

# Psa 38:1-22 {p} reverse parallelism

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**1A) 38:1 O YHVH, REBUKE ME NOT** in Your anger, **NEITHER CHASTEN ME** in Your wrath;

**1B) 38:2-7 YOU CONVICT ME IN MY HEART** because of my sin; there is **NO SOUNDNESS IN MY FLESH** because of my foolishness;

**1a) 38:2-3a** For Your arrows pierce me deeply, and Your hand has come down upon me. **There is no soundness in my flesh** because of Your indignation;

**1b) 38:3b** **Neither is there any health in my bones because of my sin;**

**central axis) 38:4** For my iniquities have gone over my head; as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me;

**2b) 38:5** My wounds are foul, they fester, **because of my foolishness;**

**2a) 38:6-7** I am bent, and greatly bowed down; I go mourning all the day. 7 For my loins are filled with burning, and **there is no soundness in my flesh;**

**2B) 38:8-10 MY HEART IS IN TURMOIL; MY STRENGTH FAILS ME;** but You see my true desires (to please You);

**1a) 38:8a** I am feeble and sorely crushed;

**1b) 38:8b** I groan because of **the turmoil of my heart;**

**central axis) 38:9** Lord, all my desire is before You; and my sighing is not hidden from You;

**2b) 38:10a** My heart flutters, my strength fails me;

**2a) 38:10b** As for **the light of my eyes,** it also **has gone from me;**

**2A) 38:11-22 FOR IN YOU, O YHVH, DO I HOPE;** You will hear (my confession) and answer (my cry for help);

**1a) 38:11** My friends and my companions stand aloof from my plague, and my relatives stand afar off (i.e., **they have forsaken me**);

**1b) 38:12** **Those also who seek after my life** lay snares for me; and those who seek my hurt speak crafty devices, and utter deceits all the day;

**1c) 38:13-14a** But I am as a deaf man, I do not hear; and **I am as a mute who does not open his mouth.** Yes, I have become as a man who does not hear;

**1d) 38:14b** And **in whose mouth is no response;**

**central axis) 38:15a For in You, O YHVH, do I hope;**

**2d) 38:15b-16 You will answer**, O Lord my God. For I said: Lest they rejoice over me; when my foot slips, they magnify themselves against me;

**2c) 38:17-18** For I am ready to stumble, and my pain is continually before me. For **I declare my iniquity**; I am in anguish because my sin;

**2b) 38:19-20** But **my enemies** are strong in health, and those who hate me wrongfully have multiplied. Those also who render evil for good are adversaries to me, because I follow what is good;

**2a) 38:21-22 Do not forsake me**, O LORD; O my God, do not be far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation! **{p}**