

Psalm 3

In relation to the Torah readings, the Psalm contrasts David with Cain, and compares David with Abel, and prophetically with Christ.

“A Psalm of David when he fled from Absalom” his son.

David was in conflict with his own son; Abel with his own brother.

David fled (2 Samuel 15) from his own palace, when in the dead of the night, he forded the brook Kedron, and went up the Mount of Olives with a few faithful followers to hide himself from the fury of his rebellious son.

Christ too, after his Last Supper, passed over the brook Kedron when his own people were in rebellion against him, and with a feeble band of followers he went to the garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives.

Psalm 3:1 - “many are they that rise up against me.”

Compare with Genesis 4:8 - “Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.”

Cain was downcast, his countenance fallen.

Genesis 4:5 - “And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.”

But David says ,

Psalm 3:3 - “But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.”

Abel was slain by Cain.

David is assured that “I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.” - **Psalm 3:6**

David sees the ultimate victory of the Deliverer promised in Genesis 3:15, who would crush the head of the seed of the serpent:

Psalm 3:7 - “Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.”

Cain was cursed, but for David,

Psalm 3:8 - “thy blessing is upon thy people.”