

Psalm 010 - Declarative

Praise/Imprecatory: Judgment Upon the Wicked

The Antichrist

This Psalm is the fullest description of the Antichrist of any of the Psalms. This entire Psalm is about the Wicked One. The opening verse gives the key to its dispensational scope. It contains the cry of the Jewish Remnant during the Tribulation period, here denominated "Times of Trouble" (Cf. Jer 30:7). So desperate is the situation of the true Israel, it seems as though Jehovah must have deserted them..."Why standeth Thou afar off, O Lord? Why hidest Thou Thyself in times of trouble?" (v1). Then follows a remarkably full description of their arch-enemy, the Wicked One. His pride (v2), his depravity: "He abhorreth the Lord" (v3 margin); his blasphemy: "All his thoughts are, There is no God" (v4 margin); his grievous ways, (v5); his consuming egotism, (v6); his deceitfulness, (v7); his treachery, (v8); his cruelty, (v9-10); his complacent pride, (v11), is each described. Then the Remnant cry, "Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up Thine hand: forget not the humble. Break Thou the arm of the Wicked and Evil One" (v12,15).

This Psalm is divided into four sections:

- (1) Cry of the Remnant (v1)
- (2) Character of the Antichrist (v2-11)
- (3) Cry of the Remnant Renewed (v12-15)
- (4) Confidence of the Remnant (v16-18)

Psalm 10

The Cry of the Remnant

- 1 Why do You stand far away, LORD? Why do You hide *Yourself* in times of trouble?
- 1 Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? Why do You hide *Yourself* in times of trouble?
- 1 Why do you stand far away, LORD? Why do you hide in times of distress?
- 1 Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?

The Character of the Antichrist

2 In arrogance the **wicked** hotly pursue the **needy**; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.

2 In pride the wicked hotly pursue the afflicted; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.

2 The wicked one arrogantly pursues the afflicted, who are trapped in the schemes he devises.

2 The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

- "...wicked [one]" - an OT allusion to the Antichrist; see also v4; 9:17; Is 11:4; Jer 30:23.

See [Allusions to the Antichrist](#).

- "...needy" - 7x in this chapter; see note on v17

3 For the wicked boasts of his soul's desire, And the greedy person curses *and* shows disrespect to the LORD.

3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire, And the greedy man curses *and* spurns the LORD.

3 For the wicked one boasts about his own desire; he blesses the greedy and despises the LORD.

3 For the wicked [one] boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.

4 The wicked, in his haughtiness, does not seek *Him*. There is no God *in* all his schemes.

4 The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance, does not seek *Him*. All his thoughts are, "There is no God."

4 With haughty arrogance, the wicked thinks, "God will not seek justice." He always presumes "There is no God."

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

- No desire for God; confirms his satanic origin

5 His ways succeed at all times; *Yet* Your judgments are on high, out of his sight; As for all his enemies, he snorts at them.

5 His ways prosper at all times; Your judgments are on high, out of his sight; As for all his adversaries, he snorts at them.

5 Their ways always seem prosperous. Your judgments are on high, far away from them. They scoff at all their enemies.

5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

6 He says to himself, "I will not be moved; Throughout the generations I will not be in adversity."

6 He says to himself, "I will not be moved; Throughout all generations I will not be in adversity."

6 They say to themselves, "We will not be moved throughout all time, and we will not experience adversity."

6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity.

7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression; Under his tongue is harm and injustice.

7 His mouth is full of curses and deceit and oppression; Under his tongue is mischief and wickedness.

7 Their mouth is full of curses, lies, and oppression, their tongues spread trouble and iniquity.

7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages; He kills the innocent in the **secret places**; His eyes surreptitiously watch for the unfortunate.

8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages; In the hiding places he kills the innocent; His eyes stealthily watch for the unfortunate.

8 They wait in ambush in the villages, they kill the innocent in secret.

8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

- "...secret places" - referred to by the Lord in Matt 24:26

9 He lurks in secret like a lion in his lair; He lurks to catch the needy; He catches the needy when he pulls him into his net.

9 He lurks in a hiding place as a lion in his lair; He lurks to catch the afflicted; He catches the afflicted when he draws him into his net.

9 Their eyes secretly watch the helpless, lying in wait like a lion in his den. They lie in wait to catch the afflicted. They catch the afflicted when they pull him into their net.

9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

10 Then he crushes *the needy one, who* cowers; And unfortunate people fall by his mighty power.

10 He crouches, he bows down, And the unfortunate fall by his mighty ones.

10 The victim is crushed, and he sinks down; the helpless fall by their might.

10 He croucheth, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

11 He says to himself, "God has forgotten; He has hidden His face; He will never see it."

11 He says to himself, "God has forgotten; He has hidden His face; He will never see it."

11 The wicked say to themselves, "God has forgotten, he has hidden his face, he will never see it."

11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it.

Beliefs of the Wicked

- "There is no God" (v2-4)
- "I shall not be moved" (v5-7)
- "God doesn't see me" (v8-11)
- "God will not judge me" (v12-13)

Cry of the Remnant Renewed

12 Arise, LORD; God, lift up Your hand. Do not forget the humble.

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand. Do not forget the afflicted.

12 Rise up, LORD! Raise your hand, God. Don't forget the afflicted!

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

13 Why has the wicked treated God disrespectfully? He has said to himself, "You will not require *an account*."

13 Why has the wicked spurned God? He has said to himself, "You will not require *it*."

13 Why do the wicked despise God and say to themselves, "God will not seek justice."?

13 Wherefore doth the wicked condemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.

Four Rebuttals

- God sees what is going on (v14)
- God judges sin (v15)
- God is King (v16)
- God defends His people (v17)

14 You have seen *it*, for You have looked at harm and provocation to take it into Your hand. The unfortunate commits *himself* to You; You have been the helper of the orphan.

14 You have seen *it*, for You have beheld mischief and vexation to take it into Your hand. The unfortunate commits *himself* to You; You have been the helper of the orphan.

14 But you do see! You take note of trouble and grief in order to take the matter into your own hand. The helpless one commits himself to you; you have been the orphan's helper.

14 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

- This answers v8-11, that the Lord pays no attention to what the wicked are doing...

15 Break the arm of the wicked and the evildoer, Seek out his wickedness until You find none.

15 Break the arm of the wicked and the evildoer, Seek out his wickedness until You find none.

15 Break the arm of the wicked and evil man; so that when you seek out his wickedness you will find it no more.

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his wickedness till thou find none.

- This answers the false claim of v12-13

Confidence of the Remnant

16 The LORD is King forever and ever; Nations have perished from His land.

16 The LORD is King forever and ever; Nations have perished from His land.

16 The LORD is king forever and ever; nations will perish from his land.

16 The LORD is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

- This answers the false notion of v1-4: God rules over all

17 LORD, You have heard the desire of the **humble**; You will strengthen their heart, You will make Your ear attentive

17 O LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear

17 LORD, you heard the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen them, you will listen carefully,

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

- "...humble" - better translated "poor"

— "poor" is mentioned 7x in this chapter (v2,8,9 [2x],10,14,17) emphasizing their complete poverty

— Since the Remnant refused the mark of the beast, they could not buy or sell (Cf. Rev 13:17)

18 To vindicate the orphan and the oppressed, So that mankind, which is of the earth, will no longer cause terror.

18 To vindicate the orphan and the oppressed, So that man who is of the earth will no longer cause terror.

18 to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that men of the earth may cause terror no more.

18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

- The wicked boast (v5-7) that they will not be moved; but God has other plans for "those who dwell on the earth" (the frequent phrase in Revelation!)