

Treasure Hunt

- How is Psalm 44 like 42-43? How is it different?
- How does Psalm 45 answer the dilemma of Psalms 42-44?
- What past events are the basis for the Psalmist's confidence in Psalm 44?
- Why does the king (singular pronouns) speak in the middle of Psalm 45?
- Why are the saints attacked in Psalm 44?
- How does Paul use this Psalm?
- Whom do the king and his bride represent in Psalm 45?
- What is the paradox between 45:6 and 45:7?
- What lesson does the NT draw from this Psalm?
- What two remedies for discouragement do we learn from Psalms 44 and 45?

Book 2, Communication (Robertson)

Book 1, 42-72: Communication	
42-44, Introduction: National Defeat	} 42-49, Korah
45-48, Kingship Established 45, Messiah's Dynasty Founded 46-48, Elohim's Support Promised	
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Structure of Psalm 44

Psalm 44, Lament of an Innocent Nation (“we”)

1-8, **Confidence** from **Exodus & Conquest**

- 1-3, Past
- 4-6, Future
 - 4, **Individual** (“I”; anticipatory plea)
 - 5, Corporate
 - 6, **Individual** (“I”)
- 7, Past

9-16, **Complaint**

- 9-14, Corporate (“we”)
- 15-16, **Individual** (“I”)

17-22, Assertion of **Innocence**

23-26, **Plea** echoing **Egyptian Bondage**

Helpful References on Psalm 44

2a How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and **plantedst** them

Exo 15:17 Thou shalt bring them in, and **plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance**, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.
[cf. 80:8, by Asaph]

2b how thou didst afflict the people [of Egypt], and **east sent them out**

Exo 4:21 see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not **let the people go**.

22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

Mat 5:11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, **for my sake**.

Phi 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer **for his sake**;

Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 **As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.** 37

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest **our affliction and our oppression?**

Deut 26:6 And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage: 7 And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and **looked on our affliction**, and our labour, and our **oppression**: 8 And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders:

Structure of Psalm 45

Psalm 45, Founding of
Messiah's Dynasty

1, The **Poet's** Purpose ("I")

2-9, Address to the **King**

- 2, his Glory
 - 3-5, his Victory over enemies
 - 6-7a, his Rule over his kingdom
- 7b-9, his Glory

10-15, The **Queen**

- 10-12, to the Bride ("thou")
- 13-15, about the Bride ("she")

16, Address to the **King**

17, The **Poet's** Promise ("I")

The Jewish Targum of Psalm 45

Hebrew OT	Aramaic Targum
<p>2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.</p>	<p>Your beauty, O King Messiah, is greater than the sons of men; the spirit of prophecy has been placed on your lips; because of this the LORD has blessed you forever.</p>
<p>10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; 11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he <i>is</i> thy Lord; and worship thou him.</p>	<p>11 Hear, O congregation of Israel, the Torah of his mouth, and see the wonders of his deeds, and incline your ear to the words of Torah, and you will forget the evil deeds of the wicked of your people, and the place of idols that you worshipped in the house of your father. 12 And then the king will desire your beauty; for he is your master and you will bow down to him.</p>

Helpful References for Psalm 45

6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: ... 7 ... the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Heb 1:8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Targum: The throne of your glory, O LORD, lasts forever and ever.”

16 Instead of thy [masculine] fathers shall be **thy children,**

Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, **he shall see his seed,** he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

whom thou mayest make **princes in all the earth.**

2Ti 2:11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: 12 If we suffer, **we shall also reign with him:** if we deny him, he also will deny us: