

# 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;<sup>1</sup>
    - 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.

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<sup>1</sup> “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. [Description of suffering (11-18)]

A. [General]

1. Do not be far from me,
2. for trouble is near
3. and there is no one to help.

B. [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.

C. [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.

D. [Enemies]

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

E. [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.

VII. [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.

VIII. [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!

IX. [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.

X. [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.

XI. [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

msa+ה fsc prep  
the dawn deer of according to

1 לַמְּנַצֵּחַ

PielPtcpsa+ה+ל  
to the preeminent one, leader

לְדָוִד

Prop.N.+ל  
of David

מִזְמוֹר

msa  
a Psalm, song, melody

עֲזַבְתָּנִי

QPf2ms+1cs  
You abandoned me

לְמָה

interrog.  
why?

אֱלֹהֵי אֱלֹהֵי

msc+1cs msc+1cs  
my God my God

שִׁאֲגָתִי

fsc+1cs  
my roaring, groaning

דְּבָרֵי

mpc  
words of

מִישׁוּעָתִי

fsc+1cs+מ  
from my salvation

רְחוּק

msa  
far

תַּעֲנֵה

QIpf2ms  
You answer

וְלֹא

neg.+ו  
and not

יּוֹמָם

adv  
daily, by day

אֶקְרָא

QIpf1cs  
I call out

3 אֱלֹהֵי

mpc+1cs  
my God

לִי

1cs+ל  
to me

וְלַיְלָה

fsa  
silence, respite

וְלֹא

neg+ו  
and not

וְלַיְלָה

fsa+ו  
and night

4 וְאַתָּה קָדוֹשׁ יוֹשֵׁב

QPtcpsa msa 2ms+ו  
dwelling, enthroned holy (are) and You

תְּהִלּוֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל

Prop.N.  
Israel

fpc  
praises of

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

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

6 אֵלֶיךָ זָעְקוּ וְנִמְלְטוּ  
 prep+2ms QPf3mp NiphPf3cp+ו  
 unto You they cried out and they were delivered

בְּךָ בִּטְחוּ וְלֹא-בֹשׁוּ  
 QPf3cp neg+ו QPf3cp 2ms+ב  
 they were ashamed, put to shame and not they trusted in You

7 וְאֲנִכִּי תוֹלַעַת וְלֹא-אִישׁ  
 msa neg+ו fsc 1cs+ו  
 man and not worm<sup>2</sup> (am) I

חֲרַפַּת אָדָם וּבִזּוּי עַם  
 msa QPPtcpmsc+ו msa fsc  
 people and being despised of man object of reproach of

8 כֹּל-רְאִי יִלְעֲגוּ לִי  
 1cs+ל QIpf3mp QPtcpmsa+1cs adj  
 to me they mock, deride one seeing me all of

יִפְּטִירוּ בְּשֵׁפָה יִנִּיעוּ רֹאשׁ  
 HiphIpf3mp fsa+ב HiphIpf3mp msa  
 they separate, open (in derisive gesture) with lip they shake head

9 גַּל-אֶל-יְהוָה יִפְּלְטֵהוּ  
 prep D.N. prep QIpf3ms+3ms  
 unto Yahweh He will deliver him

<sup>2</sup> “Symbol of insignificance” BDB.

בו	חפץ	כי	יְצַלֶּהוּ
3ms+ב	QPf3ms	conj	HiphIpf3ms+3ms
in him	He delighted, delights	because	He will deliver him

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

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

מִרְחֹם	הַשְּׁלַכְתִּי	עָלֶיךָ	11
msa+מ	HophPf1cs	prep+2ms	
from womb	I was cast, thrown <sup>4</sup>	upon You	

אֵתָהּ	אֱלֹהֵי	אִמִּי	מִבֶּטֶן
2ms	msc+1cs	fsc+1cs	msc+מ
You	(are/were) my God	my mother	from belly of

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

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

עוֹזֵר	אֵין	כִּי-
QPtcpsa	neg part	conj
one helping	there is not	because

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Psa 37:5.

<sup>4</sup> Metaphorically, thrown on His protection.

13 סָבְבוּנִי פָרִים רַבִּים

mpa mpa QPf3cp+1cs  
many bulls<sup>5</sup> surrounded me

אֲבִירֵי בָשָׁן כְּתָרוּנִי  
PielPf3cp+1cs Prop.N. mpc  
they surrounded me Bashan mighty ones of<sup>6</sup>

14 פָּצוּ עָלַי פִּיהֶם

msc+3mp prep+1cs QPf3cp  
their mouth upon me they open

אֲרִיָּה טָרַף וְשָׂאג

QPtcpmsa+וּ QPtcpmsa msa  
and roaring tearing lion

15 נִשְׁפָּכְתִּי כַּמַּיִם

NiphPf1cs mda+כּ  
I am poured out like water

עֲצָמוֹתַי כֹּל-

fpc+1cs  
my bones

adj  
all of

וְהִתְפָּרְדּוּ

HithpPf3cp+וּ

and they are separated from each other

הִיא לִבִּי כֶּדֶוֹנֶגַע בְּתוֹךְ מֵעֵי  
mpc+1cs msc+כּ NiphPf3ms msa+כּ+הּ msc+1cs QPf3ms  
my inward parts in midst of it melted like wax my heart it is

כֹּחִי

msc+1cs  
my strength

כְּחַרְשׁ

msa+כּ+הּ  
like the earthenware

16 יָבֵשׁ

QPf3ms

it is dried up

<sup>5</sup> “fig. of fierce enemies” BDB.

<sup>6</sup> “metaph. For enemies” BDB, cf. Psa 68.31.

וּלְשׁוֹנִי      מְדַבֵּק      מִלְקוֹחֵי  
 fsc+1cs+ו      HophPtcpsa      mdc+1cs  
 and my tongue      being made to cling      my gums

וְלֵעָפָר-      מוֹת      תְּשַׁפְּתֵנִי  
 msc+ל+ו      msa      QIpf2ms+1cs  
 and to dust of      death      You put me

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

עֲרַת      מְרַעִים      הַקִּיפּוֹנֵי  
 fsc      HiphPtcmpa      HiphPf3cp+1cs  
 assembly of      those being evil      they encompass me

כְּאֲרִי      יְדֵי      וְרַגְלֵי  
 msa+כ      mpc+1cs      mpc+1cs+ו  
 like a lion/they have pierced<sup>7</sup>      my hands      and my feet

18 אֶסְפָּר      כָּל-עֲצָמוֹתַי  
 PiellPf1cs      fpc+1cs      adj  
 I will count      my bones      all of

הֵמָּה      יִבִּיטוּ      יִרְאוּ-      בִּי  
 3mp      HiphIpf3mp      QIpf3mp      1cs+כ  
 they      they stare      they look      against me

19 יַחֲלִקוּ      בְּגָדֵי      לָהֶם  
 PiellPf3mp      mpc+1cs      3mp+ל  
 they divided      my garments      to them

וְעַל-      לְבוּשֵׁי      יִפִּילוּ      גּוֹרֵל  
 prep+ו      msc+1cs      HiphIpf3mp      msa  
 and upon      my clothing      they caused to fall      lot

<sup>7</sup> Read כארי so MT 'like a lion' or read כארו from כור so Versions and LXX 'they dug into/pierced.'



20 וְאַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי תַרְחֻק

אֵילֹתַי לְעֶזְרָתִי חוֹשֶׁה

21 הַצִּילָה מִחֶרֶב נַפְשִׁי

מִיַּד־כָּלֵב יַחֲדָתִי

22 הוֹשִׁיעֵנִי מִפִּי אֲרִיָּה

וּמִקֶּרְנֵי רַמִּים עֲנִיתֵנִי

23 אֲסַפְּרָה שִׁמְךָ לְאַחֵי

בְּתוֹךְ קָהֵל אֱהַלְלֶךָ

24 יִרְאֵי יְהוָה הִלְלוּהוּ

כָּל־זֶרַע יַעֲקֹב כְּבָרוּהוּ

וּגְדוּרוֹ מִמֶּנּוּ כָּל־זֶרַע יִשְׂרָאֵל

25 כִּי לֹא־בָזָה וְלֹא שִׁקַּץ עֵנוֹת עֵנִי

וְלֹא־הִסְתִּיר פָּנָיו מִמֶּנּוּ

וּבִשְׂוֵעוֹ אֵלָיו שָׁמַעַ

26 מֵאֲתָד תְּהַלֵּתִי בְּקֶהֱל רַב

נְדָרֵי אֲשֶׁלֶם נִגְדַר יִרְאִיו

27 יֵאָכְלוּ עֲנוּיִם וַיִּשְׁבְּעוּ

יִהְיֶהֱלוּ יִהְיֶה הַרְשִׁיו

יְחִי לְבַבְכֶם לְעַד

28 יִזְכְּרוּ וַיָּשְׁבוּ אֶל־יְהוָה כָּל־אֲפֹסֵי־אֶרֶץ

וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲווּ לְפָנָיָךְ כָּל־מְשַׁפְּחוֹת גּוֹיִם

29 כִּי לַיהוָה הַמְּלוֹכָה

וּמִשָּׁל בַּגּוֹיִם

30 אֲכָלוּ וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲווּ כָּל־הַשָּׁנִי־אֶרֶץ

לְפָנָיו יִכְרְעוּ כָּל־יְוֹרְדֵי עֶפְרַיִם

וְנִפְשׁוּ לֹא תִּיהָ

31 זֶרַע יַעֲבֹדְנוּ

יִסְפַּר לְאֲדָנָי לְדוֹר

32 יִבְאוּ וַיְגִידוּ צְדָקָתוֹ

לְעַם נוֹלָד כִּי עָשָׂה

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