Psalm 59:1-17 David prayed for Mercy and Protection from his Enemies

The Assured Judgment of the Wicked

To the Chief Musician. Set to "Do Not Destroy."* A Michtam of David when Saul sent men, and they watched the house in order to kill him.

- 1. Deliver me from my enemies, O Elohay (my God); Defend me from those who rise up against me.
- ² Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, And save me from bloodthirsty men.
- ³ For look, they lie in wait for my life; The mighty gather against me, Not *for* my transgression nor *for* my sin, O Yahweh (LORD).
- ⁴ They run and prepare themselves through no fault *of mine*. Awake to help me, and behold!
- ⁵ You therefore, O Yahweh Elohiym Tsebaaovt Elohey Yisrael (LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel), Awake to punish all the nations; Do not be merciful to any wicked transgressors.

Selah

- ⁶ At evening they return, They growl like a dog, And go all around the city.
- ⁷ Indeed, they belch with their mouth; Swords *are* in their lips; For *they say*, "Who hears?"
- ⁸ But You, O Yahweh (LORD), shall laugh at them; You shall have all the nations in derision.
- ⁹ I will wait for You, O You his Strength; For Elohiym (God) is my defense.
- ¹⁰ Elohey (my God) of mercy* shall come to meet me; Elohiym (God) shall let me see *my desire* on my enemies.
- ¹¹ Do not slay them, lest my people forget; Scatter them by Your power, And bring them down, O Adonay (Lord) our shield.
- ¹² For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips, Let them even be taken in their pride, And for the cursing and lying which they speak.
- ¹³ Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them*, That they *may* not *be*; And let them know that Elohiym (God) rules in Jacob To the ends of the earth.

Selah

- 14 And at evening they return, They growl like a dog, And go all around the city.
- ¹⁵ They wander up and down for food, And howl if they are not satisfied.
- ¹⁶ But I will sing of Your power; Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning; For You have been my defense And refuge in the day of my trouble. ¹⁷ To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; For Elohiym (God) *is* my defense,
- 17 To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; For Elohiym (God) is my defense, Elohey (My God) of mercy.

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Facts Revealed:

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At evening they return, They growl like a dog, And go all around the city. Indeed, they belch with their mouth; Swords *are* in their lips; For *they say*, "Who hears?" [Psalm 59:1-7]

- ♦ David found himself in mortal danger and cried out to Yahweh for protection.
- ♦ He extended the request to include all nations of the wicked for judgment.

I will wait for You, O You his Strength; For Elohiym (God) *is* my defense. Elohey (my God) of mercy* shall come to meet me; Elohiym (God) shall let me see *my desire* on my enemies.

Do not slay them, lest my people forget; Scatter them by Your power, And bring them down, O Adonay (Lord) our shield.

For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips, Let them even be taken in their pride, And for the cursing and lying which they speak.

Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them*, That they *may* not *be*; And let them know that Elohiym (God) rules in Jacob To the ends of the earth. [Psalm 59:8-13]

- ♦ David knew that Yahweh laughs at the arrogance of the wicked. [2 Kings 19:20-22, Psalm 2:1-4, 37:13-15]
- ♦ David will wait for the judgment of the wicked and see his desire against his enemies.
- ❖ It is interesting that David said, "Do not slay them; lest my people forget, but scatter them and bring them down for the sin of their mouth."
- ♦ The very next request is for Yahweh to consume them in wrath that they may not be.
- ♦ The whole point is that they may know that Elohiym reigns in Jacob to the ends of the earth.
- And at evening they return, They growl like a dog, And go all around the city. They wander up and down for food, And howl if they are not satisfied. But I will sing of Your power; Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning; For You have been my defense And refuge in the day of my trouble. To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; For Elohiym (God) *is* my defense, Elohey (My God) of mercy. [Psalm 59:14-17]
 - ♦ David compared the wicked with growling dogs who return unsatisfied.
 - → David promised to publicly sing praises to Elohiym for His mercy and protection in the day of David's trouble.