

Psalm 82

"Elohim's Judgment of Earth's Judges"

(A Psalm of Asaph.)

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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 Elohist 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.

Expanded Analysis of Psalm 82

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