PSALM 60

Lament over Defeat in Battle, and Prayer for Help.

For the choir director; according to ⁺Shushan Eduth. A ^{*}Mikhtam of David, to teach; ^Dwhen he struggled with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and Joab returned, and smote twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

1 O GOD, ^aThou hast rejected us. Thou hast ^{1 b}broken us; Thou hast been ^cangry; O, ^drestore us.
2 Thou hast made the ^{1 a}land quake, Thou hast split it open; ^bHeal its breaches, for it totters.
3 Thou hast ^{1 a}made Thy people experience hardship; Thou hast given us ²wine to ^bdrink that makes us stagger.
4 Thou hast given a ^abanner to those who fear Thee, That it may be displayed because of the truth. ¹[Selah].
5 ^aThat Thy ^bbeloved may be delivered, ^cSave with Thy right hand, and answer ¹us!

6 God has spoken in His ^{1 a}holiness: "I will exult, I will portion out ^bShechem and measure out the valley of ^cSuccoth.

7 "^aGilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; ^bEphraim also is the ¹helmet of My head; Judah is My ^{2 c}scepter.

8 "^aMoab is My washbowl; Over ^bEdom I shall throw My shoe;

Shout loud, O ^cPhilistia, because of Me!"

9 Who will bring me into the besieged city? Who ¹will lead me to Edom?
10 Hast not Thou Thyself, O God, ^arejected us? And ^bwilt Thou not go forth with our armies, O God?
11 O give us help against the adversary, For ^adeliverance ¹by man is in vain.
12 ¹Through God we shall ^ado valiantly,

And it is He who will ^btread down our adversaries.

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⁺ Lit., *The lily of testimony*

^{*} Possibly, Epigrammatic Poem or Atonement Psalm

^D 2 Sam. 8:3, 13; 1 Chr. 18:3, 12

^a Ps. 44:9

¹ Or, *broken out upon us*

^b 2 Sam. 5:20 ^c Ps. 79:5 ^d Ps. 80:3 ¹ Or, *earth* ^a Ps. 18:7 ^b 2 Chr. 7:14; Is. 30:26 ¹ Lit., caused Thy people to see ^a Ps. 66:12; 71:20 ² Lit., *wine of staggering* ^b Ps. 75:8; Is. 51:17, 22; Jer. 25:15 ^a Ps. 20:5; Is. 5:26; 11:12; 13:2 ¹*[Selah]* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo* or *Musical interlude* ^a Ps. 60:5-12; 108:6-13 ^b Deut. 33:12; Ps. 127:2; Is. 5:1; Jer. 11:15 ^c Ps. 17:7 1 Or, Some authorities read *me* ¹ Or, *sanctuary* ^a Ps. 89:35 ^b Gen. 12:6; 33:18; Josh. 17:7 ^c Gen. 33:17; Josh. 13:27 ^a Josh. 13:31 ^b Deut. 33:17 ¹ Lit., *protection* 2 Or, *lawgiver* ^c Gen. 49:10 ^a 2 Sam. 8:2 ^b 2 Sam. 8:14 ^c 2 Sam. 8:1 ¹ Or, has led ^a Ps. 60:1; 108:11 ^b Josh. 7:12; Ps. 44:9 ^a Ps. 146:3 ¹Lit., of¹ Or, In or With ^a Num. 24:18; Ps. 118:16 ^b Ps. 44:5; Is. 63:3 ⁱ*The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.