

Psalm 89:1-52 **The Greatness of Yahweh – Covenant with David**
Current Wrath of Yahweh – How Long?

Remembering the Covenant with David, and Sorrow for Lost Blessings

A Contemplation* of Ethan the Ezrahite.

¹ I will sing of the mercies of Yahweh (the LORD) forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

² For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."

³ "I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David:

⁴ "Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations."

Selah

⁵ And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Yahweh (LORD); Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints.

⁶ For who in the heavens can be compared to Yahweh (the LORD)? *Who* among the sons of the mighty can be likened to Yahweh (the LORD)?

⁷ 'El (God) is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all *those* around Him.

⁸ O Yahweh Elohay Tsebaovt (LORD God of hosts), *Who is* mighty like You, O Yah (LORD)? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

⁹ You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.

¹⁰ You have broken Rahab (Egypt) in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.

¹¹ The heavens *are* Yours, the earth also *is* Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.

¹² The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name.

¹³ You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your hand, *and* high is Your right hand.

¹⁴ Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

¹⁵ Blessed *are* the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O Yahweh (LORD), in the light of Your countenance.

¹⁶ In Your name they rejoice all day long, And in Your righteousness they are exalted.

¹⁷ For You *are* the glory of their strength, And in Your favor our horn is exalted.

¹⁸ For our shield *belongs* to Yahweh (the LORD), And our king to Qadowsh (the Holy One) of Israel.

¹⁹ Then You spoke in a vision to Your holy one, And said: "I have given help to *one who is mighty*; I have exalted one chosen from the people.

²⁰ I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him,

²¹ With whom My hand shall be established; Also My arm shall strengthen him.

²² The enemy shall not outwit him, Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

²³ I will beat down his foes before his face, And plague those who hate him.

²⁴ "But My faithfulness and My mercy *shall be* with him, And in My name his horn shall be exalted.

²⁵ Also I will set his hand over the sea, And his right hand over the rivers.

²⁶ He shall cry to Me, 'You *are* my Father, Eliy (My God), and the rock of my salvation.'

²⁷ Also I will make him *My* firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth.

²⁸ My mercy I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall stand firm with him.

²⁹ His seed also I will make *to endure* forever, And his throne as the days of heaven.

³⁰ "If his sons forsake My law And do not walk in My judgments,

³¹ If they break My statutes And do not keep My commandments,

³² Then I will punish their transgression with the rod, And their iniquity with stripes.

³³ Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him, Nor allow My faithfulness to fail.

³⁴ My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

³⁵ Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David:

³⁶ His seed shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me;

³⁷ It shall be established forever like the moon, Even *like* the faithful witness in the sky."

Selah

³⁸ But You have cast off and abhorred, You have been furious with Your anointed.

³⁹ You have renounced the covenant of Your servant; You have profaned his crown *by casting it* to the ground.

⁴⁰ You have broken down all his hedges; You have brought his strongholds to ruin.

⁴¹ All who pass by the way plunder him; He is a reproach to his neighbors.

⁴² You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries; You have made all his enemies rejoice.

⁴³ You have also turned back the edge of his sword, And have not sustained him in the battle.

⁴⁴ You have made his glory cease, And cast his throne down to the ground.

⁴⁵ The days of his youth You have shortened; You have covered him with shame.

Selah

⁴⁶ How long, Yahweh (LORD)? Will You hide Yourself forever? Will Your wrath burn like fire?

⁴⁷ Remember how short my time is; For what futility have You created all the children

of men?

48 What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave?

Selah

49 Adonay (Lord), where *are* Your former loving kindnesses, *Which* You swore to David in Your truth?

50 Remember, Adonay (Lord), the reproach of Your servants – *How* I bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the many peoples,

51 With which Your enemies have reproached, O Yahweh (LORD), With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your anointed.

52 Blessed *be* Yahweh (the LORD) forevermore! Amen and Amen.

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Facts Revealed:

A Contemplation of Ethan the Ezrahite.

Praising the greatness of God

- ✧ I will sing of the mercies of Yahweh (the LORD) forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.
For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens." [Psalm 89:1-2]
- ✧ Ethan exulting in the mercy and faithfulness of Yahweh.
- ✧ Passing that knowledge to all generations.
- ✧ "I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: "Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations."
[Psalm 89:3-4]
- ✧ Promise of Yahweh to establish the throne of David forever to all generations.

- ✧ And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Yahweh (LORD); Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints.
For who in the heavens can be compared to Yahweh (the LORD)? *Who* among the sons of the mighty can be likened to Yahweh (the LORD)? [Psalm 89:5-6]
- ✧ Praises of Yahweh in Heaven and in the assembly of the Saints.
- ✧ None in Heaven or on the earth can be compared to Yahweh.
- ✧ 'El (God) is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all *those* around Him.
O Yahweh Elohay Tsebaaovt (LORD God of hosts), Who *is* mighty like You, O Yah (LORD)? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.
You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.
You have broken Rahab (Egypt) in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm. [Psalm 89:7-10]
- ✧ 'El is to be feared and held in awesome reverence.
- ✧ Yahweh is unmatched in power, His faithfulness is all around Him.
- ✧ Yah controls the waves of the sea.

- ◇ Yah has broken Rahab (Egypt) in pieces and scattered His enemies with His mighty arm. (obvious a reference to the exodus of Israel from Egypt).
- ☆ The heavens *are* Yours, the earth also *is* Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.
The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name.
You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your hand, *and* high is Your right hand.
Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face. [Psalm 89:11-14]
- ◇ Heaven and earth and all its fullness belong to Yahweh who created them.
- ◇ Yahweh is mighty, the foundation of His throne is righteousness and justice while Mercy and Truth go before Him.
- ☆ Blessed *are* the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O Yahweh (LORD), in the light of Your countenance.
In Your name they rejoice all day long, And in Your righteousness they are exalted.
For You *are* the glory of their strength, And in Your favor our horn is exalted.
For our shield *belongs* to Yahweh (the LORD), And our king to Qadowsh Yisrael (the Holy One of Israel). [Psalm 89:15-18]
- ◇ Those who know the joyful sound and walk in the light of Yahweh's countenance are blessed.
- ◇ He spoke of the confidence and joy associated with a right relationship with Yahweh.
- ☆ Then You spoke in a vision to Your holy one, And said: "I have given help to *one who is* mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people.
I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him,
With whom My hand shall be established; Also My arm shall strengthen him.
The enemy shall not outwit him, Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
I will beat down his foes before his face, And plague those who hate him.
"But My faithfulness and My mercy *shall be* with him, And in My name his horn shall be exalted. [Psalm 89:19-24]
- ◇ Yahweh promised to establish His servant David and defend him from his enemies.
- ◇ Yahweh promised: "My faithfulness and mercy shall be with him, and in My Name his horn shall be exalted."
- ☆ Also I will set his hand over the sea, And his right hand over the rivers.
He shall cry to Me, 'You *are* my Father, Eliy (My God), and the rock of my salvation.'
Also I will make him *My* firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth.
My mercy I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall stand firm with him.
His seed also I will make *to endure* forever, And his throne as the days of heaven.
[Psalm 89:25-29]
- ◇ Yahweh promised to extend the authority of the throne of David to the ends of the earth.
- ◇ This will be realized in the Kingdom age of Messiah Yeshua descended from David.
- ☆ "If his sons forsake My law And do not walk in My judgments,
If they break My statutes And do not keep My commandments,
Then I will punish their transgression with the rod, And their iniquity with stripes.
Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him, Nor allow My faithfulness to fail. [Psalm 89:30-33]
- ◇ Yahweh punished the sins of the sons of David through the ages, but has never forsaken His loving kindness or faithfulness to David which will be evident during the reign of Yeshua.

- ✧ My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: His seed shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me; It shall be established forever like the moon, Even *like* the faithful witness in the sky." [Psalm 89:34-37]
- ✧ Yahweh confirmed His promise regarding David and his throne forever.

Present distress

- ✧ But You have cast off and abhorred, You have been furious with Your anointed. You have renounced the covenant of Your servant; You have profaned his crown *by casting it* to the ground. You have broken down all his hedges; You have brought his strongholds to ruin. All who pass by the way plunder him; He is a reproach to his neighbors. [Psalm 89:38-41]
- ✧ Ethan complained that the promises of God seem to have been cast down.
- ✧ That Israel seems to be a plundered reproach to his neighbors.
- ✧ You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries; You have made all his enemies rejoice. You have also turned back the edge of his sword, And have not sustained him in the battle. You have made his glory cease, And cast his throne down to the ground. The days of his youth You have shortened; You have covered him with shame. [Psalm 89:42-45]
- ✧ Ethan complained that Yahweh has delivered Israel into the hands of their enemies.
- ✧ How long, Yahweh (LORD)? Will You hide Yourself forever? Will Your wrath burn like fire? Remember how short my time is; For what futility have You created all the children of men? What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave? [Psalm 89:46-48]
- ✧ The big question is "How long.?"
- ✧ Ethan spoke of the futility of human life and the inevitable power of death.
- ✧ Adonay (Lord), where *are* Your former loving kindnesses, *Which* You swore to David in Your truth? Remember, Adonay (Lord), the reproach of Your servants – *How* I bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the many peoples, With which Your enemies have reproached, O Yahweh (LORD), With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your anointed. [Psalm 89:49-51]
- ✧ Ethan asked about the eternal promises to David.
- ✧ And asked Adonay to remember the reproaches of men that have been poured on the people of Israel.
- ✧ Blessed *be* Yahweh (the LORD) forevermore! Amen and Amen. [Psalm 89:52]
- ✧ As he began the psalm, Ethan concluded with an eternal blessing of Yahweh.