

Treasure Hunt

- How is Psalm 8 connected to the psalms that go before and after it?
- What is special about the first word for “man” in v. 3?
- Name some parallels between Psalm 8 and Genesis 1.
- What does *Muthlabben* mean in the dedication (now at the top of Psalm 9)?
- How does this title clarify the Psalm’s reference to “babes and sucklings”?
- To what event does the first panel of Psalm 8 (vv. 1-2) refer? The second (vv. 3-8)?
- Based on its use in the NT, is Psalm 8 Messianic or not? (Be careful...)
- How is Psalm 14 integrated into the rest of Psalms 3-14?
- How does Psalm 8 summarize the main point of Psalms 3-14?

Psalms 3-14: God Delivers the Weak

3-7: Five Laments

Distinctive theme: **sleep** (3:5; 4:4, 8; 5:3; 6:6)

Paired terms and themes:

- **Numerous** enemies, 3:1, 2, 6
- God's **temple**, 3:4; 5:7
- **God** brings suffering, Ps 6
- Wicked **words** (5:5, 9) and verbal remedies (5:3, 11)
- "Arise, O LORD" יהוה קום, 3:7; 7:6

7:17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness:
and will **sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.**

8: Hymn—Victory over Goliath

1 O LORD our Lord, **how excellent is thy name** in all the earth!...

4 **What is man, that thou art mindful of him? ...**

9 O LORD our Lord, **how excellent is thy name** in all the earth!

9-14: Four Laments (9-10 as one) + one confidence (11)= five

9:2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee:

I will **sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.**

Distinctive theme: the **poor** (עני, Strong 6041), 9:12, 13, 18; 10:2, 9, 12; 12:6; 14:6

Paired terms and themes:

- **Numerous** enemies, 14:1, 3
- God's **temple**, 11:4
- **God** brings suffering, Ps 13
- Wicked **words** (12:2-5) and verbal remedies (12:6)
- "Arise, O LORD" יהוה קום, 9:19; 10:12

Overview of Psalms 3-14



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Correspondences within Psalm 8

<p>God's glory</p>	<p>1 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.</p>	<p>3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;</p>	<p>9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!</p>
<p>Man's weakness</p>	<p>2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings</p>	<p>4 What is man (אנוש Strong 582), that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?</p>	
<p>Man's exaltation</p>	<p>hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.</p>	<p>5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels [God], and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all <i>things</i> under his feet: 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, <i>and whatsoever</i> passeth through the paths of the seas.</p>	

Psalm 8 and Genesis 1

Genesis 1	Psalm 8
<p>26a And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: ... 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.</p>	<p>5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels [God],</p>
<p>28a And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: ...</p>	<p>and hast crowned him with glory and honour.</p>
<p>26b and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. ... 28b and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.</p>	<p>6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and <i>whatsoever</i> passeth through the paths of the seas.</p>

Psalm 8 and Goliath

Closing, *Muthlabben* (*ben* בין = “between”)

1Sa 17:4 And there went out a **champion איש-הבנים** out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ... 23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the **champion איש-הבנים**, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them.

Targum (Aramaic OT):

“concerning the death of the man who went out between the camps”

8:2, Babes and sucklings

1Sa 17:33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for **thou art but a youth**, and he a man of war from his youth.

1Sa 17:42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for **he was but a youth**, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

New Testament Allusions to Psalm 8

8:2 Babes and Sucklings

Mat 21:15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, 16 And said unto him, Hearst thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, **Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?**

8:5, crowned ... with glory and honor

Phi 2:9 Wherefore God also hath **highly exalted him**, and given him a name which is above every name:

8:1, God's glory above **υπερανω** 5231 the heavens

Eph 1:20 he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 **Far above υπερανω** all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, **and every name that is named**, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And **hath put all things under his feet**, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

8:6, put all things under **υποτασσω** 5293 his feet

1Co 15:25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies **under his feet**. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For **he hath put all things under his feet**. But when he saith **all things are put under him**, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

Phi 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to **subdue υποτασσω all things unto himself**.

Heb 2:5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, **What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? 7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: 8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet.** For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. 9a But we see Jesus...

Compare Philippians 2:

Humiliation

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself**, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Exaltation:

9 Wherefore [because of “the death of the cross”] **God also hath highly exalted him**, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; 11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Chiasm of Heb 2:9

Humiliation	Heb 2:9b who was “made a little lower than the angels,”		that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.
Exaltation	for the suffering of death		“crowned with glory and honour;”

Correspondences across Pss 3-14

Whole Psalms		
Verbal Attacks	5	12
Divine Chastening	6	13
Flight from Saul	7	11
Individual Verses		
Size of opposition	3:1 many ... rise up against me. 2 Many ... say ... There is no help for him in God. ... 6 ... ten thousands of people,	14:1, 3 there is none that doeth good
God hears from his sanctuary	3:4 he heard me out of his holy hill; 5:7 thy house ... thy temple	11:4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven:
Appeal to God's righteousness	4:1 My righteous God	11:7 the righteous Lord
Disheartening associates	4:6 many there be that say...	11:1 how say ye to my soul ...
Both Israelite and Gentile foes	7:1 Cush the Benjamite; 8 the Lord shall judge the peoples	9-10, the wicked ... the heathen