

## Psalm 22     A prophetic Psalm of David

Hello, my name is David. I am in heaven now, but at one time I was the king of Israel. I've learned a lot since I have been here, and I now understand why the LORD allowed me to experience so many hurts, heartaches, and losses. It was so that I could pen this Psalm. I thought I was writing about my own troubles, but in reality, God had me write prophecies about the suffering, death, and millennial reign of Jesus Christ, the Messiah<sup>1</sup>. Read on, and see what I mean.

### ***My troubles were like Christ's troubles will be***

<sup>1</sup> My troubles were so severe that I cried out, "My God, my God, why have You abandoned me and left me all alone? This was my cry, **but more importantly, it is what Christ would cry out when He was dying on the cross.**<sup>2</sup> I said to the LORD, "I cry out to You in prayer day and night, but You don't answer me." **When Christ was to die, He prayed that the Father would take the cup of death from Him, but He knew that the Father could not answer that prayer because Christ had to die for the sins of the people. There was no other way.**<sup>3</sup> David continued,

"LORD even though You don't answer me, I know that You are holy. You are seated on Your throne in the heavens, and Israel offers praises to You for Your greatness.<sup>4-5</sup> Their fathers trusted You when things got hard, and You delivered them. They definitely were not disappointed in You.<sup>6</sup> I know You delivered them, but I am a worthless man, not even worthy to be called a man or to be rescued. The populace doesn't approve of me anymore. In fact, they have nothing but contempt for me.<sup>7</sup> Everyone who sees me makes fun of me. They make faces, shake their heads, and say,<sup>8</sup> 'You say you trust in God to deliver you. You say He delights in you. So where is He now that you need Him?'"

This is exactly what happened to Christ when He was facing death on the cross.

### ***Prophecies about the death and suffering of Christ - fulfilled perfectly***

(David continues)

<sup>9</sup> All of the above things are true about the Messiah, but God prompted me to write more. Follow along and see what God prophesied through me about what will happen to Christ just before and at His death. He could rightfully say,

"Father, You formed me in the womb, You birthed me, and You caused me to trust You when I was upon my mother's breasts.<sup>10</sup> I was destined to trust You, and You have been my God even while I was in the womb.<sup>11</sup> Father, don't abandon me, because trouble is on the horizon, and I'm really going to need Your help.<sup>12</sup> Corrupt religious leaders with a lot of

power will encircle me. <sup>13</sup> Like a lion roaring before it attacks its prey, so these religious leaders will violently attack me with their lying words. <sup>14</sup> While I am on the cross, I will be completely spent, my heart will be ready to fail, and all of my bones will be out of joint. <sup>15</sup> I will have no more strength left, my tongue will stick to the roof of my mouth because I will be so thirsty, and I will be ready to lie in the grave. <sup>16</sup> A bunch of Roman soldiers will surround me at the insistence of Jewish dogs (called priests), and they will have Roman soldiers nail my hands and feet to a wooden cross. <sup>17</sup> Those Jewish religious leaders will stand back and watch me die, and as prophesied, none of my bones will be broken before my death. <sup>18</sup> While I am on the cross those Roman soldiers will throw dice to see who gets my clothes.”

### ***Back to my (David’s) troubles***

<sup>19</sup> I said to the LORD,

“Please don’t stand a long way off from me because I really need Your help right now. <sup>20</sup> Please rescue me from the weapons of my enemies because they are a bunch of ravenous dogs. <sup>21</sup> Save me because these same people are as dangerous as hungry lions and as brash as charging wild bulls. <sup>22</sup> If You will rescue me, I will praise You and tell everyone in the assembly of believers about Your wonderful name.”

<sup>23</sup> All of you who have a genuine, biblical fear of the LORD, praise Him. All of you Jews, glorify the LORD, and stand in awe of His greatness. <sup>24</sup> Do so, because He did not despise or look down upon me with disgust<sup>2</sup> when I was experiencing affliction, nor did He hide His face from me. But, when I prayed, He heard me. Praise the LORD.

### ***The LORD deserves praise and adoration***

<sup>25</sup> I will praise the LORD in the assembly of believers because He deserves it, and I will perform the vows I promised Him that I would do. <sup>26</sup> He will see that the afflicted are supplied with enough to eat their fill, and those who seek to know the LORD in a personal and intimate way will praise Him. Trust in Jesus Christ as Savior, and your heart will live forever!

### ***Prophecies about Christ’s millennial kingdom***

<sup>27</sup> One day in the future everyone on the earth will remember the name of Jesus Christ, and they will turn to Him in salvation. Then all of the families of every nation on earth will worship Him like He deserves. <sup>28</sup> They will do this because the kingdom will be His, and He will rule over all of the nations of the world. <sup>29</sup> Everyone, even the richest of them, will die someday, and there is nothing they can do about it. In Christ’s kingdom all of them will bow in submission to Him and will eat from the prosperity around them.

<sup>30</sup> All of those born in the kingdom will worship Him, and those young people will tell their children about the LORD. <sup>31</sup> Then they will come before Christ to worship Him, and they will tell the coming generation all about His righteousness and all of the wonderful things He has done in the past.

<sup>1</sup> In John 14:6 Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me." Therefore, the name "Jesus Christ, the Messiah" has been used.

<sup>2</sup> Definition of "abhorred" [www.dictionary.com/browse/abhorred](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/abhorred)

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