

Song of Trust in God's Protection

- 26:1 ^aIN that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:
 "We have a ^bstrong city;
 He sets up walls and ramparts for ¹ ^csecurity.
- 2 "Open the ^agates, that the ^brighteous nation may enter,
 The one that ¹remains faithful.
- 3 "The steadfast of mind Thou wilt keep in perfect ^apeace,
 Because he trusts in Thee.
- 4 "^aTrust in the LORD forever,
 For in ¹GOD the LORD, *we have* an everlasting ^bRock.
- 5 "For He has brought low those who dwell on high, the ^aunassailable city;
 ^bHe lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He casts it to the dust.
- 6 "^aThe foot will trample it,
 The feet of the ^bafflicted, the steps of the helpless."
- 7 The ^away of the righteous is smooth;
 O Upright One, ^bmake the path of the righteous level.
- 8 Indeed, *while following* the way of ^aThy judgments, O LORD,
 We have waited for Thee eagerly;
^bThy name, even Thy ^cmemory, is the desire of *our* souls.
- 9 ^aAt night ¹my soul longs for Thee,
Indeed, ²my spirit within me ^bseeks Thee diligently;
 For when the earth ³experiences Thy judgments
The inhabitants of the world ^clearn righteousness.
- 10 *Though* the wicked is shown favor,
He does not ^alearn righteousness;
 He ^bdeals unjustly in the land of uprightness,
And does not perceive the majesty of the LORD.
- 11 O LORD, Thy hand is lifted up *yet* they ^ado not see it.
 ¹They see ^bThy zeal for the people and are put to shame;
Indeed, ² ^cfire will devour Thine enemies.
- 12 LORD, Thou wilt establish ^apeace for us,
Since Thou hast also performed for us all our works.
- 13 O LORD our God, ^aother masters besides Thee have ruled us;
But through Thee alone we ¹ ^bconfess Thy name.
- 14 ^aThe dead will not live, the ¹departed spirits will not rise;
Therefore Thou hast ^bpunished and destroyed them,
 And Thou hast wiped out all remembrance of them.
- 15 ^aThou hast increased the nation, O LORD,
 Thou hast increased the nation, Thou art glorified;
Thou hast ^bextended all the borders of the land.
- 16 O LORD, they sought Thee ^ain distress;
They ¹could only whisper a prayer,
 Thy chastening was upon them.
- 17 ^aAs the pregnant woman approaches *the time* to give birth,

She writhes *and* cries out in her labor pains,
Thus were we before Thee, O LORD.

18 We were pregnant, we writhed *in labor*,
We ^agave birth, as it were, *only* to wind.

We could not accomplish deliverance for the earth
Nor were ^binhabitants of the world ¹born.

19 Your ^adead will live;

¹Their corpses will rise.

You who lie in the dust, ^bawake and shout for joy,
For your dew is as the dew of the ²dawn,

And the earth will ³give birth to the ⁴departed spirits.

20 Come, my people, ^aenter into your rooms,

And close your doors behind you;

Hide for a little ¹^bwhile,

Until ^cindignation ²runs *its* course.

21 For behold, the LORD is about to ^acome out from His place

To ^bpunish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;

And the earth will ^creveal her bloodshed,

And will no longer cover her slain.

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^a Is. 4:2; 12:1

^b Is. 14:31; 31:5, 9; 33:5, 6, 20-24

¹ Or, *salvation*

^c Is. 60:18

^a Is. 60:11, 18; 62:10

^b Is. 45:25; 54:14, 17; 58:8; 60:21; 61:3; 62:1, 2

¹ Lit., *keeps faithfulness*

^a Is. 26:12; 27:5; 57:19; 66:12

^a Is. 12:2; 50:10; 51:5

¹ Heb., *YAH*, usually rendered *LĪÏÐ*

^b Is. 17:10; 30:29; 44:8

^a Is. 25:12

^b Job 40:11-13

^a Is. 28:3

^b Is. 3:14, 15; 11:4; 29:19

^a Is. 57:2

^b Ps. 25:4, 5; 27:11; Is. 42:16; 52:12

^a Is. 51:4; 56:1

^b Is. 12:4; 24:15; 25:1; 26:13

^c Ex. 3:15

^a Ps. 63:5, 6; 77:2; 119:62; Is. 50:10; Luke 6:12

¹ Lit., with *my soul I long*

² Lit., with *my spirit...I seek*

^b Ps. 63:1; 78:34; Matt. 6:33

³ Lit., *has*

^c Is. 55:6; Hos. 5:15
^a Is. 22:12, 13; 32:6, 7
^b Hos. 11:7; John 5:37, 38
^a Is. 44:9, 18
¹ Or, *Let them see...and be*
^b Is. 9:7; 37:32; 59:17
² Or, *let the fire for Thine adversaries devour them*
^c Is. 5:24; 9:18, 19; 10:17; 66:15, 24; Heb. 10:27
^a Is. 26:3
^a Is. 2:8; 10:11
¹ Or, *cause to be remembered*
^b Is. 63:7
^a Deut. 4:28; Ps. 135:17; Is. 8:19; Hab. 2:19
¹ Or, *shades*
^b Is. 10:3
^a Is. 9:3
^b Is. 33:17; 54:2, 3
^a Is. 37:3; Hos. 5:15
¹ Lit., *sound forth a whisper*
^a Is. 13:8; 21:3; John 16:21
^a Is. 33:11; 59:4
^b Ps. 17:14
¹ Lit., *fallen*
^a Is. 25:8; Ezek. 37:1-14; Dan. 12:2; Hos. 13:14
¹ So with some ancient versions; Heb., *My*
^b Eph. 5:14
² Lit., *lights*
³ Lit., *cause to fall*
⁴ Or, *shades*
^a Ex. 12:22, 23; Ps. 91:1, 4
¹ Lit., *moment*
^b Ps. 30:5; Is. 54:7, 8; 2 Cor. 4:17
^c Is. 10:5, 25; 13:5; 34:2; 66:14
² Lit., *passes over*
^a Mic. 1:3; Jude 14
^b Is. 13:11; 30:12-14; 65:6, 7
^c Job 16:18; Luke 11:50
ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.