

# Sepher Tehillim (Psalms)

## Chapter 88

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אֲשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר לְבְנֵי קֹרַח לְמִנְצֵחַ עַל-מַחְלַת  
לְעֲנֹת מִשְׁפִּיל לְהִימָן הָאֶזְרָחִי:

1. (88:1 in Heb.) **shir miz'mor lib'ney Qorach lam'natseach `al-Machalath L'`annoth mas'kil l'Heyman ha'Ez'rachi.**

**A Petition to Be Saved from Death.**

**A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Qorach. For the chief musician; according to Machalath Leannoth. A Contemplation of Heyman the Ezrachi.**

<87:1> Ὠιδὴ ψαλμοῦ τοῖς υἱοῖς Κορε· εἰς τὸ τέλος,  
ὕπερ μαελεθ τοῦ ἀποκριθῆναι· συνέσεως Αἴμαν τῷ Ἰσραηλίτῃ.

1 **Ōidē psalmou tois huiois Kore; eis to telos,**

**An ode of a psalm to the sons of Korah; for the director;**

**hyper maeleth tou apokrithēnai; syneseōs Aiman tō Israēlitē.**

**by the harp to respond for contemplation to Heman the Israelite.**

שׁוֹמֵר אֶת-בְּרֵיתְךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל יִשְׁעֵךָ יוֹם-וָלַיְלָה נִגְדָה:

בְּיָהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל יִשְׁעֵךָ יוֹם-וָלַיְלָה נִגְדָה:

(88:2 in Heb.) **Yahúwah 'Elohey y'shu'athi yom-tsa`aq'ti balay'lah neg'deah.**

**Ps88:1 O Yahúwah, the El of my salvation,**

**I have cried out by day and in the night before You.**

<2> Κύριε ὁ θεὸς τῆς σωτηρίας μου, ἡμέρας ἐκέκραξα καὶ ἐν νυκτὶ ἐναντίον σου·

2 **Kyrie ho theos tēs sōtērias mou, hēmeras ekekraxa kai en nykti enantion sou;**

**O YHWH, the El of my deliverance; day I cried out and at night before you.**

גַּתְבוֹא לְפָנַי תִּפְלְתִי הַטְּהֵ-אֲזַנְךָ לְרִנָּתִי:

גַּתְבוֹא לְפָנַי תִּפְלְתִי הַטְּהֵ-אֲזַנְךָ לְרִנָּתִי:

2. (88:3 in Heb.) **tabo' l'phaneyak t'philathi hateh-'az'n'ak l'rinathi.**

**Ps88:2 Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my cry!**

<3> εἰσελθάτω ἐνώπιόν σου ἡ προσευχή μου,

κλῖνον τὸ οὖς σου εἰς τὴν δέησίν μου, κύριε.

3 **eiselthatō enōpion sou hē proseuchē mou, klinon to ous sou eis tēn deēsin mou, kyrie.**

**Let enter before you my prayer! Lean your ear to my supplication, O YHWH.**

דָּבִי-שְׁבָעָה בְּרָעוֹת נַפְשִׁי וְחַיִּי לְשֹׂאֹל הַגִּיעוּ:

דָּבִי-שְׁבָעָה בְּרָעוֹת נַפְשִׁי וְחַיִּי לְשֹׂאֹל הַגִּיעוּ:

3. (88:4 in Heb.) **ki-sab`ah b'ra`oth naph'shi w'chayay li'sh'ol higi`u.**

**Ps88:3 For my soul is filled of troubles, and my life has drawn near to Sheol.**

<4> ὅτι ἐπλήσθη κακῶν ἡ ψυχὴ μου, καὶ ἡ ζωὴ μου τῷ ἄδη ἤγγισεν·

4 hoti eplēsthē kakōn hē psychē mou, kai hē zōē mou tō hadē ēggisen;

For is filled of bad things my soul, and my life Hades approached.

הַנְחַשְׁבֹּתַי עִם-יִוְרְדֵי בֹר הַיִּיתִי כְּגֹבֶר אִין-אֵיל:

4. (88:5 in Heb.) nech'shab'ti `im-yor'dey bor hayithi k'geber 'eyn-'eyal.

Ps88:4 I am reckoned among those who go down to the pit;  
I have become like a man without strength,

<5> προσελογίσθην μετὰ τῶν καταβαινόντων εἰς λάκκον,  
ἐγενήθην ὡς ἄνθρωπος ἀβοήθητος ἐν νεκροῖς ἐλεύθερος,

5 proselogisthēn meta tōn katabainontōn eis lakkon,

I was counted with the ones going down into the pit.

egenēthēn hōs anthrōpos aboēthētos en nekrois eleutheros,

I became as man an incurable; among the dead free,

וּבַמָּתִים חָפְשִׁי כְּמוֹ חַלְלִים שְׁכַבְי קֶבֶר  
אֲשֶׁר לֹא זְכָרְתָם עוֹד וְהֵמָּה מִיָּדְךָ נִגְזְרוּ:

5. (88:6 in Heb.) bamethim chaph'shi k'mo chalalim shok'bey qeber  
'asher lo' z'kar'tam `od w'hemah miyad'ak nig'zaru.

Ps88:5 Free among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave,  
whom You remember no more, and they are cut off from Your hand.

<6> ὡσεὶ τραυματῖαι ἐρριμμένοι καθεύδοντες ἐν τάφῳ,  
ὧν οὐκ ἐμνήσθης ἔτι καὶ αὐτοὶ ἐκ τῆς χειρὸς σου ἀπώσθησαν.

6 hōsei traumatiai errimmenoi katheudontes en taphō,

as the slain ones cast out, who sleep in the tomb;

hōn ouk emnēsthēs eti

whom you do not remember any longer;

kai autoi ek tēs cheiros sou apōsthēsan.

and they from out of your hand were thrust away.

זָשַׁתַּנִּי בְּבוֹר תַּחְתִּיּוֹת בְּמַחְשָׁכִים בְּמַצְלוֹת:  
אֲשֶׁר לֹא זְכָרְתָם עוֹד וְהֵמָּה מִיָּדְךָ נִגְזְרוּ:

6. (88:7 in Heb.) shatani b'bor tach'tioth b'machashakim bim'tsoloth.

Ps88:6 You have put me in the lowest pit, in dark places, in the depths.

<7> ἔθεντό με ἐν λάκκῳ κατωτάτῳ, ἐν σκοτεινοῖς καὶ ἐν σκιᾷ θανάτου.

7 ethento me en lakkō katōtatō, en skoteinois kai en skiā thanatou.

They put me in pit the lowermost, in dark places, and in the shadow of death.

זָשַׁתַּנִּי בְּבוֹר תַּחְתִּיּוֹת בְּמַחְשָׁכִים בְּמַצְלוֹת:



אֶלֶף יָצֵא יָצֵא מִן־הַמָּוֶת לְפָנֶיךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ  
יא הַלְמֹתִים תַּעֲשֶׂה-פֶלֶא אֲסֵר-פְּאֵים יִקְוּמוּ יוֹדוּךָ סֶלָה:

10. (88:11 in Heb.) **halamethim ta`aseh-pele`im-r`pha`im yaqumu yoduk Selah.**

**Ps88:10** Shall You perform wonders for the dead?  
Shall the departed spirits rise and praise You? Selah.

<11> Μὴ τοῖς νεκροῖς ποιήσεις θαυμάσια;  
ἢ ἰατροὶ ἀναστήσουσιν, καὶ ἐξομολογήσονται σοι;

11 Mē tois nekrois poiēseis thaumasia?

Shall for the dead you do wonders?

ē iatroi anastēsousin, kai exomologēsontai soi?

or shall physicians rise up and make acknowledgment to you?

יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִסְפָּר בְּקִבְרֵי חַסְדֶּיךָ אֱמוּנַתְךָ בְּאַבְדֹּן:  
יב הַיְסוּפָר בְּקִבְרֵי חַסְדֶּיךָ אֱמוּנַתְךָ בְּאַבְדֹּן:

11. (88:12 in Heb.) **hay`supar baqeber chas`deak `emunath`ak ba`Abaddon.**

**Ps88:11** Shall Your lovingkindness be declared in the grave,  
Your faithfulness in Abaddon?

<12> μὴ διηγῆσεται τις ἐν τάφῳ τὸ ἔλεός σου καὶ τὴν ἀλήθειάν σου ἐν τῇ ἀπωλείᾳ;

12 mē diēgēsetai tis en taphō to eleos sou kai tēn alētheian sou en tē apōleia?

Shall describe any one in the tomb your mercy and your truth in the destruction?

יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִגְדַּל עֲשֵׂיךָ בְּחֹשֶׁךְ וְצַדִּיקְתְּךָ בְּאֶרֶץ נִשְׁכָּחָה:  
אֶלֶף יָצֵא יָצֵא מִן־הַמָּוֶת לְפָנֶיךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ  
יג הַיְגִדְעַ עֲשֵׂיךָ בְּחֹשֶׁךְ וְצַדִּיקְתְּךָ בְּאֶרֶץ נִשְׁכָּחָה:

12. (88:13 in Heb.) **hayiuada` bachoshek pil`eak w`tsid`qath`ak b`erets n`shiah.**

**Ps88:12** Shall Your wonders be made known in the darkness?  
And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

<13> μὴ γνωσθήσεται ἐν τῷ σκότει τὰ θαυμάσιά σου  
καὶ ἡ δικαιοσύνη σου ἐν γῆ ἐπιλελησμένη;

13 mē gnōsthēsetai en tō skotei ta thaumasia sou

Shall be made known in the darkness your wonders?

kai hē dikaiosynē sou en gē epilelēsmenē?

and your righteousness in a land being forgotten?

יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִדְוֹאֲנִי אֵלֶיךָ יְהוָה שׁוֹעֲתִי וּבְבֹקֶר תִּפְלְתִי תִקְדֶּמְךָ:  
יג וְאֲנִי אֵלֶיךָ יְהוָה שׁוֹעֲתִי וּבְבֹקֶר תִּפְלְתִי תִקְדֶּמְךָ:  
יד וְאֲנִי אֵלֶיךָ יְהוָה שׁוֹעֲתִי וּבְבֹקֶר תִּפְלְתִי תִקְדֶּמְךָ:

13. (88:14 in Heb.) **wa`ani `eleyak Yahúwah shiua`ti ubaboqer t`philathi th`gad`meak.**

**Ps88:13** But I, O YHWH, have cried out to You,  
and in the morning my prayer comes before You.

<14> κἀγὼ πρὸς σέ, κύριε, ἐέκραξα, καὶ τὸ πρωὶ ἡ προσευχή μου προφθάσει σε.

14 kagō pros se, kyrie, ekekraxa,

But I to you O YHWH cried out;

kai to prōi hē proseuchē mou prophthasei se.

and in the morning my prayer shall be with you beforehand.

15 :למח יחנה תזנח בפני תסתיר מפניי  
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14. (88:15 in Heb.) lamah Yahúwah tiz'nach naph'shi tas'tir paneyak mimeni.

Ps88:14 O אלהים, why do You reject my soul? Why do You hide Your face from me?

<15> ἵνα τί, κύριε, ἀπωθεῖς τὴν ψυχὴν μου, ἀποστρέφεις τὸ πρόσωπόν σου ἀπ' ἐμοῦ;

15 hina ti, kyrie, apōtheis tēn psychēn mou, apostrepheis to prosōpon sou ap' emou?

Why, O YHWH, do you thrust away my soul, and turn your face from me?

16 :אני אני וגוע מפער נשאתי אמיה אפונה  
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15. (88:16 in Heb.) `ani `ani w'goe`a mino`ar nasa'thi `emeyak `aphunah.

Ps88:15 I was afflicted and about to die from my youth on;

I suffer Your terrors; I am overcome.

<16> πτωχός εἰμι ἐγὼ καὶ ἐν κόποις ἐκ νεότητός μου,

ὕψωθεις δὲ ἐταπεινώθην καὶ ἐξηπορήθην.

16 ptōchos eimi egō kai en kopois ek neotētōs mou,

poor I am and in troubles from my youth.

huyōtheis de etapeinōthēn kai exēporēthēn.

But being raised up high I was humbled and left destitute.

17 :יזעלי עברו חרוניה בעותיה צמתותני  
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16. (88:17 in Heb.) `alay `ab'ru charoneyak bi`utheyak tsim'thuthuni.

Ps88:16 Your burning anger has passed over me; Your terrors have destroyed me.

<17> ἐπ' ἐμέ διήλθον αἱ ὀργαί σου, καὶ οἱ φοβερισμοί σου ἐξετάραξάν με,

17 ep' eme diēlthon hai orgai sou, kai hoi phoberismoi sou exetaraxan me,

Upon me went your angers; your frightful things disturbed me.

18 :אני כמים כל-היום הקיפו עלי יחד  
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17. (88:18 in Heb.) sabuni kamayim kal-hayom hiqiphu `alay yachad.

Ps88:17 They have surrounded me like water all the day;

they have encompassed me altogether.

<18> ἐκύκλωσάν με ὡς ὕδωρ ὅλην τὴν ἡμέραν, περιέσχον με ἅμα.

18 ekyklōsan me hōs hydōr holēn tēn hēmeran, perieschon me hama.

They encircle me as water; the entire day they compassed me together.

19 :יט הרהקת ממני אהב ורע מידעי מחשק  
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18. (88:19 in Heb.) hir'chaq'at mimeni `oheb ware`a m'yuda`ay mach'shak.

**Ps88:18** You have removed lover and friend far from me;  
my acquaintances are in darkness.

<19> ἐμάκρυνας ἀπ' ἐμοῦ φίλον καὶ πλησίον  
καὶ τοὺς γνωστούς μου ἀπὸ ταλαιπωρίας.

19 emakrynas ap' emou philon kai plēsion

You put far from me friend and near one,

kai tous gnōstous mou apo talaipōrias.

and the ones knowing me, because of misery.