out be - fore them hea - then na - tions, Ap - por - tioned to the  
 23. They twis - ted like de - ceit - ful bows and bra - ces; His an - ger they pro -

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E - gypt's might - y ri - vers, And swarms of flies He on their fields did show - er,  
 thun - der - bolts were scat - tered. He loosed on them His wrath and in - dig - na - tion;  
**an - ger did not spare them. He gave their lives to plague and de - va - sta - tion;**  
**who in Him con - fid - ed. He led their flock, and with - out fear they fol - lowed,**  
 tribes their ha - bi - ta - tions, And in their tents they safe - ly found a dwell - ing;  
 voked with their high pla - ces, For in their i - dols' ser - vice they were zeal - ous,

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Frogs which de - stroyed them showed His an - ger's pow - er. To cat - er - pil - lars  
 It caused dis - tress and wide - spread dev - as - ta - tion. De - stroy - ing an - gels  
**And heav - y was His hand on Phar - aoh's na - tion. Their first - born ev - ery -**  
**For all their e - ne - mies the sea had swal - lowed. And to His ho - ly**  
 Yet they, a - gainst the Most High God re - bel - ling, Turned trai - tors, for His  
 And with their im - a - ges they made Him jeal - ous; Great was God's wrath when

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crops and grass He gave; From hun - gry lo - custs none their fruits could save.  
 He a - mong them sent, Who brought great ru - in ev - 'ry - where they went.  
**where His hand did smite; Death came to all Ham's dwell - ings o - ver - night.**  
**land He brought His own, Un - to the mount which His right hand had won.**  
 laws were not ob - served, And, like their fa - thers, from God's ways they swerved.  
 He saw them re - bel. He ut - ter - ly re - jec - ted Is - ra - el.

## Psalm 78:60-72

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24. The tent at Shi-loh, where He had been dwell-ing, He left when He His  
 25. Then did the rag-ing flames their youths de-vo-ur; Their maid-ens had no  
 26. The LORD then as from slum-ber did a-wa-ken; He saw how e-ne-  
 27. The tent of Jo-seph's child-ren He re-ject-ed, In Eph-ra-im His  
 28. He chose His ser-vant Da-vid, and He crowned him, He took him from the

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peo-ple heard re-bel-ling; To e-ne-mies His power He did sur-ren-der,  
 brid-al song or bow-er; Their priests fell by the sword of hea-then na-tions,  
**mies His land had ta-ken, And like a war-rior, swords and ar-rows flout-ing,**  
 house was not e-rect-ed; He chose the tribe of Ju-dah for His na-tion,  
 sheep-fold where He found him; From tend-ing ewes and new-born lambs He brought him;

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In-to their hands the ark with all its splen-dor. He gave His peo-ple  
 Their wid-ows made for them no lam-en-ta-tions. The land which God once  
**Who, flushed with wine, his joy is bold-ly shout-ing, So God stood up, to**  
 Mount Zi-on, which He loves as hab-i-ta-tion. He like the heav-ens  
 To make him Ja-cob's shep-herd God had sought him. With up-right heart did

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o-ver to the sword, In an-ger that His word had been ig-nored.  
 to their fa-thers gave The peo-ples round a-bout did now en-slave.  
**Is-rael's help He came, And put their foes to ev-er-last-ing shame.**  
 built His sanc-tuar-y, And like the earth, to last e-ter-nal-ly.  
 Da-vid tend the land And guid-ed Is-ra-el with skil-ful hand.