Psalm 52

"The Consolation of the Righteous at God's Judgment of the Powerful Wicked"

For the choir director. A Maskil of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said to him, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech."


B1 The Evil of the Mighty Man Contrasted with the Loyal Love of God: {1} Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? 1 The lovingkindness of God endures all day long.

B2 The Destructive, Deceitful Tongue of the Mighty Man: {2} Your tongue devises destruction, Like a sharp razor, O worker of deceit.

B3 His Love of Evil and Deceit: {3} You love evil more than good, Falsehood more than speaking what is right. Selah.

A2 THE JUDGMENT OF GOD 52:4-5

B1 The Prelude to Judgment -- Destruction and Deceit: {4} You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.

B2 The Description of God's Judgment 52:5

C1 The Destiny of Destruction: {5} But God will break you down forever;

C2 The Dislocation of Destruction: He will snatch you up and tear you away from your tent,

C3 The Death in Destruction: And uproot you from the land of the living. Selah.

1 52:1 - mighty man: Obviously a reference specific to Doeg the Edomite, but Doeg stands for all every mighty man.
A3  THE RESPONSE OF THE RIGHTEOUS  52:6-9

B1  Of the People -- Laughing at the Demise of the Mighty Man  52:6-7

C1  The Righteous' View of His Demise:  \{6\} The righteous will see

C2  The Response of the Righteous

D1  Fear at God's Judgment:  and fear,

D2  Laughter at the mighty man:  And will laugh at him, \textit{saying},

C3  The Pronouncement of the Righteous  52:7

D1  He would not make God his refuge:  \{7\} "Behold, the man who would not make God his refuge,

D2  He trusted in his wealth:  But trusted in the abundance of his riches

D3  He lustily pursued evil:  \textit{And was strong in his evil desire}.

B2  Of David Himself -- Trusting in, Praising, and Waiting upon God  52:8-9

C1  His Flourishing as a Tree in God's House:  \{8\} But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God;


C3  His Resolve to Thank God Forever:  \{9\} I will give You thanks \textsuperscript{2} forever, because You have done \textit{it},

C4  His Determination to Await Corporately God's Salvation and Vindication: And I will wait on Your name, for \textit{it is} good, in the presence of Your godly ones.

\textsuperscript{2} 52:9 - thanks, wait:  In his use of the imperfect in v. 9 and not in v. 8, the main points that David is making are his resolve to praise God and to wait upon Him.