



THE PSALMS OF SHALOMAH

1

“They became insolent in their prosperity.”

I cried unto YAHUAHA when I was in distress,
Unto ALAHAYAM when sinners assailed.
Suddenly the alarm of war was heard before me;
I said, He will hearken to me for I am full of righteousness.
I Yought in my heart that I was full of righteousness,
Because I was well off and had become rich in children.
Their wealth spread to the whole earth,
And their glory unto the end of the earth.
They were exalted unto the stars;
They said they would never fan.
But they became insolent in their prosperity,
And they were without understanding,
Their sins were in secret,
And even I had no knowledge of them.
Their transgressions went beyond those of the heathen before them;
They utterly polluted the holy things of YAHUAHA.

2

The desecration of Yerushalayim; captivity, murder, and raping. A psalm of utter despair.

When the sinner waxed proud, with a battering-ram he cast down fortified walls,
And You didst not restrain him.

Alien nations ascended Thine altar,

They trampled it proudly with their sandals;

Because the sons of Yerushalayim had defiled the holy things of YAHUAHA,

Had profaned with iniquities the offerings of ALAHAYAM.

Therefore, He said: Cast them far from Me;

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It was set at naught before ALAHAYAM,

It was utterly dishonored;

The sons and the daughters were in grievous captivity,

Sealed was their neck, branded was it among the nations.

According to their sins hath He done unto them,

For He hath left them in the hands of them that prevailed.

He hath turned away His face from pitying them,

Young and old and their children together;

For they had done evil one and all, in not hearkening.

And the heavens were angry,

And the earth abhorred them;

For no man upon it had done what they did,

And the earth recognized all

Your righteous judgements, O ALAHAYAM.

They set the sons of Yerushalayim to be mocked at in return for the harlots in her;

Every wayfarer entered in in the full light of day.

They made mock with their transgressions, as they themselves were wont to do;

In the full light of day they revealed their iniquities.

And the daughters of Yerushalayim were defiled in accordance with Your judgement,

Because they had defiled themselves with unnatural intercourse.
I am pained in my bowels and my inward parts for these things.

And yet I will justify You, O ALAHAYAM, in uprightness of heart,
For in Your judgements is Your righteousness displayed, O ALAHAYAM.
For You have rendered to the sinners according to their deeds,
Yea, according to their sins, which were very wicked.
You have uncovered their sins, that Your judgement might be manifest;
You have wiped out their memorial from the earth.
ALAHAYAM is a righteous judge,
And he is no respecter of persons.

For the nations reproached Yerushalayim, trampling it down;
Her beauty was dragged down from the throne of glory.
She girded on sackcloth instead of comely raiment,
A rope was about her head instead of a crown.
She put off the glorious diadem which ALAHAYAM had set upon her,
In dishonor was her beauty cast upon the ground.

And I saw and entreated YAHUAHA and said,
Long enough, O YAHUAHA has Thine hand been heavy on Yashar'el, in bringing the nations upon
them.
For they have made sport unsparingly in wrath and fierce anger;
And they will make an utter end, unless You, O YAHUAHA, rebuke them in Your wrath.
For they have done. it not in zeal, but in lust of soul,
Pouring out their wrath upon us with a view to rapine.
Delay not, O ALAHAYAM, to recompense them on their heads,
To turn the pride of the dragon into dishonor.
And I had not long to wait before ALAHAYAM showed me the insolent one
Slain on the mountains of Mitsriym,
Esteemed of less account than the least, on land and sea;
His body, too, borne hither and thither on the billows with much insolence,
With none to bury him, because He had rejected him with dishonor.

He reflected not that he was man,
And reflected not on the latter end;
He said: I will be lord of land and sea;
And he recognized not that it is ALAHAYAM who is great,
Mighty in His great strength.
He is king over the heavens,
And judgeth kings and kingdoms.
It is He who sets me up in glory,
And bringeth down the proud to eternal destruction in dishonor,
Because they knew Him not.

And now behold, ye princes of the earth, the judgement of YAHAUAHA,
For a great king and righteous is He, judging all that is under heaven.
Bless ALAHAYAM, ye that fear YAHAUAHA with wisdom,
For the mercy of YAHAUAHA will be upon them that fear Him, in the Judgement;
So that He will distinguish between the righteous and the sinner,
And recompense the sinners forever according to their deeds;
And have mercy on the righteous, delivering him from the affliction of the sinner,
And recompensing the sinner for what he hath done to the righteous.
For YAHAUAHA is good to them that call upon Him in patience,
Doing according to His mercy to His pious ones,
Establishing them at all times before Him in strength.

Blessed be YAHAUAHA forever before His servants.

3

Righteousness versus Sin.

Why sleep You, O my soul,
And bless not YAHUAHA?
Sing a new song,
Unto ALAHAYAM who is worthy to be praised.
Sing and be wakeful against His awaking,
For good is a psalm sung to ALAHAYAM from a glad heart.

The righteous remember YAHUAHA at all times,
With thanksgiving and declaration of the righteousness of YAHUAHA's judgements.
The righteous despises not the chaveneing of YAHUAHA;
His will is always before YAHUAHA.
The righteous stumbles and holds YAHUAHA righteous:
He falls and looks out for what ALAHAYAM will do to him;
He seeks out whence his deliverance will come.
The steadfastness of the righteous is from ALAHAYAM, their deliverer;
There lodges not in the house of the righteous sin upon sin.
The righteous continually searches his house,
To remove utterly all iniquity done by him in error.
He maketh atonement for sins of ignorance by fasting and afflicting his soul,
And YAHUAHA counts guiltless every pious man and his house.
The sinner stumbles and curses his life
The day when he was begotten, and his mother's travail.
He adds sins to sins, while he lives;
He falls—verily grievous is his fall—and rises no more.
The destruction of the sinner is forever,
And he shall not be remembered, when the righteous is visited.
This is the portion of sinners forever.

But they that fear YAHUAHA shall rise to life eternal,
And their life shall be in the light of YAHUAHA and shall come to an end no more.

A conversation of Shalomah with the Men-pleasers.

Wherefore sits You, O profane man, in the council of the pious,
 Seeing that Your heart is far removed from YAHUAHA,
 Provoking with transgressions the ALAHAYAM of Yashar'el?
 Extravagant in speech, extravagant in outward seeming beyond all men,
 Is he that is severe of speech in condemning sinners in judgement.
 And his hand is first upon him as though he acted in zeal,
 And yet he is himself guilty in respect of manifold sins and of wantonness.
 His eyes are upon every woman without distinction;
 His tongue lieth when he maketh contract with an oath.
 By night and in secret he sins as though unseen,
 With his eyes he talks to every woman of evil compacts.
 He is swift to enter every house with cheerfulness as though guileless.

Let ALAHAYAM remove those that live in hypocrisy in the company of the pious,
 Even the life of such a one with corruption of his flesh and penury.
 Let ALAHAYAM reveal the deeds of the men-pleasers,
 The deeds of such a one with laughter and derision;
 That the pious may count righteous the judgement of their ALAHAYAM,
 When sinners are removed from before the righteous,
 Even the man-pleaser who utters law guilefully.
 And their eyes are fixed upon any man's house that is still secure,
 That they may, like the Serpent, destroy the wisdom of . . . with words of transgressors,
 His words are deceitful that he may accomplish his wicked desire.
 He never ceases from scattering families as though they were orphans,
 Yea, he lays waste a house on account of his lawless desire.
 He deceives with words, saying, There is none that sees, or judgeth.
 He fills one house with lawlessness,
 And then his eyes are fixed upon the next house,

To destroy it with words that give wing to desire.
Yet with all these his soul like Sheol, is not sated.

Let his portion, O YAHAUAHA, be dishonored before You;
Let him go forth groaning, and come home cursed.
Let his life be spent in anguish, and penury, and want, O YAHAUAHA;
Let his sleep be beset with pains and his awaking with perplexities.
Let sleep be withdrawn from his eyelids at night;
Let him fail dishonorably in every work of his hands.
Let him come home empty-handed to his house,
And his house be void of everything wherewith he could sate his appetite.
Let his old age be spent in childless loneliness until his removal by death.

Let the flesh of the men-pleasers be rent by wild beasts,
And let the bones of the lawless lie dishonored in the sight of the sun.
Let ravens peck out the eyes of the hypocrites.
For they have laid waste many houses of men, in dishonor,
And scattered them in their lust;
And they have not remembered ALAHAYAM,
Nor feared ALAHAYAM in all these things;
But they have provoked ALAHAYAM's anger and vexed Him.
May He remove them from off the earth,
Because with deceit they beguiled the souls of the flawless.

Blessed are they that fear YAHAUAHA in their flawlessness;
YAHAUAHA shall deliver them from guileful men and sinners,
And deliver us from every stumbling-block of the lawless (men).
Let ALAHAYAM destroy them that insolently work all unrighteousness,
For a great and mighty judge is YAHAUAHA our ALAHAYAM in righteousness.

Let Your mercy, O YAHAUAHA, be upon all them that love You.

A statement of the philosophy of the indestructibility of matter. One of the tenets of modern physics.

O YAHUAHA Alahayam, I will praise Your name with joy,
 In the midst of them that know Your righteous judgements.
 For You are good and merciful, the refuge of the poor;
 When I cry to You, do not silently disregard me.
 For no man taketh spoil from a mighty man;
 Who, then, can take aught of a that You have made, except You Yourself give?
 For man and his portion lie before You in the balance;
 He cannot add to, so as to enlarge, what has been prescribed by You.

O ALAHAYAM, when we are in distress we call upon You for help,
 And You dost not turn back our petition, for You are our ALAHAYAM.
 Cause not Your hand to be heavy upon us,
 Lest through necessity we sin.
 Even though You restore us not, we will not keep away;
 But unto You will we come.
 For if I hunger, unto You will I cry, O ALAHAYAM;
 And You will give to me.

Birds and fish dost You nourish,
 In that You give rain to the steppes that green grass may spring up,
 So, to prepare fodder in the steppe for every living thing;
 And if they hunger, unto You do they lift up their face.
 Kings and rulers and peoples You dost nourish, O ALAHAYAM;
 And who is the help of the poor and needy, if not You, O YAHUAHA?
 And You will hearken—for who is good and gentle but You?—
 Making glad the soul of the humble by opening Thine hand in mercy.

Man's goodness is bestowed grudgingly and ...
And if he repeat it without murmuring, even that is marvelous.
But Your gift is great in goodness and wealth,
And he whose hope is set on You shall have no lack of gifts.
Upon the whole earth is Your mercy, O YAHUAHA, in goodness.

Happy is he whom ALAHAYAM remembers in granting to him a due sufficiency;
If a man abound overmuch, he sins.
Sufficient are moderate means with righteousness,
And hereby the blessing of YAHUAHA becomes abundance with righteousness.
They that fear YAHUAHA rejoice in good gifts,
And Your goodness is upon Yashar'el in Your kingdom.

Blessed is the glory of YAHUAHA, for He is our king.

A song of hope and fearlessness and shalom.

Happy is the man whose heart is fixed to call upon the name of YAHUAHA;
When he remembers the name of YAHUAHA, he will be saved.
His ways are made even by YAHUAHA,
And the works of his hands are preserved by YAHUAHA his ALAHAYAM.
At what he sees in his bad dreams, his soul shall not be troubled;
When he passes through rivers and the tossing of the seas, he shall not be dismayed.
He rises from his sleep, and blesses the name of YAHUAHA:
When his heart is at shalom, he sings to the name of his ALAHAYAM,
And he entreats YAHUAHA for all his house.
And YAHUAHA heareth the prayer of every one that fears ALAHAYAM,
And every request of the soul that hopes for Him doth YAHUAHA accomplish.

Blessed is YAHUAHA, who shows mercy to those who love Him in sincerity.

The fine old doctrine: "You are our Shield!"

Make not Your dwelling afar from us, O ALAHAYAM;
Lest they assail us that hate us without cause.
For You have rejected them, O ALAHAYAM;
Let not their foot trample upon Your holy inheritance.
Chastise us Yourself in Your good pleasure;
But give us not up to the nations;
For, if You send pestilence,
You Yourself give it charge concerning us;
For You are merciful,
And will not be angry to the point of consuming us.

While Your name dwelleth in our midst, we shall find mercy;
And the nations shall not prevail against us.
For You are our shield,
And when we call upon You, You hearken to us;
For You will pity the seed of Yashar'el forever
And You will not reject them:
But we shall, be under Your yoke forever,
And under the rod of Your chaveening.
You will establish us in the time that You help us,
Showing mercy to the house of Jacob on the day wherein You didst promise to help them.

Some remarkable similes of war creeping on Yerushalayim. A survey of the sins that brought all this trouble.

Distress and the sound of war hath my ear heard,
 The sound of a trumpet announcing slaughter and calamity,
 The sound of much people as of an exceeding high wind,
 As a tempest with mighty fire sweeping through the Negeb.
 And I said in my heart, Surely ALAHAYAM judgeth us;
 A sound I hear moving towards Yerushalayim, the holy city
 My loins were broken at what I heard, my knees tottered;
 My heart was afraid, my bones were dismayed like flax.
 I said: They establish their ways in righteousness.

I Yought upon the judgments of ALAHAYAM since the creation of heaven and earth;
 I held ALAHAYAM righteous in His judgements which have been from of old.
 ALAHAYAM bare their sins in the full light of day;
 All the earth came to know the righteous judgements of ALAHAYAM.
 In secret places underground their iniquities were committed to provoke Him to anger;
 They wrought confusion, son with mother and father with daughter;
 They committed adultery, every man with his neighbor's wife.
 They concluded covenants with one another with an oath touching these things;
 They plundered the sanctuary of ALAHAYAM, as though there was no avenger.
 They trod the altar of YAHUAHA, coming straight from all manner of uncleanness;
 And with menstrual blood they defiled the sacrifices, as though these were common flesh.
 They left no sin undone, wherein they surpassed not the heathen.

Therefore ALAHAYAM mingled for them a spirit of wandering;
 And gave them to drink a cup of undiluted wine, that they might become drunken.
 He brought him that is from the end of the earth, that smite mightily;
 He decreed war against Yerushalayim, and against her land.
 The princes of the land went to meet him with joy: they said unto him:

Blessed be Your way! Come ye, enter ye in with shalom.
They made the rough ways even, before his entering in;
They opened the gates to Yerushalayim, they crowned its walls.

As a father enter the house of his sons, so he entered Yerushalayim in shalom;
He established his feet there in great safety.
He captured her fortresses and the wall of Yerushalayim;
For ALAHAYAM Himself led him in safety, while they wandered.
He destroyed their princes and every one wise in counsel;
He poured out the blood of the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, like the water of uncleanness.
He led away their sons and daughters, whom they had begotten in defilement.

They did according to their uncleanness, even as their fathers had done:
They defiled Yerushalayim and the things that had been hallowed to the name of ALAHAYAM.
But ALAHAYAM hath shown Himself righteous in His judgements upon the nations of the earth;
And the pious servants of ALAHAYAM are like innocent lambs in their midst.
Worthy to be praised is YAHUAHA that judgeth the whole earth in His righteousness.

Behold, now, O ALAHAYAM, You have shown us Your judgement in Your righteousness;
Our eyes have seen Your judgements, O ALAHAYAM.
We have justified Your name that is honored forever;
For You are the ALAHAYAM of righteousness, judging Yashar'el with chaveneing.

Turn, O ALAHAYAM, Your mercy upon us, and have pity upon us;
Gather together the dispersed of Yashar'el, with mercy and goodness;
For Your faithfulness is with us,
And though we have stiffened our neck, yet You are our chastisement;
Overlook us not, O our ALAHAYAM, lest the nations swallow us up, as though there were none to deliver.

But You are our ALAHAYAM from the beginning,
And upon You is our hope set, O YAHUAHA;
And we will not depart from You,

For good are Your judgements upon us.

Ours and our children's be Your good pleasure forever;

O YAHAUAHA, our Savior, we shall never more be moved.

YAHAUAHA is worthy to be praised for His judgements with the mouth of His pious ones;

And blessed be Yashar'el of YAHAUAHA forever.

The exile of the tribes of Yashar'el. A reference to the covenant which ALAHAYAM made with Adam. (See the First Book of Adam and Eve, Chap. III, Verse 7).

When Yashar'el was led away captive into a strange land,
 When they fell away from YAHUAHA who redeemed them,
 They were cast away from the inheritance, which YAHUAHA had given them.
 Among every nation were the dispersed of Yashar'el according to the word of ALAHAYAM,
 That You might be justified, O ALAHAYAM, in Your righteousness by reason of our transgressions:
 For You are a just judge over all the peoples of the earth.
 For from Your knowledge none that doeth unjustly is hidden,
 And the righteous deeds of Your pious ones are before You, O YAHUAHA;
 Where, then, can a man hide himself from Your knowledge, O ALAHAYAM?
 Our works are subject to our own choice and power
 To do right or wrong in the works of our hands;
 And in Your righteousness You visit the sons of men.
 He that doeth righteousness lay up life for himself with YAHUAHA;
 And he that doeth wrongly forfeits his life to destruction;
 For the judgements of YAHUAHA are given in righteousness to every man and his house.
 Unto whom are You good, O ALAHAYAM, except to them that call upon YAHUAHA?
 He cleans from sins a soul when it maketh confession, when it maketh acknowledgement;
 For shame is upon us and u on our faces on account of all these things.
 And to whom doth He forgive sins, except to them that have sinned?
 You bless the righteous, and dost not reprove them for the sins that they have committed;
 And Your goodness is upon them that sin, when they repent.
 And, now, You are our ALAHAYAM, and we the people whom You have loved:
 Behold and show pity, O ALAHAYAM of Yashar'el, for we are Thine;
 And remove not Your mercy from us, lest they assail us.
 For You didst choose the seed of Abraham before all the nations,
 And didst set Your name upon us, O YAHUAHA,
 And You will not reject us forever.

You made a covenant with our fathers concerning us;
And we hope in You, when our soul turneth unto You.
The mercy of YAHAUAHA be upon the house of Yashar'el forever and ever.

A glorious hymn. Further reference to the eternal covenant between ALAHAYAM and Man.

Happy is the man whom YAHAUAHA remembers with reproving,
And whom He restrains from the way of evil with strokes
That he may be cleansed from sin, that it may not be multiplied.
He that maketh ready his back for strokes shall be cleansed,
For YAHAUAHA is good to them that endure chaveening.
For He maketh straight the ways of the righteous,
And doth not pervert them by His chaveening.
And the mercy of YAHAUAHA is upon them that love Him in truth,
And YAHAUAHA remembers His servants in mercy.
For the testimony is in the law of the eternal covenant,
The testimony of YAHAUAHA is on the ways of men in His visitation.
Just and kind is our Lord in His judgements forever,
And Yashar'el shall praise the name of YAHAUAHA in gladness.
And the pious shall give thanks in the assembly of the people;
And on the poor shall ALAHAYAM have mercy in the gladness of Yashar'el;
For good and merciful is ALAHAYAM forever,
And the assemblies of Yashar'el shall glorify the name of YAHAUAHA.

The salvation of YAHAUAHA be upon the house of Yashar'el unto everlasting gladness!

Yerushalayim bears a trumpet and stands on tiptoe to see her children returning from the North, East and West.

Blow ye in Tsiyon on the trumpet to summon the saints,
Cause ye to be heard in Yerushalayim the voice of him that bringeth good tidings;
For ALAHAYAM hath had pity on Yashar'el in visiting them.
Stand on the height, O Yerushalayim, and behold Your children,
From the East and the West, gathered together by YAHAUAHA;
From the North they come in the gladness of their ALAHAYAM,
From the isles afar off ALAHAYAM hath gathered them.
High mountains hath He abased into a plain for them;
The hills fled at their entrance.
The woods gave them shelter as they passed by;
Every sweet-smelling tree ALAHAYAM caused to spring up for them,
That Yashar'el might pass by in the visitation of the glory of their ALAHAYAM.
Put on, O Yerushalayim, Your glorious garments;
Make ready Your holy robe;
For ALAHAYAM hath spoken good concerning Yashar'el, forever and ever.
Let YAHAUAHA do what He hath spoken concerning Yashar'el and Yerushalayim;
Let YAHAUAHA raise up Yashar'el by His glorious name.

The mercy of YAHAUAHA be upon Yashar'el forever and ever.

An appeal for family tranquility and shalom and quiet at home.

O YAHUAHA, deliver my soul from the lawless and wicked man,
From the tongue that is lawless and slanderous, and speak lies and deceit.
Manifoldly twisted are the words of the tongue of the wicked man,
Even as among a people a fire that burn up their beauty.
So he delights to fill houses with a lying tongue,
To cut down the trees of gladness which sets on fire transgressors,
To involve households in warfare by means of slanderous lips.

May ALAHAYAM remove far from the innocent the lips of transgressors by bringing them to want
And may the bones of slanderers be scattered far away from them that fear YAHUAHA!
In flaming fire perish the slanderous tongue far away from the pious!
May YAHUAHA preserve the quiet soul that hates the unrighteous;
And may YAHUAHA establish the man that follows shalom at home.
The salvation of YAHUAHA be upon Yashar'el His servant forever;
And let the sinners perish together at the presence of YAHUAHA;
But let YAHUAHA's pious ones inherit the promises of YAHUAHA.

Of Shalomah. A Psalm. Comfort for the righteous.

The right hand of YAHUAHA hath covered me;
The right hand of YAHUAHA hath spared us.
The arm of YAHUAHA hath saved us from the sword that passed through,
From famine and the death of sinners.
Noisome beasts ran upon them:
With their teeth they tore their flesh,
And with their molars crushed their bones.
But from all these things YAHUAHA delivered us.
The righteous was troubled on account of his errors,
Lest he should be taken away along with the sinners;
For terrible is the overthrow of the sinner;
But not one of all these things touches the righteous.
For not alike are the chastening of the righteous for sins done in ignorance,
And the overthrow of the sinners.
Secretly is the righteous chastised,
Lest the sinner rejoice over the righteous.
For He corrects the righteous as a beloved son.
And his chastisement is as that of a first-born.
For YAHUAHA spares His pious ones,
And blots out their errors by His chastening.
For the life of the righteous shall be forever;
But sinners shall be taken away into destruction,
And their memorial shall be found no more.
But upon the pious is the mercy of YAHUAHA,
And upon them that fear Him His mercy.

Sinners "love the brief day spent in companionship with their sin." Profound wisdom, beautifully expressed.

Faithful is YAHUAHA to them that love Him in truth,
To them that endure His chaveneing,
To them that walk in the righteousness of His commandments,
In the law which He commanded us that we might live.
The pious of YAHUAHA shall live by it forever;
The Paradise of YAHUAHA, the trees of life, are His pious ones.
Their planting is rooted forever;
They shall not be plucked up all the days of heaven:
For the portion and the inheritance of ALAHAYAM is Yashar'el.
But not so are the sinners and transgressors,
Who love the brief day spent in companionship with their sin;
Their delight is in fleeting corruption,
And they remember not ALAHAYAM.
For the ways of men are known before Him at all times,
And He knows the secrets of the heart before they come to pass.
Therefore, their inheritance is Sheol and darkness and destruction
And they shall not be found in the day when the righteous obtain mercy;
But the pious of YAHUAHA shall inherit life in gladness.

The psalmist restates the great philosophy of Right and Wrong.

When I was in distress, I called upon the name of YAHAUAHA,
 I hoped for the help of the ALAHAYAM of Jacob and was saved;
 For the hope and refuge of the poor are You, O ALAHAYAM.
 For who, O ALAHAYAM, is strong except to give thanks unto You in truth?
 And wherein is a man powerful except in giving thanks to Your name?
 A new psalm with song in gladness of heart,
 The fruit of the lips with the well-tuned instrument of the tongue,
 The first fruits of the lips from a pious and righteous heart,
 He that offers these things shall never be shaken by evil;
 The flame of fire and the wrath against the unrighteous shall not touch him,
 When it goeth forth from the face of YAHAUAHA against sinners,
 To destroy all the substance of sinners,
 For the mark of ALAHAYAM is upon the righteous that they may be saved.

Famine and sword and pestilence shall be far from the righteous,
 For they shall flee away from the pious as men pursued in war;
 But they shall pursue sinners and overtake them,
 And they that do lawlessness shall not escape the judgement of ALAHAYAM;
 As by enemies experienced in war shall they be overtaken,
 For the mark of destruction is upon their forehead.
 And the inheritance of sinners is destruction and darkness,
 And their iniquities shall pursue them unto Sheol beneath.
 Their inheritance shall not be found of their children,
 For sins shall lay waste the houses of sinners.
 And sinners shall perish forever in the day of YAHAUAHA's judgement,
 When ALAHAYAM visits the earth with His judgement.
 But they that fear YAHAUAHA shall find mercy therein,
 And shall live by the compassion of their ALAHAYAM;

But sinners shall perish forever.