

Psalm 055 - The Antichrist: The Darkest Days

Theme: The darkest days under Antichrist. The Antichrist, the Man of Sin, is fully portrayed here in a remarkable way, a way that many who are even students of prophecy have never considered.

Probable Historical Context

Absalom, David's own son, led a rebellion against him. David was forced to leave Jerusalem. He found that many people were following his son, and he knew there would be trouble. In order that Jerusalem, his beloved city, would not be destroyed, he left it. He went back to the caves of the earth to hide. As David left his city, weeping, word was brought to him that Ahithophel, a member of his cabinet and ostensibly a close friend, had gone over to Absalom's side and had betrayed David.

2 Sam 15:30-31:

30 And David was going up the ascent of the *Mount of Olives*, weeping as he went, and his head was covered, and he was walking barefoot. Then all the people who were with him each covered his own head, and they were going up, weeping as they went.

31 Now someone informed David, saying, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "LORD, please make the advice of Ahithophel foolish."

- And that is exactly what God did. Keep this background in mind as we review this psalm.

Psalm 55

[To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David.]

1 Listen to my prayer, God; And do not hide Yourself from my pleading.

1 Give ear to my prayer, O God; And do not hide Yourself from my supplication.

1 Pay attention to my prayer, God, and do not hide yourself from my appeal.

1 Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

2 Give Your attention to me and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and severely distracted,

2 Give heed to me and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and am surely distracted,

2 Pay attention to me and answer me. I moan and groan in my thoughts,

2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

3 Because of the voice of the **enemy**, Because of the pressure of the wicked; For they bring down trouble upon me And in anger they hold a grudge against me.

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, Because of the pressure of the wicked; For they bring down trouble upon me And in anger they bear a grudge against me.

3 because of the voice of the enemy, and because of the oppression of the wicked. They bring down evil upon me, and in anger they hate me.

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

- "...enemy" - an OT allusion to the Antichrist; see [Allusions to the Antichrist](#)

4 My heart is in anguish within me, And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

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4 My heart is trembling within me, and the terrors of death have assaulted me.

4 My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

5 Fear and trembling come upon me, And horror has overwhelmed me.

5 Fear and trembling come upon me, And horror has overwhelmed me.

5 Fear and trembling have overwhelmed me, and horror has covered me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

- David did not know if he might be slain at that time, especially when those who had been so close to him had deserted

6 I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.

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6 I said, "O, who will give me the wings of a dove, so that I could fly away and live somewhere else?

6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

7 "Behold, I would flee far away, I would spend my nights in the wilderness. Selah

7 "Behold, I would wander far away, I would lodge in the wilderness. Selah.

7 Look, I want to flee far away; I want to settle down in the wilderness.

7 Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah.

8 "I would hurry to my place of refuge From the stormy wind *and* heavy gale."

8 "I would hasten to my place of refuge From the stormy wind *and* tempest."

8 I want to deliver myself quickly from this windstorm and tempest."

8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

9 Confuse them, Lord, divide their tongues, For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

9 Confuse, O Lord, divide their tongues, For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

9 Confound them, Lord, and confuse their speech, because I have seen violence and strife in the city.

9 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

- If you have ever experienced serious betrayal, you can imagine how this felt

- Ahithophel reminds us of Judas (In fact, Jesus quoted Ps 49 in this regard); and it may also be a foreshadowing of the nation Israel by the Antichrist.

10 Day and night they go around her upon her walls, And evil and harm are in her midst.

10 Day and night they go around her upon her walls, And iniquity and mischief are in her midst.

10 Day and night they prowl around its walls; evil and iniquity are within it.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

11 Destruction is in her midst; Oppression and deceit do not depart from her streets.

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11 Wickedness is at the center of it; fraud and lies never leave its streets.

11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

12 For it is not an enemy who taunts me, Then I could endure *it*; Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me, Then I could hide myself from him.

12 For it is not an enemy who reproaches me, Then I could bear *it*; Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me, Then I could hide myself from him.

12 For it is not an enemy who insults me— I could have handled that— nor is it someone who hates me and who now arises against me— I could have hidden myself from him—

12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

13 But it is you, a man my equal, My companion and my confidant;

13 But it is you, a man my equal, My companion and my familiar friend;

13 but it is you— a man whom I treated as my equal— my personal confidant, my close friend!

13 But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.

14 We who had sweet fellowship together, Walked in the house of God among the commotion.

14 We who had sweet fellowship together Walked in the house of God in the throng.

14 We had good fellowship together; and we even walked together in the house of God!

14 We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.

- Ahithophel may also be a picture of the Antichrist, who will betray the nation of Israel

— He will pretend to be their friend, will make a covenant with them, then will betray them David prays, and Ahithophel's counsel is put to confusion (2 Sam 15-16)

15 *May death come deceitfully upon them; May they go down alive to Sheol, For evil is in their dwelling, in their midst.*

15 *Let death come deceitfully upon them; Let them go down alive to Sheol, For evil is in their dwelling, in their midst.*

15 *Let death seize them! May they be plunged alive into the afterlife, for wicked things are in their homes and among them.*

15 *Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.*

16 As for me, I shall call upon God, And the LORD will save me.

16 As for me, I shall call upon God, And the LORD will save me.

16 I call upon God, and the LORD will deliver me.

16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

17 Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain and moan, And He will hear my voice.

17 Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain and murmur, And He will hear my voice.

17 Morning, noon, and night, I mulled over these things and cried out in my distress, and he heard my voice.

17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

18 He will redeem my soul in peace from the battle *which is* against me, For they are many *who are aggressive* toward me.

18 He will redeem my soul in peace from the battle *which is* against me, For they are many *who strive* with me.

18 He calmly ransomed my soul from the war waged against me, for there was a vast crowd who stood against me.

18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

19 God will hear and humiliate them— Even the one who sits enthroned from ancient times — Selah With whom there is no change, And who do not fear God.

19 God will hear and answer them— Even the one who sits enthroned from of old— *Selah*. With whom there is no change, And who do not fear God.

19 God, who is enthroned from long ago, will hear me and humble them. Because they do not repent, they do not fear God.

19 God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. *Selah*. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

20 He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him; He has violated his covenant.

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20 Each of my friends raises his hand against his allies; each of my friends breaks his word.

20 He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant.

- Antichrist is a liar! Remember that the Lord Jesus said the devil was a liar from the beginning (John 8:44), and Antichrist is right out of the pit of hell.

— He will break the seven year covenant he makes with Israel (Dan 9:24-27) after 3-1/2 years

21 His speech was smoother than butter, But his heart was war; His words were softer than oil, Yet they were drawn swords.

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21 His mouth is as smooth as butter, while war is in his heart. His words were as smooth as olive oil, while his sword is drawn.

21 The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.

- Again, Mr. Big Mouth, but his words and his motivations will not match

- Ahithophel, pretending to be a friend to David, was plotting against him. He was a little adumbration of the future Antichrist.

22 Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.

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22 Cast on the LORD whatever he sends your way, and he will sustain you. He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.

22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

23 But You, God, will bring them down to the pit of destruction; Men of bloodshed and deceit will not live out half their days. But I will trust in You.

23 But You, O God, will bring them down to the pit of destruction; Men of bloodshed and deceit will not live out half their days. But I will trust in You.

23 But you, God, bring them down to the Pit of corruption; bloodthirsty and deceitful people will not live out half their days. But I put my full confidence in you.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.