THREE ANAGRAMS OF PSALMS 119

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The 119th Psalm is notable for a variety of reasons.

First, as to physical location within the Bible, it is very close to being at the midpoint. The middle chapter, Psalms 117, is only two chapters away, while the middle verse, Psalms 118:8, misses by only 21 verses. My own calculations put the mid-point based on letter count on the other side, at the colon in the middle of Ecclesiastes 2:12.

Second, as to length, with 10,251 letters it's the longest chapter in the Bible, I Kings 8 coming in second with 8,935.

Third, as to quality, here is what the famous commentator, Matthew Henry, has to say about it: “This is a Psalm by itself, like none of the rest; it excels them all ... like Solomon’s Proverbs, it is a chest of gold rings, not a chain of gold links.”

And lastly, it has special interest from the standpoint of wordplay. It is divided into 22 sections, each containing 8 verses, and each named after a letter of the Hebrew alphabet. In Hebrew it is an acrostic, with the first letter of each verse in a section being the letter after which that section is named.

Because of the central importance of this chapter, I felt that it deserved to have the fullest possible anagrammatic treatment; and because of its structure, I have chosen to anagram it on all three levels: chapter, section, and verse.

Chapter Level

About a year ago Mike Keith, with whom I was then co-authoring The Anagrammed Bible, suggested that I look into the possibility of block anagramming 119 into a narrative that would cover the entire Old Testament. I finally settled on a plan to do it in 40 sections—one for each Old Testament book, with a separate section corresponding to the Epistle Dedicatory that forms the preface to the King James Bible. Furthermore, I decided to preface each section with the name of the book, and arrange to have the contents of the 39 sections (minus the titles) be exact anagrams of each other. The book names and the Dedicatory thus serve as a catchall for those letters, which being removed from the original, leave a set in which each letter occurs an exact multiple of 39 times. This did not represent a minimal extraction (given that the set of letters comprising the Book names was pretty much fixed). These leftovers formed a rather challenging letter set, and I wound up extracting a few more blocks of 39 letters to give it a somewhat less unmanageable vowel percentage.

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There is only one compromise I had to make. It turns out that the 119th Psalm contains only three Z's, whereas the set of Old Testament book names contains four. So I had to rename one of them. Ezra and Ezekiel are the two most well known, so I thought it best not to change those (and besides, Ezekiel would become The Son of Buzi, which would not have helped!) So I had to chose between Zephaniah and Zechariah. Though the latter is somewhat more well known, and a considerably longer book, I nevertheless chose to change it to The Son of Berechiah, rather than changing Zephaniah to The Son of Cushi, simply because of the greater similarity between the father and son names.

It is an interesting and rather satisfying coincidence, in view of the fact that the Hebrew alphabet contains 22 letters, that the 232-letter set which is anagrammed into the 39 book descriptions, contains only 22 letters from the English alphabet. The reason for this is that j, q, x, and z each occur less than 39 times in the psalm, and therefore all of those letters had to go into the Dedicatory preface or book names.

Section level

Literal translations into English are not able to preserve this Psalm's beautiful acrostic effect. But if we make a minor concession to the available letters, and if we require only that the resulting content not be incompatible with the general message of the original, it is possible to anagram this chapter, section by section, in such a way as to exhibit an acrostic-like pattern. My rendition is not really a true acrostic, since the initial letters are quite random, and not in any regular alphabetic sequence.

Of the 26 letters in the English alphabet, four (j, q, x, and z) do not occur with sufficient frequency to be viable candidates. Of the remaining 22, all but one are found to occur eight times or more in at least one of the 22 sections. Unfortunately the letter B occurs no more than 7 times in any one section, and so for uniformity I decided to do each section with just 7 verses.

In the Hebrew, it is seldom the case that any two of the beginning words in a section are the same. However, I thought it would nicely enhance the acrostic effect to require that the entire first word of each verse, not merely the first letter, be identical.

Verse level

This is the only one of the three approaches that of necessity leaves out the section titles. So in order to remedy this omission, I offer the following “pangram”:

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\text{aleph beth gimel daleth he vau zain cheth teth jod caph lamed mem nun samech ain pe tzaddi koph resh schin tau}
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Ah, just check the amazing Zion alphabet the Lord's men had made up, a vehicle that did help them in human speech.

With this addition, all three renditions become full anagrams of the original.

In what follows, each verse in the King James original is given in bold italics, followed in regular type by the verse-level anagram. Following each section is given, in regular italics, the section-level anagram. Finally, at the very end is the chapter-level Old Testament summary.
**Aleph**

*Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.*
Be thee inwardly well off, all who seek anew the hidden truth, as I do.

*Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.*
He that is meek, that walks beside the Lord in his way, hath serene hope: I met the test.

*They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.*

*Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.*
Such truly splendid hope! to get it, men, take my code's path.

*O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!*  
State the key truth: a respect was owed to my deity.

*Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.*
A man needs truth school. Ah men, contemplate his laws and then live by them.

*I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.*
We trust thee, parent God: humans shall see joy; he'll withdraw the hurting pain, give his heirs life.

*I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.*  
Let saint testify pro-law: "O, meekly seek out truth."

Keep ye all the commandments which the Lord in his wisdom hath given unto us.  
Keep ye all the testimonies which the Lord testifies in any way unto you.  
Keep ye all the statutes that the wise Lord hath established for you.  
Keep ye all the judgments that the Lord with his wisdom hath decreed.  
Keep thee strong in all the sweet heavenly precepts that the Lord inspires.  
Keep walking in this my Lord's way, a saint's way, that you may thus be able to find the truth.

**Beth**

*Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.*
Ah, how can a sweet male child not go wretchedly astray? by knowing his true and holy heritage.

*With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.*
Might those men and women that love the ways of my Lord come here with truth? Amen!

*Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*
The divine writing: he that may hear that, has it gone into his mind?

*Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.*
Select my road, that's to heed absolute truths.

*With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.*
I oft delight much in thy just law. Death? my Lord, help save me!

*I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.*
I'm holy if I enjoy heaven's truth as a child whose taste is in ice cream.

*I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.*
Happy campers went in thy way, Lord; I elect the divine statutes.

*I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.*
Lo, ye'll win, if settled in God's mighty writ, still the way of truth.

*Will ye merit justice? show justice to other men.*
*Will ye find that path that leads to my God? keep the commandments he hath given.*
*Will ye obtain the divine mercy? show thyself rather merciful to God's children.*
*Will ye maintain health? show thy body respect, since it's a temple of the soul.*
*Will ye gain that wisdom that cometh with age? study the teachings that he hath given unto man.*
*Will ye understand that truth he hath given? be aware that ye must stay near him and rely on him.*
*Will ye avoid the mire of error's sinister way? do that which God says to do.*
Gimel

Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.
I want to have thy kind, vital help: free us, and I'll be worthy at my duty.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.
Oh God omnipotent shone on us. Ah, we use faith! I'll be worthy at my duty.

I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.
Tormented afar amidst harm, thy remnant's coming home in thee.

My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.
Hallelujah unto my king today; trusting the testaments, alright - both of them!

Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments.
He bred much error: Oh, the crud! You'd thwart the scum; damn them to a pit of darkness.

Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.
I offer Him to convert, that I may ever keep the commandments. O prosper!

Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.
Depraved atheist kings did pin the scandal on me; but as a saint, I attest my deity's trust.

Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors.
Ah, yes, I'll rely lots on a deity's righteous commandments.

Many are those faithful promises that God doth give unto them that do their duty.
Many are the statutes that his children must live by, declared to them by the prophets.

Many are God's mercies unto good men that are distant from wicked sinful deeds.
Many are the godly works that mortal men of faith must perform to merit his glory.

Many are the covenants outlined that people must accept entirely to live in his kingdom.
Many are his divine truths that mankind must study, think upon, and be true to.

Many will be the high rewards that all those who obey his commandments may enjoy.

Daleth

My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.
Quite downcast? stuck in the mud? go early to church, to devout holy men.

I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.
I must hear thy words, as they educate, save, and let me cheat my death.

Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.
My task, to perform when awakened unto truth, is: spread thy holy code's laws to folks.

My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.
A monster load of sin crusheth us: worthy Lord, give me thy huge contentment.

Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.
My fraud alarm lightens my way: O go not where evil, crafty men go.

I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.
Death? be merry! I just have such delight; I'm on the way off to heaven!

I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame.
Stop! seek thy truths, as devout men come not to humiliation.

I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.
When the human family's lost, we can't return home: Lord light thy way! Amen.

Unto my Lord may we seek to show ourselves trustworthy and receive kind mercy!
Unto my Lord's choice revelations may we steadfastly listen, and study them.

Unto the Almighty's law may we give heed, to follow the path that he hath charted for us.
Unto the Most High may men come when sick of soul or heart. Ah, that they may repent!

Unto the mighty God may we look, and accord faith unto the laws that he hath justly made.
Unto Heaven might our prayers ascend, duly giving thanks for the truth.

Unto my Lord may we ever come in quest of much counsel, wisdom, and self-betterment.
Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.
Open my eyes to the laws, OK; and it's a fact, I'll heed the truth unto death.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
Revealed knowledge! by its light, with thy aid, man shall always merit sure hope in heaven.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.
Oh, may not this meek man clothed in the faith get redemption from God?
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.
Oh, isn't enviousness a stain! Oh let me not court my tendency to it;
Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.
But may I know of thy law and deny here my quite inane, naughty, minor vices.
Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.
Lord, thy saints have hated sin, vowed to be worthy of thy trust.
Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.
No ethical delinquency, men; thus God preserves; so keep right by the faith.

Never seek anything which is not of the highest quality in matters of wisdom.
Never act disloyally, jealously, maliciously, or in any other such naughty way.
Never heed those demands made of you by those men who are the wicked and the unholy.
Never attempt to be other than godly men and women, doing what thy Lord bids thee to.
Never think that which is untrue, cheap, petty, mean or filthy. Be most faithful men.
Never quit acting meekly, piously, and in the most worthy of ways. The truth? Seek it!
Never cease from doing many a deed that is good, that is right, and that is proper.

Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, even thy salvation, according to thy word.
Very uncool to deny immortality's miracle: lo, he now cheats death, converts to God.
So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.
Short story: we have faith in the Lord; we hear his truths; we champion the moral writ.
And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.
Oh, oft tempted, eh? unhurt though, for I'm devout, moral, and keen to try to find thy just way.
So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.
Flay evil adulterers, killers, etc. Oh, no haven! now pay!
And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.
I keep by the Lord's perfect way; I'll wink at trials.
I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.
Make me want to sin? be off, sods! I shall deplore, whilst obeying like a saint.
And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.
When the damn devil's in me, fallen victim, I'd clash with my holy God.
My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.
Lo, the small mind covets "needed" money; thus I must not want it: I'd put all my faith in law which has validity.

All folks that thankfully obey God's command merit victory over the horrid error of sin.
All they who circumvent the commandments unhappily do not partake of his divine love.
All dedicated men who commit to keep his law will understand many things hidden from man's view.
All ye that do not make his every statute the primary guide to the truth will not find out his way.
All ye that walk not in his path will not become the heirs to his heaven.
All ye worthy men that do respect his judgments will find a blessed view of it.
All ye saints that choose his way out of duty will receive many worthwhile favours.
Zain

Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope. A vow hath unburdened me to choose truth. Why? the humane promise protects.

This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me. Doomsday? fathom forthwith my infinite mercy: conquer sick filth.

The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law. The haughty decadent world did spit on me: "Hey, fool!" Here I remain, very valiant.

I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself. Oh, a former fold of lame, hurt men loved by God, rests my dejected mind.

Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law. Oh oh! men that walk in the path of dark, black error, eh? they'd oft cause us woe!

Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage. See then, as my feet travel to thy house, I go passing by humming.

I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law. Ah, might men revel in thee, and beam at thy love: thy kind reward? hope!

This I had, because I kept thy precepts. Keep by paths his pure ethics dictate.

Open hearts may feel that joy which my Lord hath freely vowed to him that hath belief.
Open minds know of the commandments given by my Lord: then they'd behold his face.
Open souls are recommended as future immortal heirs of salvation; their faith saves them.
Open eyes are guided up by my God, and thereby evade much dark, wicked error.
Open ears may hear that which quencheth thirst, if they want to drink the truth he has.
Open mouths communicate with zeal my Lord's every truth.
Open pocketbooks indeed give a faithful tithing to my God.

Cheth

Thou art my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words. I like happy moral data: so, wise to truth, devout, I'd honor thy word.

I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word. Oh, I worry much, till my faith be not tainted: hence, O God, reward it; watch over my future.

I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. To me, that naughty fun is synonymous with demoted eternity.

I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments. I'm not damned; a steady decent path makes me to end holy.

The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law. Vibes of the bad beckon but I thwart them, and fly where? to heaven; to God.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments. My huge tributes unto God; O I lift them in dark, since he's so just at giving thee the law.

I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts. I keep calmly on the team of that man, that peer, that has a mind of perfect hope.

The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes. The moral of each of thy secret truths? I yet study them all.

Heed that direction that's found in scripture, that you may seek after its statutes.
Heed the recommendations made unto man by the Bible's pages; be very kind and just.
Heed fully that help that oft comes thence: from men appointed by thy God.
Heed all the words that many devout prophets have taught us, that merit immortal life.
Heed the many admonitions that thy Lord might give you; and commit no sin.
Heed not them that want to try to make you forget that which ye know is of great value.
Heed not that woeful horrific error which will come to you by way of the wicked.
Teth

Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.
God will scold unworthy cowards, not valiant to the truth they heard.

Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.
Me? I'm fervent, and behave; and hence, just God, do welcome me to thy glad kingdom.

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.
I was the bad town flirt: after I face burdens, I vow to keep thy way.

Thou art good, and dost good; teach me thy statutes.
Ah, thy sage code! that's not outdated; so tutor me, God.

The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.
If I watch the haughty people make up dirt on me that's warped, glory be! I will serve thee.

Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law.
Haughty "wise" liar's deals! I attain far better heights.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.
To that mighty evil bad fortune, the effect that it has: I'm in God's atelier.

The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.
That hundreds of dollars sum total? O, it won't buy me the things of heaven.

Blessed is the good man, putting tacit trust in that which came from God.
Blessed is the good woman, that avoids getting totally out of touch with the truth of God.
Blessed is that country that walketh firm in the path of the divine law of God.
Blessed are they who are mature, that avoid what is vulgar, gaudy, tawdry, or unworthy.
Blessed are men which keep to the limit every commandment of the Lord God.
Blessed are ye that get a total understanding of the divine way, left in hope of heaven.
Blessed are ye that awake with uplifted heart, in calm joy at the truth.

Jod

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.
Heaven hath made a commitment, and God disseminated his many grand heavenly truths: many men fed.

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.
See hated roads: they who value thee will be cheering when my feet abide thy path.

I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.
I'm thankful that God hath oft allowed sordid, unfair times: they can just strengthen faith.

Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.
By coming often to my rescue, if I cry "My Father and Lord!", the trustworthy Lord kept his covenant.

Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.
Acclaim the statutes of my Lord: I glory in them: hey, evidently we merit them!

Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts.
Let the vain low world be accursed, they that berate me; wait! see, I'm uplifted: I do happily esteem thy pure truths.

Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.
That human that swore not to live the statutes, is he not then ranked of the enemy?

Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.
Satan abuseth to death; I deny not the truth; may it bless me.

Trust in the Lord who keepeth the many commitments which he has made unto moral men.
Trust my Lord's covenants that he has made with the Jew; ye see that he defeats all heathen enemies.

Trust my God; yea, he will verily remember each man that communicates often by a prayer unto him.
Trust that justice will be given by God to every man that hath kept his feet from the evil and decadent way.

Trust that my God will indeed be infinitely merciful unto the seed of Israel, and them that are attached to the faith.

Trust in my God's holy prophets; watch the events they have foreseen unfold at the dates foretold.

Trust in the holy word; if God is the author, may man study it, and keep it in mind by day and by night.
Caph

My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.
This man down? no, by virtue of thy holy total faith, rise up!

Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?
Gosh! I'm now cut off. Why? Why not administer relief to me early?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes.
Be thee a meek one; stick by God's truth, too: testimony for a total lifetime.

How many are the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?
How few years can the just expect to numerate? thwart thou my most evil enemy, then hang the dude!

The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law.
Frightful powers who have hate try to drag me in a deep ditch.

All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.
Thou, the all-powerful, art perfect, mighty; let my human enemy fall: he's consumed!

They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.
Corrupt foes hunt, and attempt to shame or lynch me; I espoused thy book.

Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.
Note: thinking daily of thy mercies evokes in me thy most helpful quotes. Thanks!

From unjust men, dishonest men, and hateful men may we yet be delivered.
From all those wicked men, O may I have the protection of thy holy providence.
From the worthless, unhealthy path to sin might we choose to stay away, untouched.
From that which is extremely unrighteous may I flee, O God, unto thee, my happy hope.
From all that untested, twisted, chronic evil might we be most safely kept, by thy care.
From that's not true, nor holy, may I often seek refuge in contemplating thy books of truth.
From the unfruitful way that leadeth to unhappiness might we seek most quickly to depart.

Lamed

For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.
He saw vile errors: oh, don't try to defend evil.

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
Oh, the Eternal! he that has this astounding beautiful little orb's fate in his steady hands.

They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.
Eternal God's earth and sun fly not in anarchy: thy voice is direction to the arcs.

Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.
My life held sad sin; might be hopeless, unenhanced in all the truth of his divine way.

I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.
The worthy must now quit cheap, imperfect, life: serve the Lord, the King.

I am thine, save me: for I have sought thy precepts.
I've much hope, as every temptations fighter has.

The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.
By thy wisdom I'm wide awake to horrific deceit: O, don't trust these evil elements.

I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.
Man is not innocent, but redeemed by God's divine example: off, the carnal ache!

Incline thy mind, to be opened in all issues to the true advice that the Lord has provided.
Incline thine every thought toward the firm commandments the Lord gives thee.
Incline thy heart and mind to be faithful, steadfast, and thus trustworthy.
Incline thy soul to embrace everything of worth which has come from the realm above.
Incline thy deeds as of a man who bravely seeks every day after righteousness.
Incline thy spirit to every exquisite, safe, established principle of worthiness.
Incline thine attitude unto the keeping of all of the laws God hath made, as he's demanded.
**Mem**

*O how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day.*
What do I? O, I'm loyal to thy divine ways all the time.

*Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.*
Where harm menaces him, the mature man met woe; he has the testimony of God's every truth in mind.

*I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.*
O, master! I dream in thy faith; I envisage doctrine that my human mentors really don't see.

*I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.*
Past authority can be a mind's sin pretence; hence seek deep truth.

*I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.*
Fie to depraved infamy! I leave. Why? very meek, worthy, I'm after the right.

*I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.*
My favoured thing's a just path; he, that God of truth, mentored me.

*How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!* 
Meet woe? thy way out, and why the heart rests: the two are synonymous to me.

*Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.*
Despite fates, thy nice truth helps to gauge and fight every error anywhere.

Every nation that feareth God has this promise: they may stave off enemy sieges.
Every kindred with the will to obey him has the promise, that they may understand wisdom.
Every tongue that will make mention of my name has the weighty promise, that they might enjoy mercy.
Every people that has sought after the commandments, I promise that I will cater to their need.
Every adulterous man cometh under my wrath; his fate: die a hideous death.
Every unrighteous woman meets with her fate: an unfortunate end.
Every imperfect human that heard, and went contrary to my word, getteth misery.

**Nun**

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*
Let that sun of truth dawn; may God lay it on me! I'm happy!

*I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.*
We oft time pour over kind, just law he writes; I'm all delight in thy phrasing.

*I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.*
Clique augured harm? O, my Lord, crack down on them! I convicted fifty.

*Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.*
Help my mind God; effect of the cerebral sermon? educate me on the justice of thy highest law.

*My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.*
The Lord's way? loyally sync to mighty foundation. I'm in tune!

*The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.*
The crafty plan to harm me: I ever desire to keep thy fine, sacred word.

*Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.*
O heaven! A heart ever seeking after it? Oh, they say inheriting joy after earth comes from it.

*I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end.*
The divine ways help us endure more in a trial: thy fate? to have contentment.

Yield not to enticement from evil men, that ye may remain clean from this wicked world's path.
Yield to that enticing of the Spirit, that ye may have help keeping away from harm and injury.
Yield of thy substance and thy might most generously for the church.
Yield yourselves to God; enter his sanctuary, the home of truth, with faith and hope.
Yield not unto flattering talk which comes from the mouth of a man or woman of ill-repute.
Yield no quarter whatever to damaging injustice; seek to perform faithful service.
Yield repeated justice and dignity to men wherever and whenever ye can.
**Samech**

*I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.*

Devout, I want thy halo; thus, evil habit, go!

**Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.**

I mind your law: charity? my God hath it; depend on his help.

**Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.**

Off, ye men of the world: I'm committed: seek my Lord's redeeming approval.

**Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.**

One touch, supported by thy arm: I'm avoiding fallen death, and am welcomed to thy home.

**Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.**

Ah, if I'll be true, even to all thy laws, and not contumacious, I'll thus detest unhappy Hades.

**Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.**

Fear of truth's not in that adulterer: watch! the fool's destroyed as the Lord doth smite him.

**Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.**

I keep thy sweet statutes, for thou administereth death here to evil fools: they will croak!

**My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.**

Ah, I'm oft left feeble from dread of my Father's mighty just hand near.

Surely that godly man of faith that heeds the commandments of the Father will find joy.

Surely they that did opt to have a meek, obedient attitude may hope to be awarded heaven.

Surely devout men that choose the ideal path of truth find freedom from error.

Surely that man with wisdom that makes the law of God a guide will be most happy.

Surely that man of horrid, evil acts will find himself in much misery, loathing it.

Surely that loathsome, crooked man who chose depravity shall die totally condemned.

Surely God provideth restitution to nice people that suffer much by the hands of hostile men.

**Ain**

*I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.*

Innocent, desperados jump me: something doesn't evaluate or jive.

**Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.**

Free from every bad opponent's plot, thy truth, O God, restores us.

**Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.**

Here in all of my unworthy affairs, I strive so often, God, to see thy hands.

**Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.**

Can't rid evil? my attachment's unto God. Why? he stayeth the accursed tyrant.

**I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.**

Thy unseen kingdom? my mind that reveres not Satan may view it, sigh at it.

**It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law.**

To the worthy Father: make a move to rid sordid, filthy, evil woe!

**Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.**

Come, and don't be a fool; my heavenly God before silver - give me that!

**Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.**

I freely accept here all thy cogent law - the energy of its strength; I despise, Oh man, aberrant evil.

Very great and powerful is the divine Lord enthroned above: he's totally moral, too.

Very just indeed is my Lord; who rewards people with the fate they deserve.

Very caring is God, showing mercy and long-suffering to men that commit sin.

Very kind is he, forgiving men some of their many failings.

Very pathetic is the damnation of those that refuse to awaken to thee and to choose thy truth.

Very good must be all the acts thou performest, to be entitled to a happy estate after death.

Very strictly must ye observe all of God's commandments, that ye may enjoy an inheritance in heaven.
Pe

Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.
Lo, I meekly honored the statutes of thy mouth wise men preferred.

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.
Thy grand, perfect thoughts shine on, the glitter within elevating devout minds.

I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.
If no God (Ha! a pure myth), my no-comfort despondent mind lamented.

Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.
Do thou not even abandon us; me? shut me not out of thy home or I sulk, all upset at the outcome.

Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
May I quit my dirty evil; not ever dishonor thee: note now my sin, and pardon.

Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.
Perils prospect? no! keep me from it: I, myself, love and worship thee.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.
They that eat truths, taste of heaven; sunny sky accompanied them.

Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.
Why tears? when your eyes see a victim of unrepentant works bleed.

Do many little kind deeds unto thy fellow men, for thus we promote much peace and harmony.
Do thine every duty unto the Lord; live a faithful man, esteemed in the eyes of God.
Do many inspiring acts of service unto those men and women whose lives are spent in poverty.
Do ye everything that's required of people who come to know his statutes' truth.
Do not break any commandment; keep every one of them.
Do not make thyself unhappy, tormented with much that is very unholy, heathen, or sinful.
Do not submit to the many pressures that might urge thee to persist in temptation's peril.

Tzaddi

Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgments.
High and ultimate joys through God, our trusted partner!

Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.
The many statutes God hath divinely made, aim to offer us a rich, honest truth.

My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.
Remember thou my seed, thou whose ethical covenant's my amazing defense.

Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.
I have thy every restored truth fervently to worship.

I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.
Tiny, detested, peers scorn, oft do damage: still I'm happy.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.
I see this greatness thy seer has shown and taught unto us: it's very thrilling!

Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.
Lost, my memories haunt me: but thank my Lord, God; he can enlighten and save the day.

The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.
Heaven sees everything; trust God, he's administering most divine healings: all sin is left out.

Give unto God a tithing; the first tenth of all money that thou madest is the Lord's.
Give liberally unto poor, nameless men and women; shelter the severely distressed.
Give alms humbly unto them that despair and are tormented or depressed.
Give a measure of thy donations, with a merry heart unto the charity chest.
Give kind service joyfully and with much zealousness unto them that suffer.
Give ear unto your God's truths, that ye might understand many things regarding him and his Zion.
Give heed unto the Lord's messages, that ye may discover the happiness that is thy destiny.
Koph

I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes.
I deplore the mere world; I seek totally that true way which is Him.
I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.
Heaven's touch? I'm in tears and I seek it; so let deity help me.
I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.
If down, in danger, I depend on thy might, and then I've coped with error.
Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.
I? I'm the victim with the pain; then God, grant thee my tears thy sweet end.
Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.
Cry detected? Oh look! God's kind grace, moving in mercy, ends it: count on having much tranquil joy.

Resh

Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.
I'm devoid of sin and error: my intent? follow a code reflecting faith.
Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.
Mark how I, a God, decry a decadent crime: consequently dump evil.
They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.
The filthy, who drift from faith, face great eternal alarms: why! O why!

Thou art near, O LORD: and all thy commandments are truth.
Man, err not; trust a holy moral document, and halt hatred.
Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.
I've thought much of the covenants; and I oft think they, reminders of old, are not so new.

Choose to make thy life conform with every precept thy God hath given men.
Choose wisdom rather than that impertinent, improper, and unredeeming error.
Choose to avoid sinking down, mired in the mighty wicked, decadent, and shameful way.
Choose to have that just, discreet attitude in all thy many dealings with mankind.
Choose maturely to quit every manner of evil, unworthy, and vengeful deeds.
Choose to walk all the time in the right path of truth which deity hath directed men walk in.
Choose rightly to remain far from the trendy, rotten, and filthy things in the world.

Remain conformed to thy Lord's instructions; henceforth be quick to defend his teachings.
Remain ever perfectly chaste, doing thy many just works whether major or minor.
Remain very firmly committed to seeing decent deeds done in this world, to restore the good.
Remain steadfast when under attack by very corrupt, godless, degenerate forces.
Remain utterly valiant in thy God's holy ways; seeking to do kind deeds; eschewing hatreds.
Remain completely unmoved by the seductiveness of evil, quick to depart from chicanery.
Remain quite thoroughly free of indecent wrongdoing, so keeping thy modesty and virtue.
**Schin**

*Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.*

When I'm dumped on without a reason by petty cheats, I'd watch a father's ever true cues.

*I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.*

Steady to the faith, not erring, I adopt so rich a jewel!

*I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.*

Holy, I do abort an evil, lewd, naughty habit.

*Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.*

Statutes of God and his justice have my eyes open: a big merit's due here.

*Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.*

An evil of vain wrong? my God hath helped, then he escheweth that fallacy.

*LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.*

Oh, don't trend from my path, and on this day do claim heaven's love.

*My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.*

Thy heavenly commands? I like these types; I exult in them to God.

*I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.*

As I obeyed, I knew every part of thy complete plans: the faith steers my heart.

Praise ye the wise Lord that hath made the heavens and the earth.

Praise God ye decent men that live by the faith; humbly choose to avoid vanity and vice.

Praise ye the Lord, and be not drawn by temptations; flee Satan's evil ways.

Praise ye the Almighty God and the champion of truth, by whom life is given unto men.

Praise ye the Lord often, and continue to do much that's expected of thee.

Praise God with joyful music all ye that have each known his mighty works.

Praise ye the Lord whose justice and gentle mercy saveth thy soul from death.

**Tau**

*Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.*

I detect the tendency to grave error, and abhor ugly crime: confer godly wisdom on me.

*Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.*

We're ill, in harm: if my voice ascend up to God, he'd elect to be my protector.

*My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.*

I must shout thy message well, as thy path up is that eternal truth.

*My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.*

My mouth frames no carnal message: I know the splendor of God; yes, all thy truths.

*Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.*

Cheesy filth, eh? repent! champion even the Lord's path.

*I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law is my delight.*

Thrown in my God's very good hands, ideally I'll have total faith.

*Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.*

Held up in the angels hands, my joy's all elevated: I'll trumpet it's theme.

*I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.*

If my legs move on a track that goes to the darkness my despair, that Holy one intervenes.

*Let the vast sky praise the Lord my God; the sun shall testify of thy glory.*

Let earth praise my God; the high mountains and mighty ocean demonstrate thy power.

*Let all creatures speak praises to my God and my king, who liveth amongst the very clouds.*

Let devout men, these learned men that have cymbals and lutes, commence to praise my Lord.

*Let women that love virtue praise my Lord with timbrels, hymns, and a dance.*

Let children full of faith choose to praise God in the joyful innocence of youth.

*Let choirs of angels praise my Lord, oh yes even the great God, with the harp and the trumpet.*
Holy Bible
God's Law, commissioned by the august King James, published in sixteen hundred eleven. The Holy Bible will quite ably address major significant questions of religion by quoting from soliloquies of God's judiciously wise, infallibly holy elder men. It will boldly expound about ethical issues such as horrible sinful mortal errors, or really foolish, silly human failings, godly sorrows, or ugly, sinister anger, fair justice or equally horrifying, inhuman, barbaric injustices; qualities of jealousy, liberality, etc. The Holy Bible brings many quaint stories quite credibly to life. We can enjoy stories of illustrious holy men like Enoch, Japheth, Noah, Ham, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, Saul, Jesse, David, Joel, Abner, Solomon, Jeroboam, Jehu, Elijah, Jeshua, Isaiah, Job, Jonah, Micah and other Jews; countries like Egypt, Assyria, Tyre, etc.; stories like the curse of Cain for killing Abel, the big flood, tower of Babel, etc. The Holy Bible can be likened unto a rich quilt consisting of quite a few assorted beautiful squares joyously assembled by God, requiring quality eyes, my God's eyes of faith.

Genesis
How the mighty Lord creates many things, including this imperfect entity the human. Eden. The evil tower of petty disharmony. Why the common tongue was muddled. Nasty perverts taken out at fiery Sodom. The flood. Tipsy Noah. The ark at sea. The devout Abraham. The twelve children of Israel.

Exodus
The captivity told. The cruel Egyptian taskmaster of the community of Israel. The dreadful plague of death. The victory over Pharaoh, with his men drowned in the Red Sea. The ten commandments the Lord gave them on mount Sinai. Why they went walking forty years in the hot dust, led by Moses.

Leviticus
Calling devout Aaron, steady in the truth, to the Levitical priesthood. Why we regard some types of hunted meat filthy, some pure. Some commandments that have to do with blasphemy, usury, etc. Why God let mankind rest from working every fiftieth year. He had this intent: to enhance the land.

Numbers
Moses prompted to take a count of the congregation. That is why he had a duty to list the stalwart men in the twelve houses. He numbered every family he took with him, freed from Egypt's tyrannical country. Grave dirty sin. When the earth opens, evil men did fall to death into the muddy chasm.

Deuteronomy
The ten commandments. The feasts. The destruction of most everything related to idolatry. New laws given. The totally white-haired Moses walks up to the summit of Nebo: there he dies. Very many a happy, huge victory predicted, with a charmed infantry, throughout the land of milk and honey.

Joshua
The valiant man designated under the prophet Moses takes the faithful of God into the rich country that he promised to them. They defeat a mighty city when the walls come down with very loud shouts after many trumpets are blown. They had victory over many more kings. Lines delineated.
Judges
The tune Deborah composed to thank God for easy victory over the many enemy kingdoms. Samson smote many men, after which he ruled for twenty years. That tragedy, the unwanted haircut this pretty Delilah did give unto him while he slept, that left him destitute of all his covenant power.

Ruth
To depart famine's doom, Naomi and husband trek to another hot country. When they get there, sons get wives. All adult men die. They come home. The very special, faithful Ruth travels with them. A mighty kinsman, attracted in the fields, decently provides a home for the pretty, shy young widow.

I Samuel
A worthy woman prayed for a child, and witness that the Lord sent her Samuel, committed to serve as the prophet. Saul made the first king. The enemy, that mighty fit Goliath, a contemptuous menace, slain by the youthful David; wherefore in envy the moody king, when told, resented the victory.

II Samuel
The Anointment of David to the monarchy. The pretty wife of this true army friend was sweet. Wishing to touch, he wickedly made the man get killed on the front. He gets caught. They are very happy at Solomon's delivery to them. His unruly son Absalom did curse him and then attempted a revolt.

I Kings
Solomon ruled the newly-chartered kingdom very thoughtfully. A truly mighty temple was erected there. An eminent lady monarch from Sheba pays a happy visit to the city. She wanted to meet him and to view the treasures. The division of the kingdom that was effected: into north and south.

II Kings
The wicked movement to depart the way of truth, with vulgar unworthy worship of the hated enemy gods. The prophets fulminate vehemently and decry it. The northern kingdom's demise: the domination by Assyria caused that calamity. Later the south also fell to the invading enemy forces.

I Chronicles
The details of human ancestry: names from Adam down to the twelve tribes. The glory of David recounted. The thirty mighty men he trusted who were loyal to him in the army. The sacred ark moved into the new capital. A nice, happy hymn of thanks sung unto God. The priestly duties of the Levites.

II Chronicles
The destiny and glory of Solomon. The way he wanted the divine temple valuably furnished with cedars. Why Huram of Tyre meets the need. The proclamation from that very mighty Persian king Cyrus, who makes this demand to the Israelite nation: that the devout construct the temple of God.

Ezra
Hopeful men return home on the highway from captivity. Sadly an enemy was trying to harass them and delay the rebuilding of the temple deity wants. Then Darius stops them: he invoked the document from Cyrus that allowed it. They that took the strange alien wives forced to divorce them.
Nehemiah
A sad prophet prays that the Lord may deal forgivingly toward his children. He mentions the meek men that built the wall: defense for this theist home. The practice of usury must end. They continue to make very many new covenants. Why? Reading the law of God motivates them to do their duty.

Esther
Mordecai recommended to the king that he take pretty Esther to be his wife. Why? He was angry with unruly Vashti. So then Haman cunningly attempted to claim that if her family doesn't want to serve dutifully, he should destroy them. Esther pleaded on that topic, saving everyone from doom.

Job
Fact: God let Satan grimly torment, with unhappy misfortunes, a devout person of great riches. Why? In shock, he meets men who imply that he must have been ultra wicked. However he attested that he remained one of honesty and modest integrity. The Lord duly vindicated him for that loyalty.

Psalms
Many delightful, sweet praises unto the Lord documented, that David a mighty, saintly king of Israel wrote. Ponder here all the varied thoughts they contain. Think very often of the many themes they cover. Meditate much on the secrets of wisdom, then pray about what the words imply. Amen.

Proverbs
This heritage of pithy wisdom from the son of David. Fathom it well. The evil and the righteous way contrasted. Many thoughts concerning why some people succeed and why others tend to fail. The petty envy and the vanity, the adultery, and other like, immature errors that make men stumble.

Ecclesiastes
The vanity of men's flashy, ephemeral pursuits. The frivolity of the many decadent things that we like to do. Avoiding an errant way while in the world is recommended. The right choice: seek every path to truth. What's the loyal duty of man? To trust the supreme God and obey the commandments.

The Song of Solomon
A king did eye with fancy a very sweet, pretty Shulamite miss that he wanted to romance. But tormented, she did vow to remain loyal to the happy memory of a youthful, smart shepherd lad with a vehement love for this fetching young lass. Ah, the decent king did consent to let her return to him.

Isaiah
God's new home in the mountains. The Assyrian army that wanted blood fell, crushed; turned, it gets out of Israel. The overthrow of the haughty kingdom at Tyre: The sinful idolatry vehemently decried. The commencement of the captivity. Why heaven made kind, happy promises to the stalwart.

Jeremiah
The covenant land to be decimated. Many armies that will advance upon Israel to destroy, must come unto them from the north. If they don't forsake idolatry, repent, and keep the law God gave unto them, they must perish. Why? The sin, the vice, the filth. What? The dire misery. How? God's slaying fury.
Lamentations
The famed city full of men and women sits solitary. Wicked folk cry. God's truth? They loved it not. For that, they moan and wail, even them that now must pay tribute to the enemy. The Lord heard their sighs. He saw the unhappy crying and is come to erase tears, deliver them, and give unto them hope.

Ezekiel
Stark things a man of God was commanded in a dream to reveal unto the impudent men of Israel. Why? He knew the very sad truth: the coming captivity they must suffer for unholy hedonist idolatry. The penitent to have his mercy. The holy city to be restored with the hallowed temple and gates.

Daniel
The king's dream told: the mighty image with many substances vividly represented the calamity of the later transient kingdoms of this earth, that come to unhappy ends. Why devout worthy men are delivered from the doom of a white-hot furnace. Why one escaped lions' teeth totally unhurt.

Hosea
The humble prophet takes this woman Gomer to wife. It turns out the lady's a cheat. He yearns much for the former times, and that's likened unto God's loving the guilty, wayward men and women, that he condemned for the petty vices, or the evil hypocrisy and vile idolatry that they manifested.

Joel
An unwelcome swarm of locust suddenly invade like an enemy army from the north to devour everything which grew. The harvest all perishes. Then it is death. Dismayed by this torture, the men of the Lord wanted to sanctify a fast in hope that God might yet take pity and come to help them out.

Amos
That very empty, formalistic worship loathed as wicked. Drought and the pestilence are punishments the Lord may deal out to them that want to think much of evil. Men of Tyrus wasted for remembering not the law. The enemy? Ha, they died! The heavenly vision of God destroying the sanctuary.

Obadiah
Esau's enmity, that wrongful petty hate he had. Edom's silent dearth of sympathy for twin brother Israel, as the violent enemy overruns them and destroys them. The fall of the very wretched, evil, accursed Edomite kingdom, that mighty, wicked nation located way up high on the mountain top.

Jonah
A mighty unhappy man wants to make his way to Tarshish so that he'd not have to go unto Nineveh, the very wicked city that the Lord commanded him to call to repentance. In wild stormy waters men utter: "Let's dump if guilty!" Devoured into the belly of a fish for three days, he then emerges freed.

Micah
The enemy to advance, and that hostile enemy to waste the children of Israel. Punishment awaits very greedy activity. The men that oppress the poor on their farms and in their homes targeted. God utterly cuts them off. The whole duty of humankind is to love mercy and walk humbly with God.
Nahum
God to thwart the depraved wickedness of that haughty Assyrian enemy menace. That very wild, bloody community of Nineveh shall he condemn without sympathy to a ghastly tormented end. See, it terminates, that the people will suffer no more under the dark threat of their vicious might.

Habakkuk
Vengeance that the Chaldean forces wreak upon the unworthy children of God. Irate men of fury suddenly threaten with death them that live in the holy city, to motivate them to keep from vanity's rosy way. Worshipers that trust dead molten images must be damned. God is in his holy temple.

Zephaniah
Will not God utterly consume everything that moves? The human with the fowl and fishes, many a king, a mighty prince, and merchants, too, history! But if they attend worthily to heed their duty, cease from loathsome wicked attitudes, and repent, he's happy, elated, and loves them forevermore.

Haggai
Israelites, returned from captivity, commanded to get busy constructing the temple. Wayward, they wait. When men thus provoke the Lord and make him mad, he, in wrath, gives poverty to them. They heed, then lo, an heyday of faith ensues. The glory that fills the Lord's house if not contaminated.

The Son of Berechiah
The prophet's many vivid nightly visions. The angel who walked and talked under the myrtle trees. That mighty, evil anti-Semite enemy: they had to be cut off. Many faithful promises that God then made unto worthy men of his chosen race. Accursed outward worship. The remedy: not to tolerate.

Malachi
A mighty Lord's mercy to the covenant people, if they do truly return to him and show devout piety. Sacrifices they make, when dead animals that were sick are used, profit nothing. To be worthy, mortal men must mind the sage ways of God and tithe a full tenth; then he loves them, and they thrive.