

PSALM 76-77: I Will Remember.

1-3. **God** made Himself **known** by destroying Israel's enemies. He devastated the **weapons** of those who made war against Jerusalem, or **Salem, where He lives**.

4 – God is more glorious, beautiful than anything, He's incomparable.

5-10 – He plunders His stiff-necked enemies, as it were, lulling them to sleep and rendering their hands useless.

At His rebuke horses (strongest war animal) as destroyed.

God is feared, when angry, His judgments are unbearable, destroying His enemies and redeeming His beloved (The flood, Sodom and Gomorrah...Armageddon). Man's wrath against God prompts His righteous judgments that in return give Him glory.

The Psalmist declared that God made Himself known in Jerusalem by executing judgment (Assyrians, Babylonians, Medes, Persians, Greeks, Romans, Turks, Kurds, Arabs, Palestinians...).

Describing how God destroyed the wicked and delivered the righteous led Asaph to exhort the leaders to pledge their allegiance to God.

11-12. Believers should **fulfil** their **vows to...God**, bringing to the **One to be feared** what is due Him. By their **allegiance to God** people can **escape His** fearful **judgment on world rulers**. He can **cause** those who arrogantly rebel against Him to **fear** Him.

***Psalm 66:13** - I will go into Your house with burnt offerings; I will pay You my vows,*

Psalm 77

1-9: The Problem

Asaph **cried** earnestly **all night for God to hear** him, but was disquieted and confused..

He **searched for comfort**; **God troubled** him by keeping him **awake**, he **thought about the former days** when he could sing **in the night** about God's deliverances. But now he was perplexed because he had **no occasion for praise**.

He was perplexed because he seemed to be abandoned by the **LORD**. He wondered if God had **cast Israel off**, by discontinuing **His favour, love**, and **promise** and by withholding His mercy and **compassion** because of His **anger**.

10-20: The Solution

He found **comfort** and **hope** in choosing to remember God's goodness.

Asaph decided to recall; **meditate, consider**, God's **miracles** performed in the past by His **right hand**. His immediate reflection led him to **praise** the incomparably **holy** and, **great God** as Redeemer. God is incomparable because

he **performs** miraculous, **mighty** deeds, such as the redemption (deliverance) of His people from Egypt by His **arm**.

Asaph vividly described the phenomena that accompanied the display of power when God redeemed His people from Egypt. **Waters** responded to Him (at the crossing of the Red Sea), and **clouds...thunder...lightning...arrows**, and earthquakes revealed His power.

God used **Moses and Aaron** to lead His people miraculously out of danger **through the Red Sea** as if they were **a flock** of sheep.

So the implication of this praise-filled meditation is that God will again miraculously **rescue His people**, people whom He has redeemed to Himself.

1 Chronicles 16:12-15 - Remember His marvellous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth, O seed of Israel His servant, you children of Jacob, His chosen ones! He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth. Remember His covenant forever,

The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,

The Psalmist Asaph cried earnestly in the night from his troubled spirit, searching his soul for an answer to his distress. He found comfort in meditating on God's mighty deliverance at the Exodus.