

PSALM

# 74 O God, why have you cast us off

D G D (Em D) A<sup>7</sup> D A

1 O God, why have you cast us off for - ev - er?  
 2 Re - mem - ber where you dwelt up - on Mount Zi - on,  
 3 Your en - e - mies have roared in your as - sem - bly;  
 4 They smashed to piec - es all the fret - ted wood - work -

Am Em B<sup>7</sup> Em A<sup>7</sup> D

Why rage a - gainst the sheep with - in your fold?  
 and turn your steps to - ward these ru - ined walls -  
 their stan - dards fly vic - to - rious in the breeze.  
 with axe and hatch - et ev - ery pan - elled frame.

D Bm A Bm Em B<sup>7</sup> Em

Do not for - get the peo - ple whom you pur - chased,  
 all this de - struc - tion which the foe in mal - ice  
 Their fu - ry was like wood - men wield - ing ax - es  
 They burned your ho - ly sanc - tu' - ry to ash - es,

Am Em B<sup>7</sup> Em A<sup>7</sup> D

the her - i - tage which you re - deemed of old.  
 has per - pe - trat - ed on your sa - cred halls.  
 to cut through un - der - growth be - tween the trees.  
 and made un - clean the place where dwells your Name.

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- 5 Their thought was, "We will utterly destroy them!"  
They burned each place of worship in the land.  
We see no miracles; there are no prophets,  
and no one knows when all these things will end.
- 6 How long, O God, will enemies revile you?  
Forever will your foes blaspheme and scoff?  
Why do you keep your right hand hidden from us?  
Stretch it against your foes and cut them off!
- 7 But from of old, O God, you are my sovereign;  
upon the earth you win the victory.  
You split apart the ocean by your power;  
you broke the monsters' heads within the sea.
- 8 The heads of great Leviathan were shattered;  
you gave him to the desert beasts to eat.  
You were the one who opened streams and fountains;  
you dried the rivers in the summer's heat.
- 9 The day is yours; yours also is the night-time;  
the sun and moon were put in place by you.  
You set the limits of the earth by wisdom;  
you made the summer and the winter too.
- 10 Remember how the enemy reviles you,  
how foolish people never cease to mock.  
Leave not your loved one for the beasts to savage;  
do not abandon your afflicted flock.
- 11 Regard, O LORD, your covenant with your people,  
for haunts of violence fill the land with shame.  
Let not defeat bring scorn on those downtrodden;  
may yet the poor and needy praise your name.
- 12 Rise up, O God, defend your cause in judgment;  
remember how fools mock you all the day.  
Do not ignore the clamour of your enemies;  
their hostile roaring never goes away.