

*Finding Yourself in the Psalms*  
*Psalm 74*  
*A Psalm for Life's Devastating Circumstances*

OVERWHELMED with anguish.

The TIME: Babylonian capture of Jerusalem. 586 BC

- **30 month siege! Jeremiah 39:1-4**
- Psalm 74:4-11

I. QUESTION: Is This Judgment or Trial?

A. For JUDAH: JUDGMENT. Eze 22:1-12

B. For JOB: Trial.

1. Job 1:8
2. 7 sons, 3 daughters
3. sheep, camels, oxen, donkeys
4. "greatest man among all the peoples of the east" (Job 1:3)
5. PLUS - physical suffering

C. Personal illus - the attack on 9/11

1. Had been studying Islam
2. Knowledgeable of Biblical prophesy
3. GOD's JUDGMENT has begun!

II. RESPONSE:

A. Remember God's PLACE. Psalm 74:12

1. God is SOVEREIGN (74:12)
2. God is SAVIOR (74:13)
3. God is still on the throne
4. Asaph did not doubt God's place.
5. "In all of this Job did not sin" **Job 1:22; 2:10**
6. God still has an eternal plan
7. NOTHING can interfere with His plan!

B. Remember God's POWER. Psalm 74:13-15

1. The LORD delivered Israel through the SEA (*power over NATURE*)
2. The LORD delivered Israel from EGYPT (Leviathon) (*power over NATIONS*)
3. The LORD provided Israel with WATER in the desert (*power over NEED*)
4. The LORD has the POWER to deliver YOU! Remember what He has

done in the past.

- C. Remember God's PLAN in the world. Psalm 74:16-17
  - 1. God is not TROUBLED by anything!
  - 2. Psalm 139:12 *"even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you."*
  
- D. Remember God's PROMISES. Psalm 74:18-21
  - 1. Kim: "I haven't had to repeat one promise!"
  - 2. **Psalm 77:10-12**
  
- E. Remember God's attention to your PRAYER. Psalm 74:22-23