Psalm 82

"Elohim's Judgment of Earth's Judges"

(A Psalm of Asaph.)


A1  ELOHIM'S OPENING OF COURT AGAINST EARTHLY RULERS  82:1

B1  His Entrance at His Heavenly Bar:  {1} God takes His stand in His own congregation;

B2  His Commencement of Judgment against the Earth's Rulers:  He judges in the midst of the rulers.

A2  ELOHIM'S INDICTMENT OF EARTHLY RULERS  82:2-7

B1  His Castigation of the Rulers for Their Unjust Judgment  82:2

C1  {2} How long will you judge unjustly

C2  And show partiality to the wicked? Selah.

B2  His Admonition to the Rulers to Judge Justly  82:3-4

C1  On Behalf of the Fatherless:  {3} Vindicate the weak and fatherless;

C2  On Behalf of the Poverty-Stricken:  Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.  82:3

C3  On Behalf of the Weak and Needy  82:4

D1  {4} Rescue the weak and needy;

D2  Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.

B3  His Assessment of the Flaws of the Judges  82:5

C1  Their Ignorance:  {5} They do not know nor do they understand;

C2  Their Blindness:  They walk about in darkness;

C3  Their Flawed Decisions, Which Shake the Earth to the Core:  All the foundations of the earth are shaken.
B4  **His Prediction of the Inevitable Demise of the Judges Despite Their Present Exalted Position  82:6-7**

C1  Their God-Given, Exalted Position of Representing on Earth God's Justice 82:6

D1  They are Elohistic in their task:  {6} I said, "You are gods,

D2  As Elohim's representatives they are to reflect His values in their judgment:  And all of you are sons of the Most High.

C2  Their Utter Mortality  82:7

D1  They will be leveled in death like all mere men:  {7} "Nevertheless you will die like men

D2  They will no more be exempted from death than any other ruler:  And fall like *any* one of the princes."

A3  **THE CALL TO ELOHIM TO JUDGE ALL THE EARTH!  82:8**

B1  Asaph's Call to Elohim to Judge the Earth:  {8} Arise, O God, judge the earth!

B2  Asaph's Acknowledgment of Elohim's Ownership of All Earth's Nations!  For it is You who possesses all the nations.