

Treasure Hunt

- How are the laments in Psalms 69-71 different from those in 61-64?
- Why is each section of Psalm 69 repeated twice? What is the difference between the two parallels?
- How does Psalm 35 help us explain the imprecations in this Psalm?
- If Absalom was God's instrument for chastising David, why is it wrong (v. 4) for Absalom to be his enemy?
- Is Psalm 69 a direct prophecy of the Messiah, or a record of how David is a type of Christ? Explain your answer.
- Explain how each verses 4 ("I restored that which I took not away"), 8 ("stranger to my brethren"), and 9 ("zeal of thine house") is true both of David and our Lord.
- What is the significance of NT quotations from the imprecations?

Psalms 61-71, Dialog of the Kings

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61-64, **Laments**

61, Separation from the **Sanctuary**

62, Patience before the **Wicked**

63, Seeking God in the **Sanctuary**

64, Judgment on the **Wicked**

65-68, Praise and Thanksgiving: **Song-Psalms**

65, Praise in the **Sanctuary**

66, Deliverance from the **Nations**

67, the **Levitical** Blessing

68, Victory over the **Nations**

69-71, **Laments** with **Imprecations**: LORD Echoes of 34-41, Songs of the Sufferer

69, Because I suffer for the Lord

70, Cry for Rapid Help (= 40:13-17)

71, Because I am aged

Psalm 69: A Complete Lament

Personal

Official

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| <p>Invocation and Plea: Image: water, mire Reality: haters, enemies</p> | <p>1-4: <i>Jn 15:25</i></p> | <p>13b-18</p> |
| <p>Complaint: “Thou knowest ... “ Reproach, shame “But I ... “</p> | <p>5-13a + Confession <i>Jn 1:11; 2:17;</i> <i>7:5</i> <i>Rm 15:3</i></p> | <p>19-29 + Imprecation <i>Mt 23:38 = Lk 13:5</i> <i>Mt 27:27ff = Mk 15:16ff</i> <i>Mt 27:34 = Mk 15:23</i> <i>Mt 27:48 = Lk 23:36</i> <i>Mk 15:23</i> <i>Jn 19:28-29</i> <i>Ac 1:20</i> <i>Rm 11:9-10</i></p> |
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| <p>Praise to God</p> | <p>30-32</p> | <p>34</p> |
| <p>Confidence</p> | <p>33 (Personal)</p> | <p>35-36 (National)</p> |

Structure of Psalm 35

Official

1-10: Plea for Defense against Harm

- 1-3, Plea: **רִיב**
- 4-6, 8, **Imprecation**: Let them be **confounded** ... put to **shame** ... brought to **confusion**
- 7, Complaint: Net, Pit, **Without a Cause**

9-10, **Promise of Praise**

Personal

11-18: Complaint and Innocence

- 11-12, Complaint: False Witness
- 13-14, Innocence: **Intercession**
- 15-16, Complaint: Mockery
- 17, Plea: Rescue my Soul

18, **Promise of Praise**

Official

19-28: Plea for Defense against Speech

- 19, Plea: **Without a Cause**
- 20-21, Complaint: deceit, accusation
- 22-25, Plea: **רִיב**
- 26, **Imprecation**: Let them be **ashamed** ... brought to **confusion** ... clothed with ... **dishonor**

27-28, **Promise of Praise**

Parallels between Psalm 69 and the Songs of the Sufferer (34-41)

| Psalm 69 | Psalms 34-41 |
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| <p>2 I sink in deep mire יון, where there is no standing: 14 Deliver me out of the mire טיט,</p> | <p>40:2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay טיט היין</p> |
| <p>4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head:</p> | <p>35:19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.</p> |
| <p>5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.</p> | <p>38:3 neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin. 4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: ... 5 My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness. 39:8 Deliver me from all my transgressions: 40:12 mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, 41:4 heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.</p> |
| <p>30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify גדל D him with thanksgiving.</p> | <p>34:3 O magnify גדל D the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.</p> |
| <p>32 The humble shall see this, and be glad</p> | <p>34:2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.</p> |

Helpful References

4 They that **hate me without a cause** are more than the hairs of mine head:

Joh 15:25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, **They hated me without a cause.** [also 35:19]

then I restored that which I took not away.

2Sa 16:8 The LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son:

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

Joh 1:11 He came unto his own [place], and his own [people] received him not.

Mat 13:55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? 56 And his sisters, are they not all with us?

Whence then hath this man all these things? 57 And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.

Joh 7:5 For neither did his brethren believe in him.

Helpful References (2)

9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up;

Joh 2:17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

Rom 15:3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

10 When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.

Mat 11:18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil. 19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners.

21 They gave me also **gall** for my meat; and in my thirst they **gave me vinegar to drink.**

Mat 27:34 They gave him **vinegar** to drink mingled with **gall**: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. ...

48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with **vinegar**, and put it on a reed, and **gave him to drink.** [Also Mark 15:23]

Joh 19:28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, **I thirst.** [cf. Ps 22:15]

Helpful References (3)

22 Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap. 23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.

Rom 11:9 And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them: 10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back away.

25 Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.

Mat 23:38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. = Lk 13:35

Act 1:20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: