

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S  
**GOD OUR SURE DEFENSE**

**1 Samuel 19:1–24; Psalm 59**

## **Introductory Matters**

- 1. 73 Psalms state they are written by David. The New Testament affirms several others (i.e., Ps. 110).**
- 2. 12 of these provide specific contexts.**
- 3. Several other Psalms have designated writers: Asaph (Pss. 50; 73–83), Solomon (Pss. 72; 127), Moses (Ps. 90), Heman the Ezrahite (Ps. 88), and Ethan the Ezrahite (Ps. 89).**

**Book I: 1–41; each contains a benediction.**

**Psa. 41:13, “Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, From everlasting to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.”**

**Book II: 42–72**

**Psa. 72:19, “And blessed be His glorious name forever; And may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen.”**

## **Book III: 73–89**

**Psa. 89:52, “Blessed be the LORD forever!  
Amen, and Amen.”**

## **Book IV: 90–106**

**Psa. 106:48, “Blessed be the LORD, the  
God of Israel, from everlasting even to  
everlasting. And let all the people say,  
‘Amen.’ Praise the LORD!”**

## **Book V: 107–150**

**Psa. 150:1, “Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty expanse.**

**Psa. 150:2, “Praise Him for His mighty deeds; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.**

**Psa. 150:3, “Praise Him with trumpet sound; Praise Him with harp and lyre.”**

**Psa. 150:4, “Praise Him with timbrel and dancing; Praise Him with stringed instruments and pipe.**

**Psa. 150:5, “Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with resounding cymbals.**

**Psa. 150:6, “Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!”**

# **Types of Psalms**

**Communal or National Lament: Ps. 44, 74, 79, 80, 83**

**Individual Lament: Ps. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 56, 59.**

**Lament: Express a complaint or one's distress; usually related to grief or mourning.**



# **Individual Lament**

- 1. Addressed to God.**
- 2. Introductory petition or cry for aid.**
- 3. Confidence section expressing trust in God.**
- 4. Lament section, expressing more of the problem.**
- 5. Main petition which gives more specifics of what the psalmist requests of God.**
- 6. Vow of praise, public proclamation.**

**Aren't we over analyzing these psalms?**

**“Psalm 59 is essentially a lament psalm, even though it varies somewhat from other, more straightforward, laments. But there is some question whether it is the lament of an individual or a national lament. The motifs that fit a national lament are God’s rule, interest in the nations, and judgment on the nations.”**

**~Allen P. Ross, *Commentary on the Psalms***

**A. Prayer for Deliverance (vv. 1–3)**

**B. Innocence and Protestation (vv. 4–5)**

**C. The Wicked and God (vv. 6–8)**

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# Initial Observations

- 1. The Psalmist is David.**
- 2. The Psalm is specifically linked to the time when Saul was sending his execution squads to kill David.**
- 3. David is calling upon God to deliver him from his enemies.**
- 4. David is innocent, his enemies are workers of iniquity.**
- 5. David draws a parallel between these enemies of Israel's future king, and the nations who are enemies of Israel.**

# Key Words

## 1. Words for *deliver, defend, protect, shield*

נָצַל *natzal* hif imper masc sing  
“to take away, rescue, save,  
deliver”

**Psa. 59:1, 2**

**Used 32 times in the Psalms.**

**Psa. 34:4, “I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.”**

**Psa. 34:17, “The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.”**

**Psa. 34:19, “Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.”**



## Key Words

### Defend

שָׁגַב *sagav* piel imperf 3 masc sing jussiveM  
“to be exalted, to be inaccessibly high.”

Used 3 other times in the Psalms

Psa. 20:1, “May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble; May the name of the God of Jacob defend you [literally, set you on a high place];”

**Psa. 69:29, “But I am poor and sorrowful;  
let Your salvation, O God, set me up on  
high.”**

**Psa. 91:14, “Because he has set his love  
upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will  
set him on high, because he has known My  
name.”**

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מִשְׁגָּב (*miS' GāB*)  
“high place,  
refuge”

Psa. 59:9, “I will wait for You, O You his Strength; For God is my defense [high tower].”

Psa. 59:17, “To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; For God is my defense [high tower], My God of mercy.”

**Psa. 18:2,**

**“The LORD is my rock and my fortress and  
my deliverer;**

**My God, my strength,  
in whom I will trust;**

**My shield and the horn of my salvation,  
my stronghold.”**

**Psa. 62:2, “He only is my rock and my  
salvation;  
He is my defense;  
I shall not be greatly moved.”**

**Psa. 62:6, “He only is my rock and my  
salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be  
moved.”**

**Psa. 144:2,**

**“My lovingkindness and my fortress,  
My high tower and my deliverer,  
My shield and the One in whom I take  
refuge,  
Who subdues my people under me.”**

## Key Word: Refuge

מָנוֹס *manos* comm masc sing constr  
refuge, Psa. 59:17 (Hebrew Bible)  
only used in the Psalms

Psa. 59:16, “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.”

## Key Word: Shield

מִגֵּן-1 *magen-1* comm both  
sing constr  
shield

**Psa. 59:11, “Do not slay them, lest my people forget; Scatter them by Your power, and bring them down, O Lord our shield.”**



## Key Word: Strength

**Psa. 59:9, “I will wait [watch] for You, O  
You his [my?] Strength; For God is my  
defense.” NKJV**

**עֲזָ (‘az) *strong***

**Psa. 59:9, “Because of his strength, I will  
wait for Thee; for God is my high tower.”**

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## Key Word: Mercy

חֶסֶד-2 *chesed-2* comm masc sing

constr

lovingkindness, loyal love, faithful  
love

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[He will anticipate me]; God shall let me  
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# God Versus Our Problems

**Lam. 5:14, “The elders have ceased gathering at the gate, and the young men from their music.**

**Lam. 5:15, “The joy of our heart has ceased; Our dance has turned into mourning.”**

**Lam. 3:19, “Remember my affliction and roaming, the wormwood and the gall.**

**Lam. 3:20, “My soul still remembers and sinks within me.**

**Lam. 3:21, “This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope.**

**Lam. 3:22, “Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.**

**Lam. 3:23, “They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”**