

1 Rescue me from my enemies, O my God; □

set me high above those that rise up against me.

2 Save me from the evildoers □

and from murderous foes deliver me.

3 For see how they lie in wait for my soul □

and the mighty stir up trouble against me.

4 Not for any fault or sin of mine, O Lord; □

for no offence, they run and prepare themselves for war.

5 Rouse yourself, come to my aid and see; □

for you are the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel.

6 Awake, and judge all the nations; □

show no mercy to the evil traitors.

7 They return at nightfall and snarl like dogs □

and prowl about the city.

8 They pour out evil words with their mouths;

swords are on their lips; □

‘For who’, they say, ‘can hear us?’

9 But you laugh at them, O Lord; □

you hold all the nations in derision.

10 For you, O my strength, will I watch; □

you, O God, are my strong tower.

11 My God in his steadfast love will come to me; □

he will let me behold the downfall of my enemies.

12 Slay them not, lest my people forget; □

send them reeling by your might

and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

13 For the sins of their mouth, for the words of their lips, □

let them be taken in their pride.

14 For the cursing and falsehood they have uttered, □

consume them in wrath, consume them till they are no more.

15 And they shall know that God rules in Jacob, □

and to the ends of the earth.

16 And still they return at nightfall and snarl like dogs □

and prowl about the city.

17 Though they forage for something to devour, □

and howl if they are not filled,

18 Yet will I sing of your strength □

and every morning praise your steadfast love;

19 For you have been my stronghold, □

my refuge in the day of my trouble.

20 To you, O my strength, will I sing; □

for you, O God, are my refuge,

my God of steadfast love.

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