

Studying the Psalms

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Psalms 37:35ff

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The wicked seem to prosper.

They are not in trouble as other men.

Jeremiah 12:1, “... wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they at ease that deal very treacherously?”

This was Asaph’s dilemma. (Psalms 73:3-12, 18-19)

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Their disappearance is just as manifest as their prosperity had been (verse 35). Think of the immense prosperity of Old Testament Babylon, “that golden city” (Isaiah 14:4; Isaiah 13:19).

Think of the immense prosperity of New Testament Babylon

Where is the Old Testament Babylon now, with all its rich and powerful people? Vanished as completely as Sodom and Gomorrah (Isaiah 13:19; Jeremiah 50:39-40).

NOTE: New Testament Babylon. Revelation 18:16-21

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Psalms 37:37-38, “Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for there is a (happy) end to the man of peace. As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together; the end of the wicked shall be cut off.”

The Transgressors/Wicked:

With all its power and prosperity (verse 35), the life of the wicked may seem attractive; until you consider their end (Psalms 73:17; cf. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

The Perfect/Upright: (Job 1:1, 8; 2:3)

Will be saved and delivered (verses 39-40) and will dwell in the land forever (verse 29).

His seed will be blessed (verse 26).

Numbers 23:10, “Let me die the death of the righteous, And let my last end be like his!”

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NOTE: The righteous will certainly face times of trouble. (cf. Psalms 34, especially verses 18-19)

However, the Lord will always be their strength (Psalms 27:1; 31:2, 4) and will always provide them with salvation.

The Lord will deliver them from the wicked who are seeking to oppose them (verses 12, 14, 32).

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NOTE: The element of TRUST.

Those who are strong in the Lord have put on the armor of God. (Ephesians 6:10, 13)

NOTE WHY: 1 John 2:12-14

“Your sins are forgiven”

“You know Him”

“You overcome the wicked one”

“You are strong”

“The word of God abideth in you”

NOTE WHY: “because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world” (1 John 4:4).