

Psalm 79

4. ⁷For they have got the upper hand,
and Jacob's seed destroyed:
His habitation and his land,
they have left waste and void.
⁸Bear not in mind our former faults:
with speed some pity show,
And aid us, Lord, in all assaults:
for we are weak and low.
5. ⁹O God that givest all health and grace,
on us declare the same:
Weigh not our works, our sins deface,
for honour of thy name.
¹⁰Why shall the wicked still alway,
To us, as people dumb,
In thy reproach rejoice and say,
"Where is their God become?"
6. Require, O Lord, as thou seest good,
before our eyes in sight:
Of all these folk, thy servants' blood,
which they spilt in despite.⁴¹
¹¹Receive into thy sight in haste,
the clamours, grief, and wrong
Of such as are in prison cast,
sustaining irons strong.
7. Thy force and strength to celebrate,
Lord set them out of band,
Which unto death are destinate,⁴²
And in their enemies' hand.
¹²The nations which have been so bold
as to blaspheme thy name,
Into their laps with sevenfold
repay again the same
8. ¹³So we thy folk, thy pasture sheep
will praise thee evermore,
And teach all ages for to keep
for thee like praise in store.

⁴¹ Animosity, ill feeling, spite, hatred or strong dislike.

⁴² Destined.