

"hala"

TO THE CHIEF MUSICIAN, TO JEDUTHUN, A PSALM OF ASAPH.

Psalm 77: 1-15

I cried unto God with my voice,
even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.
In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord:
my sore (yad – hand) ran in the night, and ceased not:
my soul refused to be comforted (**nacham**).
I remembered God, and was troubled:
I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking:
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
I have considered the days of old,
the years of ancient times.
I call to remembrance my song in the night:
I commune with mine own heart:
and my spirit made diligent search.
Will the Lord cast off for ever?
and will he be favourable no more?
Is his mercy clean gone for ever?
doth his promise fail for evermore?
Hath God forgotten to be gracious?
hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.

And I said, This is my infirmity (*hala*):
but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High.
I will remember the works of the LORD:
surely I will remember thy wonders of old.
I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.
Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary:
who is so great a God as our God?
Thou art the God that doest wonders:
thou hast declared thy strength among the people.
Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people,
the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

Jeremiah 4:31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail (*hala*), and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

Daniel 8:27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick (*hala*) certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.

Daniel 9:13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer (*hala*) before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth (*emet*).

David and Sackcloth

Psalms 35:13 But as for me, when they were sick (*hala*), my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer (*tepillla*) returned into mine own bosom.

Sick of Love

Song 2:4-6 He brought me to the banqueting house,
and his banner over me was love.

Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples:
for I am sick (*hala*) of love.

His left hand is under my head,
and his right hand doth embrace me.

How art thou fallen?

Isaiah 14:9, 10 Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming:
it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth;
it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak (*hala*) as we? art thou become like unto us?

Samson

Judges 16:17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak (*hala*), and be like any other man.

The Altar Split

I Kings 13:4-6 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him. The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat (*hala*) now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray (*palal*) for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought (*hala*) the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.

Hezekiah

II Chronicles 32:24-26 In those days Hezekiah was sick (*hala*) to the death, and prayed (*palal*) unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he gave him a sign. But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem. Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah. (also Isaiah 38:1 and 9)

To The Nations

Zechariah 8:18-23 And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray (*hala*) before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray (*hala*) before the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.