

Psalm 22 Outline

- I. [Superscription]
 - A. To the choirmaster/preeminent one
 - B. According to “deer of the dawn”
 - C. A Song (Mizmor) of David
- II. [Cry for help (1-2)]
 - A. [Why?]
 - 1. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
 - 2. Why are you so far from saving me,
 - 3. so far from the words of my groaning?
 - B. [I cry out]
 - 1. O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
 - 2. by night, and am not silent.
- III. [Confession of Trust/ Appeal to Covenant (3-5)]
 - A. [God’s Nature]
 - 1. Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
 - 2. you are the praise of Israel.
 - B. [God’s History (track record)]
 - 1. In you our fathers put their trust;¹
 - 2. they trusted and you delivered them.
 - 3. They cried to you and were saved;
 - 4. in you they trusted and were not disappointed.
- IV. [Description of suffering (6-8)]
 - A. [Mocked]
 - 1. But I am a worm and not a man,
 - 2. scorned by men and despised by the people.
 - 3. All who see me mock me;
 - 4. they hurl insults, shaking their heads:
 - B. [Their taunt]
 - 1. "He trusts in the LORD;
 - 2. let the LORD rescue him.
 - 3. Let him deliver him,
 - 4. since he delights in him."
- V. [Confession of Trust/ Appeal to Covenant (9-10)]
 - A. Yet you brought me out of the womb;
 - B. you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.
 - C. From birth I was cast upon you;
 - D. from my mother's womb you have been my God.

¹ “Here the word ‘trusted’ tolls like a bell three times. In a situation of great danger, the psalmist speaks to God about the effectiveness of trust. Following the second tolling of the bell a new verb is used, ‘to cry,’ which pushes the sense of trust beyond an inward, passive state- in which sense it is often understood today- into active trust, faith in action.” Anderson, Out of the Depths, p. 25.

VI. [Petition for Rescue (11)]

- A. Do not be far from me,
- B. for trouble is near
- C. and there is no one to help.

VII. [Description of suffering (12-18)]

A. [Enemies]

- 1. Many bulls surround me;
- 2. strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
- 3. Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.

B. [Suffering]

- 1. I am poured out like water,
- 2. and all my bones are out of joint.
- 3. My heart has turned to wax;
- 4. it has melted away within me.
- 5. My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
- 6. and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
- 7. you lay me in the dust of death.

C. [Enemies]

- 1. Dogs have surrounded me;
- 2. a band of evil men has encircled me,

D. [Suffering]

- 1. they have pierced my hands and my feet.
- 2. I can count all my bones;
- 3. people stare and gloat over me.
- 4. They divide my garments among them
- 5. and cast lots for my clothing.

VIII. [Petition for Rescue (19-21)]

A. [General]

- 1. But you, O LORD, be not far off;
- 2. O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

B. [Specific- Rescue from enemies]

- 1. Deliver my life from the sword,
- 2. my precious life from the power of the dogs.
- 3. Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;
- 4. save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

IX. [Vow to Praise (22-23)]

- A. I will declare your name to my brothers;
- B. in the congregation I will praise you.
- C. You who fear the LORD, praise him!
- D. All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
- E. Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

X. [Assurance (24)]

- A. For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one;
- B. he has not hidden his face from him
- C. but has listened to his cry for help.

XI. [Vow to Praise (25)]

- A. From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
- B. before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows.

XII. [Testimony/Assurance (26-31)]

A. [All the earth will praise Him]

1. [The poor]

- a) The poor will eat and be satisfied;
- b) they who seek the LORD will praise him—
- c) may your hearts live forever!

2. [The whole earth]

- a) All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD,
- b) and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,
- c) for dominion belongs to the LORD
- d) and he rules over the nations.

3. All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;

B. [All generations will praise Him]

1. [Past]

- a) all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—
- b) those who cannot keep themselves alive.

2. [Future]

- a) Posterity will serve him;
- b) future generations will be told about the Lord.
- c) They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn—
- d) for he has done it.

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עַל־אֵילַת הַשַּׁחַר 1 לַמְּנַצֵּחַ
 msa+הַ fsc prep PielPtcpsa+הַ+לַּ
 the dawn deer of according to to the preeminent one, leader

לְדָוִד מִזְמוֹר
 Prop.N.+לַ msa
 of David a Psalm, song, melody

2 אֵלֵי אֱלֹהֵי לָמָּה עֲזַבְתָּנִי
 QPf2ms+1cs interog. msc+1cs msc+1cs
 You abandoned me why? my God my God
 b a

רַחֲוֹק מִיְשׁוּעָתִי דְבָרֵי שִׁאֲגָתִי
 fsc+1cs mpc fsc+1cs+מִ msa
 my roaring, groaning words of from my salvation far
 c' c b'

3 אֱלֹהֵי אֶקְרָא יוֹמָם וְלַיְלָה תַעֲנֵה
 QIpf1cs mpc+1cs adv neg.+וְ QIpf2ms
 I call out my God daily, by day and not You answer
 a b c

וְלַיְלָה וְלֹא־דוֹמִיָּה לִי
 fsc+וְ fsc+וְ neg+וְ fsc+וְ
 to me silence, respite and not and night
 d c' b'

4 וְאַתָּה קָדוֹשׁ יוֹשֵׁב
 QPtcpsa msa 2ms+וְ
 dwelling, enthroned holy (are) and You
 a

תְּהַלֹּת יִשְׂרָאֵל
 Prop.N. fpc
 Israel praises of
 a'

5 בְּךָ בִּטְחוּ אֲבֹתֵינוּ
 2ms+ב QPf3cp fpc+1cp
 in You they trusted our fathers
 x a b

בִּטְחוּ וַתִּפְּלְטֵמוּ
 QPf3cp PielVCIpf2ms+3mp
 they trusted and You delivered them
 a c

6 אֵלַיךְ זָעְקוּ וְנִמְלְטוּ
 prep+2ms QPf3mp NiphPf3cp+י
 unto You they cried out and they were delivered
 x' a' c'

בְּךָ בִּטְחוּ וְלֹא-בּוֹשׁוּ
 QPf3cp neg+י QPf3cp 2ms+ב
 they were ashamed, put to shame and not they trusted in You
 c'' a x

7 וְאֲנֹכִי תוֹלַעַת וְלֹא-אִישׁ
 msa neg+י fsc 1cs+י
 man and not worm² (am) I
 a a'

חֲרַפַּת אָדָם וּבְזוּי עַם
 msa fsc msa QPPtcpmsc+י
 man object of reproach of people and being despised of
 a'' a'''

8 כֹּל-רְאִי יִלְעֲגוּ לִי
 1cs+ל QIp3mp QPtcpmsa+1cs adj
 to me they mock, deride one seeing me all of
 c b a

יִפְּטִירוּ בְּשֵׁפָה יִנִּיעוּ רֹאשׁ
 HiphIp3mp fsa+ב msa HiphIp3mp
 with lip they separate, open (in derisive gesture) they shake head
 b' b''

² “Symbol of insignificance” BDB.

יִפְלֹטֵהוּ	יְהוָה	אֶל-	נָל 9
QIpf3ms+3ms	D.N.	prep	QIpv2ms
He will deliver him	Yahweh	unto	transfer, roll away ³
c	b		a

בו	חָפֵץ	כִּי	יַצִּילֵהוּ
3ms+ב	QPf3ms	conj	HiphIpf3ms+3ms
in him	He delighted, delights	because	He will deliver him
b'	d		c'

מִבֶּטֶן	גָּחִי	כִּי-אֵתָהּ 10
msa+נ	QPtcpsc+1cs	2ms conj
from womb	one bringing me forth	(are) You because
c	b	a

אִמִּי	עַל-שְׂדֵי	מִבְטִיחִי
fsc+1cs	mpc prep	HiphPtcpsc+1cs
my mother	breasts of upon	one causing me to trust
c'		b'

מִרְחֹם	הִשְׁלַכְתִּי	עָלֶיךָ 11
msa+נ	HophPf1cs	prep+2ms
from womb	I was cast, thrown ⁴	upon You
c''	b''	a'

אֵתָהּ	אֱלֹהֵי	אִמִּי	מִבֶּטֶן
2ms	msc+1cs	fsc+1cs	msc+נ
You (are/were)	my God	my mother	from belly of
a''	d		c'''

³ Cf. Psa 37:5.

⁴ Metaphorically, thrown on His protection.

12 אֶל-תִּרְחַק מִמֶּנִּי
 1cs+m QIpf(juss)2ms neg
 From me You will be distant not
 b a

כִּי-צָרָה קְרוּבָה
 fsa fsa conj
 near (is) trouble because
 d c x

כִּי-אֵין עוֹזֵר
 QPtcpmsa neg part conj
 one helping there is not because
 c' x

13 סָבְבוּנִי פָרִים רַבִּים
 mpa mpa QPf3cp+1cs
 many bulls⁵ surrounded me
 c b a

אֲבִירֵי בָשָׁן כִּתְרוּנִי
 PielPf3cp+1cs Prop.N. mpc
 they surrounded me Bashan mighty ones of⁶
 a' d b'

14 פָּצוּ עָלַי פִּיהֶם
 msc+3mp prep+1cs QPf3cp
 their mouth upon me they open

אֲרִיָּה טָרַף וְשָׂאג
 QPtcpmsa+ו QPtcpmsa msa
 and roaring tearing lion

⁵ “fig. of fierce enemies” BDB.

⁶ “metaph. for enemies” BDB, cf. Psa 68.31.

15 כַּמִּים נִשְׁפָּכְתִּי

NiphPf1cs mda+כ
I am poured out like water
a

וְהִתְפָּרְדוּ כָּל-עֲצָמוֹתַי
HithpPf3cp+י adj fpc+1cs
and they are separated from each other
all of my bones
a'

הִיא לִבִּי כְּדוֹנֵג נִמַּס בְּתוֹךְ מַעֵי
QPf3ms msc+1cs msa+כ+ה NiphPf3ms msc+ב mpc+1cs
it is my heart like wax it melted in midst of my inward parts
a''

16 יָבֵשׁ כְּחֶרֶשׁ כֹּחִי
QPf3ms msa+כ+ה msc+1cs
it is dried up like the earthenware my strength
a'''

וְלִשׁוֹנִי מִדְּבָק מִלְקוֹחֵי
fsc+1cs+י HophPtcpmsa mdc+1cs
and my tongue being made to cling my gums
a''''

וְלַעֲפָר-מוֹת תִּשְׁפֹּתֵנִי
msc+ל+י msa QIpf2ms+1cs
and to dust of death You put me
a'''''

17 כִּי סָבְבוּנִי כְּלָבִים
conj QPf3cp+1cs mpa
because they surround me dogs
x a b

עֲדַת מְרַעִים הַקִּיפוּנִי
fsc HiphPtcpmpa HiphPf3cp+1cs
assembly of those being evil they encompass me
c b' a'

כְּאֵרִי יְדֵי וְרַגְלֵי
msa+כ mpc+1cs mpc+1cs
like a lion/they have pierced⁷
my hands and my feet

⁷ Read כְּאֵרִי so MT 'like a lion' or read כָּאֵרוֹ from כָּאֵרוֹ so Versions and LXX 'they dug into/pierced.'

22 הוֹשִׁיעֵנִי מִפִּי אֲרִיָּה

msa msc+מ HiphIpv2ms+1cs
lion from mouth of save me
c" a'

וּמִקְרָנָי רְמִים עֲנִיתָנִי

QPf2ms+1cs mpa mdc+מ+ו
answer me⁸ oxen and from horns of
a" c"

23 לְאָחָי שְׁמֶךָ אֶסְפֶּרָה

mpc+1cs+ל msc+2ms PiellIpf(cohort)1cs
to my brothers Your Name I will/let me recount, declare
c b a

אֶהְלֵלְךָ קָהָל בְּתוֹךְ
PiellIpf(cohort)1cs+2ms msa msc+ב
I will/let me praise You assembly, congregation in the midst of
a' c'

24 יִרְאֵי יְהוָה הִלְלוּהוּ

PiellIpv2ms+3ms D.N. mpc
praise Him Yahweh (ones) fearing
c b a

כָּל-זֶרַע יַעֲקֹב כְּבֹדוֹהוּ
PiellIpv2ms+3ms Prop.N. msc adj
glorify Him Jacob seed/offspring of all
c' f e d
\ _____ a' _____ /

וְגִוְרוּ מִמֶּנּוּ כָּל-זֶרַע יִשְׂרָאֵל
Prop.N. msc adj. 3ms+מ QIpf2ms+ו
Israel seed/offspring of all from Him and be afraid
f e d b' c"
\ _____ a" _____ /

⁸ "save me in answer to prayer"

עֲנִי	עֲנוּת	שָׂקַץ	וְלֹא	בִזָּה	לֹא-	כִּי	25
msa	fsc	PielPf3ms	neg+י	QPf3ms	neg.	part.	
afflicted, humble one	affliction of	He has detested	and not	He has despised	not	because	
	b	a'		a		x	

מִמֶּנּוּ	פָּנָיו	הִסְתִּיר	וְלֹא-
3ms+נ	mpc+3ms	HiphPf3ms	neg.+י
from him	His face	He has hidden	and not
b'	a"		

שָׁמַעַ	אֵלָיו	וּבִשְׁוֹעוֹ
QPf3ms	prep.3ms	PielInfCs+3ms+י
He listened	unto him	and in his cry for help/when he cried
a'''		d

רַב	בְּקָהֶל	תְּהִלָּתִי	מֵאִתְּךָ	26
adj	msa+ב	fsc+1cs	prep+2ms+נ	
great, many	in assembly, congregation	my praise, praise song	from with You	
	c	b	a	

יִרְאֵיו	נֶגֶד	אֲשַׁלֵּם	נִדְרֵי
fsc+3ms	prep	PielIpf1cs	msc+1cs
fear of Him	before	I will complete	my vow
c'(poss.a')			b'

וְיִשְׂבְּעוּ	עֲנוּיִם	יֹאכְלוּ	27
QIpf3mp+י	mpa	QIpf3mp	
And they will be satisfied	poor ones	they will eat	A

הַרְשִׁי	יְהוָה	יְהַלְלוּ
QPtcpmc+3ms	D.N.	PielIpf3mp
The ones seeking Him	Yahweh	they will praise
		A'

לְעַד	לְבַבְכֶם	יְחִי
msa+ל	msc+2mp	QIpf(juss)3ms
to yet, forever	your heart	may it be

28 יִזְכְּרוּ וַיִּשְׁבוּ אֶל-יְהוָה כָּל-אַפְסֵי-אֲרֶץ

msa	mpc	adj	D.N.	prep	QIpf3mp+י	QIpf3mp
earth, land	ends of	all of	Yahweh	unto	and they will turn	they will remember
	c		b		a'	a

וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ לְפָנֶיךָ כָּל-מִשְׁפַּחֹת גּוֹיִם

mpa	fpc	adj	prep+2ms	HistIpf3mp+י	
nations	clans of	all of	before You	and they will worship, bow down	
	c'		b'	a''	

29 כִּי לִיהוָה הַמְּלוּכָה

fsa+ה	D.N.+ל	conj.
the kingship	to, belonging to Yahweh	because
b	a	

וּמִשָּׁל בַּגּוֹיִם

mpa+ב+ה	QPtcpsa+י
among the nations	and ruling
c	b'

30 אָכְלוּ וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ כָּל-דִּשְׁנֵי-אֲרֶץ

msa	mpc	adj	HishtVCIpf3mp	QPf3cp
earth, land	rich of	all of	and they worship	they eat
	c		b	a

לְפָנָיו יִכְרְעוּ כָּל-יּוֹרְדֵי עֶפְרַיִם

msa	QPtcppmc	adj	QIpf3mp	prep+3ms
dust	ones going down to	all of	they will kneel, bow down	before Him
	c		b'	d

וּנְפִשׁוֹ לֹא תִיָּה

PielPf3ms	neg	fsc+3ms+י
It will revive	not	and his soul

31 זֶרַע יַעֲבֹדֵנוּ

msa	QIpf3ms+3ms
seed, offspring	he will serve Him
a	b

יִסְפָּר לְאֲדֹנָי לְדֹר

msa+ל	prop.N.+ל	Puallpf3ms
to generation	to, of the Lord	it will be recounted
e	d	c

צִדְקָתוֹ

fsc+3ms

His righteousness
f

וַיְגִידוּ

HiphIpf3mp+ו

and they will relate, retell
c'

יבֹאוּ 32

QIpf3mp

they will enter
b'

עָשָׂה

QPf3ms

He did, made

כִּי

conj.

because

נוֹלַד

HiphPtcpmsa

being born (future)

לְעַם

msa+ל

to people

e'

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