Psalm 44 For the sons of Ko-rah, Mas-chil King James Version (KJV) (Mas-chil = instruction)

- **44** We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old. (When God brought them out of Egypt, and cared for them)
- ² How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out. (In the promised land) (people= peoples -> Caananites) (God planted the Israelites into the promised land)
- ³ For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them. (God saved Israel, they didn't save themselves)
- ⁴Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob. (Jacob-means Israel, as he was re-named by God)
- ⁵Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.
- ⁶ For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. (David knew this, when he defeated Goliath) 1Samuel-17:45
- ⁷But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.
- *In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.
- But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies. (Senacareb, of Syria, was attacking Judah at the time)
- ¹⁰ Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.
- ¹¹Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.
- ¹²Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price.

- ¹³Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.
- ¹⁴Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.
- ¹⁵ My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,
- ¹⁶ For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.
- ¹⁷ All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.
- ¹⁸ Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way;
- ¹⁹Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of <u>dragons</u>, and covered us with the shadow of death. (<u>dragons</u>= jackals or foxes sometimes used to reference Kenites)
- ²⁰ If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;
- ²¹ Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.
- ²² Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.
- ²³ Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever.
- ²⁴ Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression?
- ²⁵ For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.
- ²⁶ Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

To the chief musician, upon Sho-shan-nim - Lillies in bloom, the time of Passover

(Possibly written a son of Korah, during the reign of king Hezekiah, of Judah)