

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

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**THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S**  
**GOD'S JUSTICE: HIS TIME, PLACE,**  
**PUNISHMENT**

**1 Samuel 19:1–24; Psalm 59:6–17**



# **Types of Psalms**

**Communal or National Lament:**

**Psa. 44, 74, 79, 80, 83**

**Individual Lament: Psa. 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.**



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**Psa. 59:0, “To the Chief Musician. Set to ‘Do Not Destroy.’ A Michtam of David when Saul sent men, and they watched the house in order to kill him.”**

**לְמַנְצֵחַ *laminatzech***

***“for the director of music”***

**(55 times) Psa. 4–6, 8f, 11–14, 18–22, 31, 36, 39–42, 44–47, 49, 51–62, 64–70, 75–77, 80f, 84f, 88, 109, 139f, or at the end Hab. 3:19**

**Psa. 57, 58, 59 are all set to the same tune, “*Do Not Destroy*” ‘*al tashchet.*’ Also Psa. 75a, Psalm of Asaph.**



**Theme: David, innocent and blameless,  
petitions omnipotent God on the basis of  
His faithful, covenant love to protect and  
preserve him from his evil, wicked  
enemies.**



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**Psa. 59:1, “Rescue me from my enemies, O my God; Protect me from those who rise up against me.”**

**נצל *natzal* hif imper masc sing  
“to take away, rescue, save,  
deliver.” Used in 59:1, 2; 32× in  
the Psalms.**

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



**Psa. 59:2, “Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloodthirsty men.”**

**נצל *natzal* hif imper masc sing “to take away, rescue, save, deliver.” Used in 59:1, 2; 32× in the Psalms**

**עָוֹן *awon***

**comm both sing  
abs iniquity**

**יָשַׁע *yasha* hif imper masc sing to deliver,  
save**



**Psa. 59:3, “For look, they lie in wait for my life; the mighty gather against me, not for my transgression nor for my sin, O LORD.”**

**פֶּשַׁע *pesha'***

**comm masc sing**

**constr**

**transgression,**

**rebellion; to**

**violate a**

**commandment**

**חַטָּאת *chatta't***

**comm fem sing**

**constr**

**sin, sin offering,**

**to miss the mark**



**Psa. 59:4, “They run and prepare themselves through no fault of mine. Awake to help me, and behold!”**

עָוֹן *ʿawon*

**comm both sing abs  
iniquity**



**Psa. 59:5, “You therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to punish all the nations; Do not be merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah”**

***O YHWH, Elohim Tzabaoth, Elohim Yisrael***



**Psa. 59:5, “You therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to punish all the nations; Do not be merciful [show grace] to any wicked transgressors. Selah”**

**חנן-1 *chanan*-1**

**qal imperf 2 masc sing**

**jussiveM**

**to show favor**

**בגד *bagad* qal part masc plur constr**

**to act treacherously, traitors**



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**Psa. 59:6, “At evening they return, they growl like a dog, and go all around the city.**

**Psa. 59:7, “Indeed, they belch with their mouth; Swords are in their lips; For they say, ‘Who hears?’ ”**



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**Psa. 2:4, “He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision.”**

**Psa. 37:13, “The Lord laughs at him, for He sees that his day is coming.”**



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**שמר *shamar***

**qal imperf 1 com sing  
cohortativeB**

**to keep, to keep  
vigilant, watch,  
preserve**



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or “Power is his”  
i.e., Saul’s

מִשְׁגָּב (*mishgav*)  
*highplace,*  
*refuge. cf.,*  
*vs. 17*



**Psa. 59:10, “My God of mercy shall come to meet me; God shall let me see *my desire* my enemies.”**



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חֶסֶד-2 *chesed-2*

**comm masc sing constr  
lovingkindness, faithful  
covenant love**

**The God who has pledged  
Himself to me, His Love is  
loyal.**



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**Adonai, Our shield (*magen*)**

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**David seeks justice in correspondence to the crime.**

**David recognizes God is the One who ultimately protects, defends, and saves.**

**Prov. 16:18, “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”**



**Psa. 59:12, “For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips, let them even be taken in their pride, and for the cursing and lying which they speak.”**



**Psa. 59:13, “Consume them in wrath,  
consume them, that they may not be; and  
let them know that God rules in Jacob to  
the ends of the earth. Selah”**



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**כָּלָה *kalah* piel imper masc sing to be  
complete, consume, destroyed, perish,  
exterminate, finish them**



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**עֲזָרָה 1-1 comm masc sing constr  
might, power**

**חֶסֶד 2-2 *chesed***

**comm masc sing constr lovingkindness,  
faithful covenant love**



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***highplace,  
refuge***

מָנוֹס *manos*  
**comm masc  
sing abs  
refuge**

מִשְׁגָּב (*mishgav*)  
***highplace,  
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