

Jesus Christ, the Lamb of GOD, in Suffering & Glory

Psalm 22

vs 1-21 1st Advent – Jesus Prophesying/Speaking as the Suffering Lamb of GOD

vs1,2 “My God My God, why have you forsaken Me?” (Matt 27:46)

Deserted! God could separate from His own essence rather;
And Adam’s sins have swept between the righteous Son and Father;
Yea, once, Immanuel’s orphaned cry His universe hath shaken -
It went up single, echoless, “**My God I am forsaken!**”
It went up from His holy lips, amid His lost creation
That no believer e’er should use those words of desolation. *Elizabeth Barrett Browning*

vs3-5 GOD’s love was provided by Jesus Christ (our scapegoat) so that GOD’s righteousness/holiness was not compromised. “Father, you faithfully delivered Israel - yet You have forsaken Me!”

vs6-8 Not only did GOD forsake Him - men rejected Him. The people, the Jewish leaders, the centurions and the thieves all mocked and taunted Him, challenging Him to “have GOD save you.” (Matt 27:29-30, 39-43)

vs9-11 Jesus says He still trusts in GOD, remembering GOD’s full agreement with His redemptive mission.

vs12-13 Jesus speaks of the Israelites as bulls of Bashan goring Him and a roaring lion devouring Him.

vs14,15 Jesus describes His physical pain and suffering. (Note: He does not describe His soul suffering.)

vs16-17 Jesus speaks of the gentile Romans as “dogs” surrounding Him and carrying out His crucifixion.

v18 These four centurions perfectly fulfill the prophecy regarding His garments/clothing. (John 19:23-25a)

vs19-21 Jesus states His faith in His Father’s answer and prays for the redemption outcome They both desire. Again Jesus names His accusers/rejecters and asks to be saved from them - both the Roman gentile “dogs” and Israel as the “lion’s mouth and the horns of the wild oxen/bulls.”

Events Between vs 21 & 22: Christ’s Death/Resurrection/Ascension; Church Age; Rapture & Tribulation

vs 22-25 2nd Advent – Jesus Christ Prophesying/Speaking as King of Kings in His Millennial Kingdom

In this section, Jesus Christ praises GOD the Father – He leads His brothers, the faithful remnant of the nation of Israel, entering the Millennial Kingdom in worship to GOD their Father for His faithfulness.

Three parallels:	you who fear the LORD	praise Him v23a
	you descendents of Jacob	glorify Him v23b
	you offspring of Israel	fear Him v23c

GOD is faithful! From the cross it did not appear so, but looking back – GOD’s faithfulness is proven.

v24a For He has not despised nor abhorred ... the afflicted; – versus – v1a “My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

v24b Neither has He hidden His face from him; – versus – v1b “Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning”

v24c But when he cried to Him for help, He heard. – versus – v2a “I cry by day, but You do not answer.

vs 26-31 2nd Advent – Holy Spirit Prophesying/Speaking of the Millennial Kingdom

v29 The prosperous/redeemed will eat and worship. The unsaved “who cannot keep their souls alive” will bow before Him. (Phil 2:10 At the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth.)

v30 The gospel of Jesus Christ will go out to coming generations and many will be saved.

v31 They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has performed it. (John 19:30 Jesus said, “It is finished!” ... and gave up His spirit.) In Greek this declaration means “Paid in Full.”