**BS 102 / 502 Biblical Interpretation**  Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Assignment #03** (20 points // Due: Sunday, Feb 20, 11:59 pm.)

**A Passage of Old Testament Poetry – Psalm 79**

As you read this passage, be mindful of what we covered in class about how OT poetry works.

In particular: In **H/O #07** we mentioned that in OT poetry, the lines usually come in **pairs**. But sometimes verses of poetry will be a “triplet” = will have three lines. Sometimes it feels like there is a line “left over”. Do you recall what we said is usually the case when there is a line left over?

**Specific Instructions:**  Download this Assignment, fill in your answers, and save a copy in your files as a Word doc. **You will submit your finished assignment to the class portal under the "Quiz" section.** **It is due Sunday, Feb 20, 11:59 pm).**

**Read Psalm 79**

**1.** Psalms usually do not specifically tell us what events they are referring to. They often describe the event in view, but they do not come right out and identify it. From what Ps 79 says, what major event in Israel’s history is it referring to? What details in Ps 79 tell us this? (4 points)

**2.** Do you find any triplets in Ps 79? Which verse(s)? (2 points)

**3.** List a verse that you think is not flatly literal language. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

If the language is not flatly literal, nonetheless, what point is the verse making? (3 points)

**4.** Can you find a verse that reflects how pagan nations might view the major event that this psalm is referring to? What are the specific words that show this? (See **H/O #10**, p. 3 or 4). (4 points)

**5.** Obviously, the major event in view in Ps 79 was harmful to Israel. But is Israel the only party that the writer of Ps 79 feels has been insulted? Who else has been insulted? Which verse?

(3 points)

**6.** Summarize what Ps 79 is about, what it is saying. (4 points)

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