

74 (A Maskil of Asaph)
O Elohim, why hast
Thou cast us off

lanetzach? Why doth Thine
anger smoke against the tzon
(sheep) of Thy mireh
(pasture)?

|2| Remember Thy Edah
(congregation), which Thou
hast purchased of old; the
shevet (tribe) of Thine
nachalah, which Thou hast
redeemed: this Har Tziyon,
wherein Thou hast dwelt.

|3| Lift up Thy footsteps unto
the mashu'ot netzach
(perpetual ruins); even all that
the oyev hath done wickedly in
the Kodesh [*the Beis
HaMikdash*].

|4| Thine enemies roar in the
midst of Thy Mo'ed (place of
meeting); they set up their
banners for otot (signs, *i.e.*,
their heathen insignia).

|5| It had been as though one
lifted up kardumim (axes)
upon the thicket of etz.

|6| But now they break down
the carved panels [*of the Beis
HaMikdash*] at once with
hammers and chisels.

|7| They have set ablaze Thy
Mikdash, burning it to the
ground; they have brought
chillul to the Mishkan
Shemecha (the dwelling place
of Thy Name).

|8| They said in their hearts,
Let us crush them altogether;
they have burned up all the
Mo'adei El in HaAretz.

|9| We see not our otot (signs);
there is no longer any navi;
neither is there among us any
that knoweth ad mah (until
when).

|10| O Elohim ad mosai, (how
long) shall the adversary
revile? Shall the oyev (enemy)
blaspheme Thy Shem
lanetzach (forever)?

|11| Why withdrawest Thou
Thy Yad, even Thy Yamin
(Right Hand)? Take it out of
Thy Kheyk (bosom) and
destroy [*them*].

|12| For Elohim is my Melech
mikedem (from of old),
working Yeshuah (salvation) in
the midst of HaAretz.

|13| Thou didst divide the
yam by Thy oz (power); Thou
didst break the heads of the
sea serpents in the waters.

|14| Thou didst break the
head of Leviathan in pieces,
and gavest him to be ma'akhal
(food) to the people inhabiting
the wilderness.

|15| Thou didst break open
the fountain and the flood;
Thou driedst up mighty
naharot (rivers).

|16| The yom is Thine, the
lailah also is Thine; Thou hast
prepared the ma'ohr
(luminary, moon) and the
shemesh.

|17| Thou hast set all the
boundaries of Eretz; Thou
hast made kayitz (summer)
and choref (winter).

|18| Remember this, that the
oyev (enemy) hath reproached
Hashem, and that the am
naval (foolish people) have
blasphemed Shimcha.

|19| O deliver not the nefesh
of Thy turtledove unto the
wild beast; forget not the life
of Thy aniyim (poor) lanetzach
(forever).

|20| Have regard unto the
Brit (covenant); for the dark
places of the earth are full of
the habitations of chamas.

|21| O let not the oppressed
return in shame; let the oni
and evyon praise Thy Shem.

|22| Arise, O Elohim, fight for
Thine Own cause; remember
how the naval (foolish man)
revileth Thee kol hayom.

|23| Forget not the kol (voice)
of Thine enemies, the tumult
of those against Thee that
rises up tamid (continually).

[*T.N. Cf Lk 2:23-24 and Ps
74:19 remembering that the
turtledove was the sacrifice of
the poor, which Moshiach
would be, not a rich man but
ani, according to Zech 9:9.*]

75 (For the one
directing. Set to Do
Not Destroy.

Mizmor Asaph. Shir)
Hodinu l'cha Elohim (Unto
thee, Elohim, do we give
thanks). Hodinu; that Thy
Shem is near Thy wondrous
works declare.

|2 [3]| I shall seize the mo'ed
(appointed time, *Chabakuk
2:3*) I will judge uprightly.

|3 [4]| Eretz and all the
inhabitants thereof are
dissolving; I, even I, hold up
the amudim (pillars) of it.
Selah.

|4 [5]| I said unto the hollelim
(arrogant), Deal not boastfully;
and to the resha'im, Lift not
up the keren;

|5 [6]| Lift not up your keren
on high; speak not with a stiff
neck.

|6 [7]| For promotion cometh
lo (not) from the east, nor
from the west, nor from the
desert.

|7 [8]| But Elohim is the
Shofet; He bringeth down one,
and setteth up another.

|8 [9]| For in the yad Hashem
there is a kos, and the yayin is
foaming; full of mixture; and
He poureth out of the same;
but the dregs thereof, all rishei
aretz (wicked of the earth)
shall drain them down, and
drink them [*Lk 22:42*].

|9 [10]| But I will proclaim
l'olam; I will sing zemirot to
Elohei Ya'akov.

|10 [11]| All the karnayim of
the resha'im also will I cut off;
but the karnayim of the
tzaddik shall be exalted.

[*T.N. In this Psalm we see that
G-d is Judge. The Bible speaks
of a great Assize where there
will be a verdict regarding the
sheep and the goats, the
redeemed and the reprobate.
See Rev 19:11 and 20:4-5.*]