#### Psalm 79: Attend, O Shepherd of Israel, You Who guides Joseph

**I am the Vine, the True Israel[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Prayer for the Restoration and Revival of Israel**

1 (Over those that are to be changed. A testimony by Asaph. A Psalm for the Assyrian)

2 Attend, O Shepherd of Israel,

Who guides Joseph[[2]](#footnote-2) like a sheep;

Who is enthroned upon the Cherubim[[3]](#footnote-3), appear!

3 Raise up Your power before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

and come to save us!

4 O God, bring us back,

and let Your face shine[[4]](#footnote-4), and we will be saved.

5 O Lord God of hosts,

how long will You be angry with the prayer of Your servant?

6 [How long] will You feed us the bread of tears,

and fill our cup to the brim with tears?

7 You made us an offense to our neighbours,

and our enemies sneered at us.

8 O Lord God of hosts, bring us back,

and let Your face shine, and we will be saved. *(Pause)*

9 You transferred a vine from Egypt;

You drive out the nations and plant it.

10 You cleared the way for it,

and planted its roots, and it filled the land.

11 Its shade covered the mountains,

and its tendrils [covered] the cedars of God.

12 It stretched out its branches to the sea,

and its shoots to the rivers.

13 Why did You tare down its hedge,

so that all who pass that way pluck its fruit?

14 The boar from the forest ravaged it,

and the lone beast devoured it.

15 O God of hosts, return us;

look from heaven, and behold,

and visit this vine,

16 which Your right hand has planted, and restore it;

and look upon a son of man, Whom You have made strong for Yourself.[[5]](#footnote-5)

17 [The vine] was burnt with fire, and uprooted;

they will perish at the rebuke of Your face.

18 Let Your hand be upon the man at Your right hand,

and upon the son of man, whom You have made strong for Yourself.

19 Then we will never turn away from You [again];

You will revive us and we will call on Your Name.

20 O Lord God of hosts, return us,

and let Your face shine, and we will be saved.

1. John 15. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Joseph = Israel (Gen. 40:23; 48:15; Amos 6:6). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 2 Sam. 6:2 (LXX). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. [JS] or “reveal Your face”. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. ‘Who is the Son of Man if not our Lord Himself Who so calls Himself in the Gospels?’ (St.Athanasius). But in verse 18 the same title can refer to the human leader building the Temple or Church of God (cp. Ezra 5:2). See Ps. 126 and footnote there. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)