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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Trust Only in God

Matthew 21:1–10; Psalm 118:1–9

The formal presentation of the King, Matt. 21:1–17

Our Lord prepares the circumstances for His presentation, Matt. 21:1–7

Our Lord enters Jerusalem, Matt. 21:8–11

Our Lord then began to demonstrate His Messianic credentials, Matt. 21:12–16

The confrontation between the Messiah and the religious leaders, Matt. 21:17–22:46

Psa. 118:26 is quoted by the crowds welcoming Jesus during His Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem in Matt. 21:9.

Matt. 21:9, “ ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ ”

Psa. 118:22–23 is quoted by Jesus as He denounces the religious leaders in Matt. 21:42

Matt. 21:42, “Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD’S doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes”?’ ”

Psa. 118 is again quoted by Jesus in Matt. 23:39 to state the spiritual condition necessary for His return.

Matt. 23:39, “for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ ”

Psa. 118:26, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.”

- 1. Psalm 118 is the last of a set of Psalms referred to as the hallel Psalms.**
- 2. In the original context this is a Psalm that would have been sung by a procession of people being led by a political or religious leader up to the Temple Mount.**
- 3. This Psalm is a communal thanksgiving song.**

Basic elements in a Thanksgiving Psalm:

a. Proclamation to praise God. Psa. 118:1–4

b. Introductory summary. Psa. 118:5–7

c. Report of the deliverance. Psa. 118:10–18

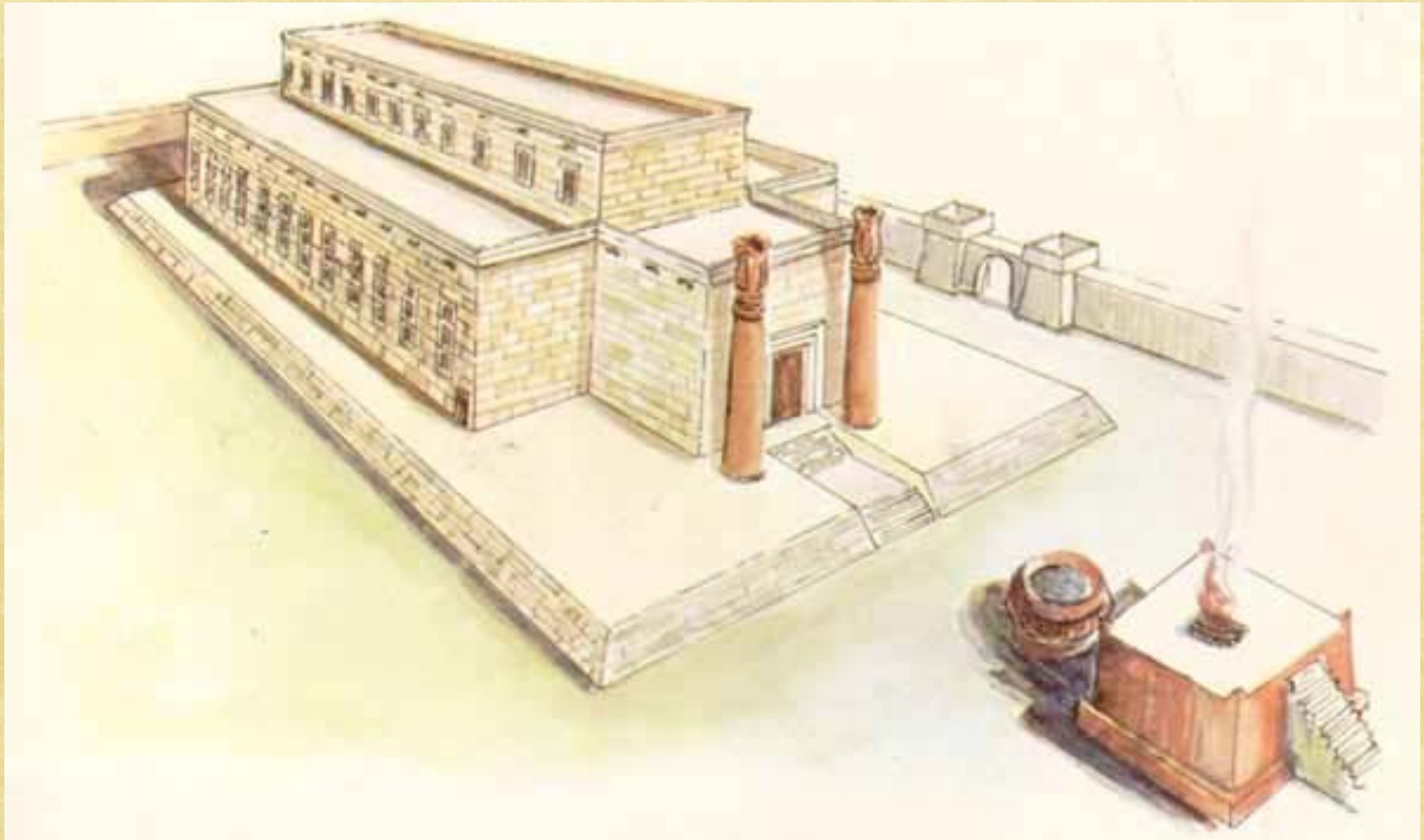
d. Renewed vow of praise. Psa. 118:19–28

e. Praise or instruction. Psa. 118:8, 9, 29

4. We don't know who wrote it.

5. The occasion for the Psalm is God's deliverance of the people from a time of severe divine discipline.

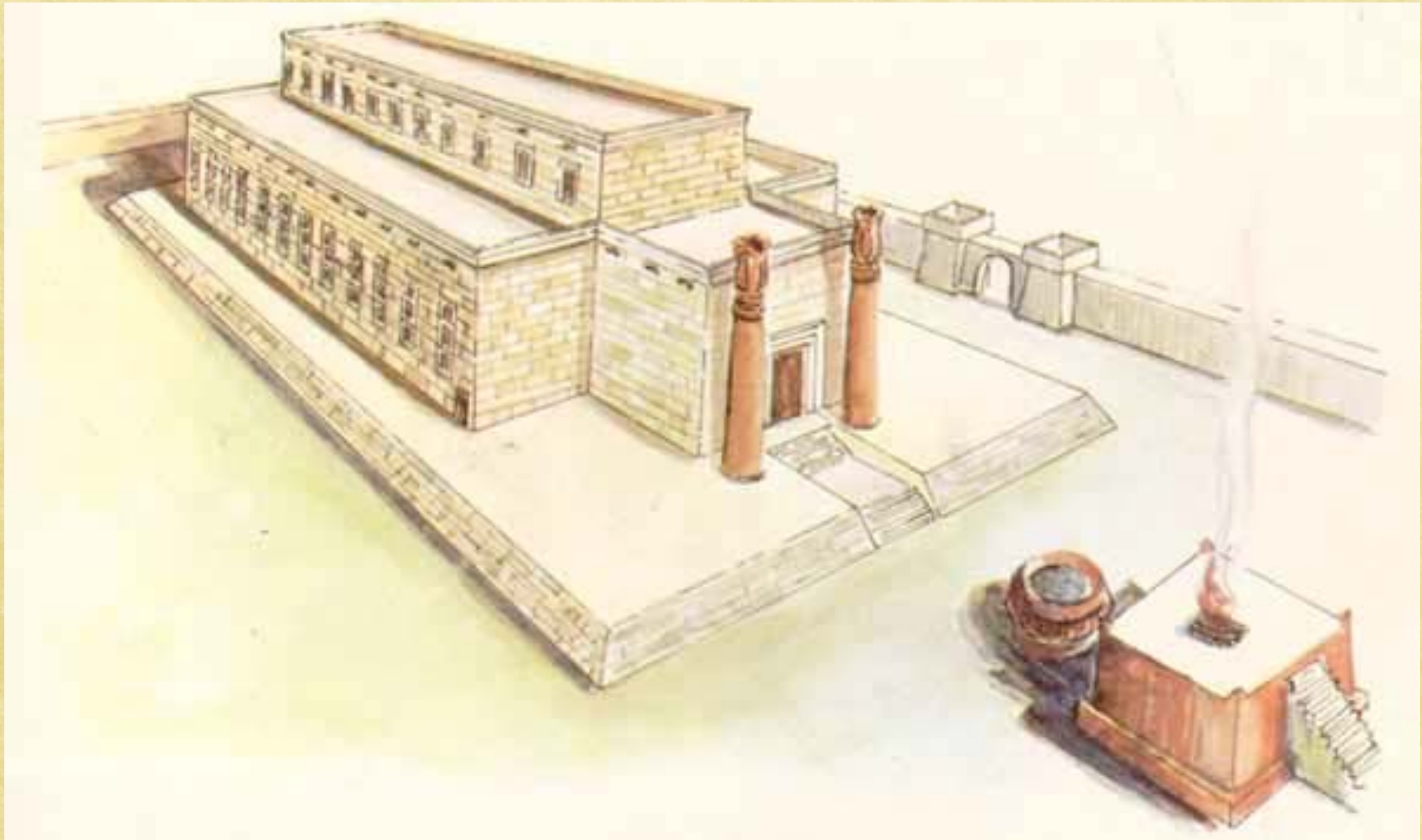
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for He is good! For His mercy endures
forever.”**



Hos. 11:1, “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.”

Matt. 2:15, “and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, ‘Out of Egypt I called My Son.’ ”

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Psa. 106:1, “Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.”

Psa. 136:1, “Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Psa. 136:2, “Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever.

Psa. 136:3, “Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever:”

Psa. 136:26, “Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever.”

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**lovingkindness, mercy, are common
translations. The emphasis is on
God’s loyal love based on His
covenant with Israel.**

Psa. 118:2, “Let Israel now say, ‘His mercy endures forever.’

Psa. 118:3, “Let the house of Aaron now say, ‘His mercy endures forever.’

Psa. 118:4, “Let those who fear the LORD now say, ‘His mercy endures forever.’ ”

Psa. 118:5, [The cause for the praise]

**“I called on the LORD [*Yah*] in distress;
The LORD [*Yah*] answered me and set me
in a broad place.”**

מֵצָר *metzar* “distress, trouble, adversity”
צָרָר (*tsārar*) I, *bind, be narrow, be in distress*
(Qal); *make narrow, cause distress, to*
convert the outside pressure of life’s
***adversity into stress of the soul* (Hiphil).**

**Gen. 32:7, “So Jacob was greatly afraid
and distressed;”**

Judg. 2:15, “Wherever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for calamity, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed.”

Judg. 10:9, “Moreover the people of Ammon crossed over the Jordan to fight against Judah also, against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim, so that Israel was severely distressed.”

Adversity is the outside pressure of negative circumstances or the internal pressure of sinful thoughts and emotions on the soul.

Stress develops when we fail to use the 10 spiritual skills to resolve those pressures of adversity.

(Confession, Walk by the Holy Spirit, Faith-Rest Drill, Grace Orientation, Doctrinal Orientation, Personal Sense of Eternal Destiny, Personal Love for God, Impersonal Love for Mankind, Occupation with Christ, Inner Happiness)

The incorrect response:

2 Chron. 28:22, “Now in the time of his distress King Ahaz became increasingly unfaithful to the LORD. This is that King Ahaz.”

The correct response:

1 Sam. 30:6, “Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.”

The correct response:

2 Chron. 33:12, “Now when he [Manasseh] was in affliction, he implored the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,”

**Jer. 10:18, “For thus says the LORD:
‘Behold, I will throw out at this time the
inhabitants of the land, and will distress
them, that they may find it so.’ ”**

**Psa. 118:10, “All nations surrounded me,
But in the name of the LORD I will destroy
them.**

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**מִלֵּל (*mûl*) II, circumcise, let oneself be
circumcised, be cut off (a few forms maybe
taken as from מִלֵּל).**

Deut. 30:6, “And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.”

Psa. 118:6, “The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

Psa. 118:7, “The LORD is for me among those who help me; Therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me.”

Literally, “The Lord is to me” in both verses.

**עזר *ezer* qal part masc plur constr
to help, assist.**

Psa. 118:8, “It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

Psa. 118:9, “It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.”

הָסָא (ḥāsâ) *seek refuge, flee for protection and thus figuratively put trust in (God), confide, hope in (God or person).*

Psa. 56:11, “In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?”