

Psalm 102:1-28 **Cry of the afflicted – Eternal Fame and Praise of Yahweh the Creator**
Yahweh will be exalted and restore Zion – Nations will fear Him & see His glory

The LORD 's Eternal Love

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed and pours out his complaint before the LORD .

- 1 Hear my prayer, O Yahweh (LORD), And let my cry come to You.
- 2 Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to me; In the day that I call, answer me speedily.
- 3 For my days are consumed like smoke, And my bones are burned like a hearth.
- 4 My heart is stricken and withered like grass, So that I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 Because of the sound of my groaning My bones cling to my skin.
- 6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl of the desert.
- 7 I lie awake, And am like a sparrow alone on the housetop.
- 8 My enemies reproach me all day long; Those who deride me swear an oath against me.
- 9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, And mingled my drink with weeping,
- 10 Because of Your indignation and Your wrath; For You have lifted me up and cast me away.
- 11 My days *are* like a shadow that lengthens, And I wither away like grass.

- 12 But You, O Yahweh (LORD), shall endure forever, And the remembrance of Your name to all generations.
- 13 You will arise *and* have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.
- 14 For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, And show favor to her dust.
- 15 So the nations shall fear the name of Yahweh (the LORD), And all the kings of the earth Your glory.
- 16 For Yahweh (the LORD) shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory.
- 17 He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, And shall not despise their prayer.
- 18 This will be written for the generation to come, That a people yet to be created may praise Yaah (the LORD).

- 19 For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary; From heaven the LORD viewed the earth,
- 20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner, To release those appointed to death,
- 21 To declare the name of Yahweh (the LORD) in Zion, And His praise in Jerusalem,
- 22 When the peoples are gathered together, And the kingdoms, to serve Yahweh (the LORD).

- 23 He weakened my strength in the way; He shortened my days.
- 24 I said, "O Eliy (my God), Do not take me away in the midst of my days; Your years *are* throughout all generations.
- 25 Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens *are* the work of Your hands.

26 They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed.

27 But You *are* the same, And Your years will have no end.

28 The children of Your servants will continue, And their descendants will be established before You."

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Hear my prayer, O Yahweh (LORD), And let my cry come to You.
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Because of Your indignation and Your wrath; For You have lifted me up and cast me away.
My days *are* like a shadow that lengthens, And I wither away like grass. [Psalm 102:1-11]
- ✧ The psalmist asked Yahweh to hear his cry.
- ✧ Then he described his wretched feelings.
- ✧ But You, O Yahweh (LORD), shall endure forever, And the remembrance of Your name to all generations.
You will arise *and* have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.
For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, And show favor to her dust.
So the nations shall fear the name of Yahweh (the LORD), And all the kings of the earth Your glory.
For Yahweh (the LORD) shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory.
He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, And shall not despise their prayer.
This will be written for the generation to come, That a people yet to be created may praise Yaah (the LORD). [Psalm 102:12-18]
- ✧ The writer acknowledged that Yahweh will endure forever and be remembered by all generations.
- ✧ He acknowledged that there is an appointed time when Yahweh will have mercy on Zion, build her up and appear in His Glory. (That will be the Kingdom of God when Messiah will personally reign in Zion over all the earth for a thousand years). [Isaiah 60:1-3, Revelation 20:4,6, Matthew 19:28, 25:31-32]
- ✧ The servants of Yahweh will cherish the land.
- ✧ All nations will fear the name of Yahweh and His glory which will be seen in Zion.
- ✧ He shall hear the prayer of the poor even before they pray. [Isaiah 65:1-25]
- ✧ This is written for all generations to come that they may praise Yaah.

- ✧ For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary; From heaven the LORD viewed the earth,
To hear the groaning of the prisoner, To release those appointed to death,
To declare the name of Yahweh (the LORD) in Zion, And His praise in Jerusalem,
When the peoples are gathered together, And the kingdoms, to serve Yahweh (the LORD). [\[Psalm 102:19-22\]](#)
 - ✧ Yahweh always hears our prayers from heaven and knows all our trials.
 - ✧ The Name of Yahweh will be declared in Zion and His praise in Jerusalem when all the people are gathered together and all kingdoms will serve Yahweh during the Kingdom Age.
- ✧ He weakened my strength in the way; He shortened my days.
I said, "O Eliy (my God), Do not take me away in the midst of my days; Your years *are* throughout all generations.
Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens *are* the work of Your hands.
They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed. [\[Psalm 102:23-26\]](#)
 - ✧ The psalmist said his days are shortened and prayed that Eliy not take him away in the midst of his days.
 - ✧ Jesus was on the cross at age of about 33 which would be in the midst of his days as a man. From the cross he prayed, "Eliy, Eliy, lama sabachthani (My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?) He spoke in the Hebrew language. [\[Matthew 27:46\]](#)
 - ✧ The psalmist acknowledged that the years of Eliy are throughout all generations or eternal.
 - ✧ Eliy created heavens and the earth long ago. They will grow old like a garment, and You will change them. [\[Psalm 102:25-26, Hebrews 1:10-12, Matthew 5:58, 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 16:17, 21:33, 1 Peter 3:10, Isaiah 51:6\]](#)
- ✧ But You *are* the same, And Your years will have no end.
The children of Your servants will continue, And their descendants will be established before You." [\[Psalm 102:17-28\]](#)
 - ✧ Again he confessed that Yahweh will not change but remain the same eternally.
 - ✧ Speaking of the servants continuing and their descendants being established before Eliy indicates a reference to life after death or their resurrection, possibly to the Rapture (catching away to be with the Lord forever). [\[1Thessalonians 4:17\]](#)