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PSALMS 22-25

2 O My God, I cry in the but You do not hear; a night season, and am not

3 But You are holy, ent the praises of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in trusted, and You delivered

5 They cried to You, and livered; they trusted in

Me from the lion's mouth the horns of the wild oxen! e answered Me.

Il declare Your name to My in the midst of the assempraise You.

who fear the LORD, praise you descendants of Jacob, and fear Him, all you

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se who seek Him will praise

p. Let your heart live for-

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er and turn to the LORD, and

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9 But You are He who too of the womb; You made while on My mother's brea 10 I was cast upon You fi

From My mother's womb been My God.

11 Be not far from Me, fo is near; for there is none to

12 Many bulls have su Me; strong bulls of Bashan circled Me.

13 They gape at Me w mouths, like a raging and

14 I am poured out like w all My bones are out of heart is like wax; it has within Me.

15 My strength is dried potsherd, and My tongue My jaws; You have brough

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001:015 Eliud of Eleazar; Eleazar of Matthan; Matthan of Jacob;

001:016 and Jacob of Joseph the husband of Mary, who was the mother of JESUS who is called CHRIST.

001:017 There are therefore, in all, fourteen generations from Abraham to David; fourteen from David to the Removal to Babylon; and fourteen from the Removal to Babylon to the Christ.

001:018 The circumstances of the birth of Jesus Christ were these. After his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they were united in marriage, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

001:019 But Joseph her husband, being a kind-hearted man and unwilling publicly to disgrace her, had determined to release her privately from the betrothal.

001:020 But while he was contemplating this step, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to bring home your wife Mary, for she is with child through the Holy Spirit.

001:021 She will give birth to a Son, and you are to call His name

JESUS for He it is who will save His People from their sins."

001:022 All this took place in fulfilment of what the Lord had spoken

through the Prophet,

001:023 "Mark! The maiden will be with child and will give birth to a son,

and they will call His name Immanuel"—a word which signifies

`God with us'.

001:024 When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded,

and brought home his wife,

001:025 but did not live with her until she had given birth to a son.

The child's name he called JESUS.

002:001 Now after the birth of Jesus, which took place at Bethlehem

in Judaea in the reign of King Herod, excitement was produced

in Jerusalem by the arrival of certain Magi from the east,

002:002 inquiring, "Where is the newly born king of the Jews? For we

have seen his Star in the east, and have come here to do him homage."

002:003 Reports of this soon reached the king, and greatly agitated

not only him but all the people of Jerusalem.

002:004 So he assembled all the High Priests and Scribes of the people,

and anxiously asked them where the Christ was to be born.

002:005 "At Bethlehem in Judaea," they replied; "for so it stands

written in the words of the Prophet,

002:006 "`And thou, Bethlehem in the land of Judah, by no means the least honorable art thou among princely places in Judah! For from thee shall come a prince—one who shall be the Shepherd of My People Israel.'"

002:007 Thereupon Herod sent privately for the Magi and ascertained from them the exact time of the star's appearing.

002:008 He then directed them to go to Bethlehem, adding, "Go and make

careful inquiry about the child, and when you have found him,

bring me word, that I too may come and do him homage."

002:009 After hearing what the king said, they went to Bethlehem, while,

strange to say, the star they had seen in the east led them on until it came and stood over the place where the babe was.

002:010 When they saw the star, the sight filled them with intense joy.

002:011 So they entered the house; and when they saw the babe with His mother Mary, they prostrated themselves and did Him homage, and opening their treasure-chests offered gifts to Him— gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

002:012 But being forbidden by God in a dream to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by a different route. 002:013 When they were gone, and angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise: take the babe and His mother and escape to Egypt, and remain there till I bring you word. For Herod is about to make search for the child in order to destroy Him."

002:014 So Joseph roused himself and took the babe and His mother by night and departed into Egypt.

002:015 There he remained till Herod's death, that what the Lord had said through the Prophet might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

002:016 Then Herod, finding that the Magi had trifled with him, was furious, and sent and massacred all the boys under two years of age, in Bethlehem and all its neighbourhood, according to the date he had so carefully ascertained from the Magi.

002:017 Then were these words, spoken by the Prophet Jeremiah, fulfilled,

002:018 "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and bitter lamentation: It was Rachel bewailing her children, and she refused to be comforted because there were no more."

002:019 But after Herod's death an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said to him,

002:020 "Rise from sleep, and take the child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead."

002:021 So he roused himself and took the child and His mother and came into the land of Israel.

002:022 But hearing that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod

on the throne of Judaea, he was afraid to go there; and

being

instructed by God in a dream he withdrew into Galilee,

002:023 and went and settled in a town called Nazareth, in order that

these words spoken through the Prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

003:001 About this time John the Baptist made his appearance,

preaching in the Desert of Judaea.

003:002 "Repent," he said, "for the Kingdom of the Heavens is now

close at hand."

003:003 He it is who was spoken of through the Prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying aloud, `In the desert prepare ye a road for the Lord: make His highway straight.'"

003:004 This man John wore a garment of camel's hair, and a loincloth

of leather; and he lived upon locusts and wild honey.

003:005 Then large numbers of people went out to him—people from Jerusalem

and from all Judaea, and from the whole of the Jordan valley

003:006 and were baptized by him in the Jordan, making full confession

of their sins.

003:007 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he exclaimed, "O vipers' brood, who has warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

003:008 Therefore let your lives prove your change of heart:

003:009 and do not imagine that you can say to yourselves, `We have

Abraham as our forefather,' for I tell you that God can raise up descendants for Abraham from these stones.

003:010 And already the axe is lying at the root of the trees,

so that every tree which does not produce good fruit will quickly be hewn down and thrown into the fire.

003:011 I indeed am baptizing you in water on a profession of repentance; but He who is coming after me is mightier than I: His sandals I am not worthy to carry for a moment; He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire.

003:012 His winnowing-shovel is in His hand, and He will make a thorough clearance of His threshing-floor, gathering His wheat into the storehouse, but burning up the chaff in unquenchable fire."

003:013 Just at that time Jesus, coming from Galilee to the Jordan,

presents Himself to John to be baptized by him.

003:014 John protested. "It is I," he said, "who have need to be

baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

003:015 "Let it be so on this occasion," Jesus replied; "for so we

ought to fulfil every religious duty." Then he consented;

003:016 and Jesus was baptized, and immediately went up from the water.

At that moment the heavens opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him,

003:017 while a voice came from Heaven, saying, "This is My Son,

the dearly loved, in whom is My delight."

004:001 At that time Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the Desert

in order to be tempted by the Devil.

004:002 There He fasted for forty days and nights; and after that He

suffered from hunger.

004:003 So the Tempter came and said, "If you are the Son of God,

command these stones to turn into loaves."

004:004 "It is written," replied Jesus, "`It is not on bread alone

that a man shall live, but on whatsoever God shall appoint."

004:005 Then the Devil took Him to the Holy City and caused Him to stand

on the roof of the Temple,

004:006 and said, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down; for it is written, "`To His angels He will give orders concerning thee, and on their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any moment thou shouldst strike thy foot against a stone.'"

004:007 "Again it is written," replied Jesus, "`Thou shalt not put the Lord thy God to the proof.'"

004:008 Then the Devil took Him to the top of an exceedingly lofty mountain, from which he caused Him to see all the Kingdoms of the world and their splendour,