Psalm 57

"David's Plea for Deliverance from His Enemies; His Resolve to Praise God"

For the choir director; set to Al-tashheth. A Mikhtam of David, when he fled from Saul, in the cave.


A1 DAVID'S PLEA AND CONFIDENCE  57:1-5

B1 His Plea and Reason  57:1

C1 The Plea to Elohim:  {1} Be gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me, 57:1a

C2 The Reason for the Plea:  Elohim is a Refuge  57:1b

D1 For my soul takes refuge in You;

D2 And in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge

D3 Until destruction passes by.

B2 His Confidence of Answered Prayer  57:2-3

C1 Action toward Elohim:  {2} I will cry to God Most High,

C2 Description of Elohim – Effector:  To God who accomplishes all things for me.

C3 Response of Elohim  57:3

D1 Sending salvation:  {3} He will send from heaven and save me;

D2 Reproving the wicked:  He reproaches him who tramples upon me. Selah.¹

D3 Sending loyal love and truth:  God will send forth His lovingkindness and His truth.

B3 His Plight  57:4

C1  {4} My soul is among lions;

C2 I must lie among those who breathe forth fire,

¹ 57:3 - Selah:  The function of Selah both in 57:3 and 57:6 is to underscore God's poetic justice against David's enemies. In 57:3 God holds them accountable -- He reproaches them. In 57:6 David's enemies fall into the pit they had dug for him!
C3  Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows
C4  And their tongue a sharp sword.

B4  His Plea for the Ultimate Triumph of Elohim 57:5
C1  Exaltation above the Heavens! 57:5 Be exalted above the heavens, O God;
C2  Glory above All the Earth! Let Your glory be above all the earth.

A2  DAVID'S PRAISE DESPITE OPPOSITION 57:6-11

B1  His Personal Agony and Assurance of Vengeance 57:6
C1  His Agony Because of the Murderous Pursuit of His Enemies
   D1  {6} They have prepared a net for my steps;
   D2  My soul is bowed down;
   D3  They dug a pit before me;
C2  His Assurance of the Demise of His Enemies: They themselves have fallen into the midst of it. Selah.

B2  His Praise of God 57:7-11
C1  His Resolve to Praise Elohim for Answered Prayer 57:7-8
   D1  With steadfast heart issuing in songs of praise 57:7
      E1  {7} My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;
      E2  I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!
   D2  With rousing instrumental accompaniment 57:8
      E1  {8} Awake, my glory!
      E2  Awake, harp and lyre!
      E3  I will awaken the dawn.
C2  His Resolve to Praise Adonai among the Peoples for His Loyal Love and Truth 57:9-10
   D1  The venue of his praise 57:9
      E1  {9} I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples;
      E2  I will sing praises to You among the nations.
D2 The reason for his praise -- the magnitude of Adonai's loyal love and truth! 57:10

E1 {10} For Your lovingkindness is great to the heavens

E2 And Your truth to the clouds.

C3 His Plea for the Ultimate Triumph of Elohim 57:11

D1 Exaltation above the Heavens! {11} Be exalted above the heavens, O God;

D2 Glory above All the Earth: Let Your glory be above all the earth.