

Psalm 44:1-26 Chiasm

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1A) 44:1-3 YHVH'S FAVOR in days of old;

1a) 44:2a O God, we have heard with our ears; our fathers have told us; **{n}** Of a work You did in their days, in the days of old. **2** You **with Your hand** did drive out the nations;

1b) 44:2b And did **plant them in**; **{n}**

central axis) 44:3a You did break the peoples, and did spread them abroad;

2b) 44:3b For not by their own sword did **they get the land in possession**, neither did their own arm save them; **{n}**

2a) 44:3c But **by Your right hand**, and Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, because You favored them;

1B) 44:4 You are my King, O God; command the **SALVATION** of Jacob;

1C) 44:5-7 You **PREVAIL OVER OUR ADVERSARIES**, and **PUT TO SHAME** those who hate us;

1a) 44:5 **Through You we push down our adversaries**; through Your name we tread them under that rise up against us;

central axis) 44:6 For I trust not in my bow, neither can my sword save me;

2a) 44:7 But **You have saved us from our adversaries**, and have put them to shame that hate us;

CENTRAL AXIS) 44:8 **IN GOD WE BOAST ALL DAY LONG, AND PRAISE YOUR NAME FOR EVER;**

2C) 44:9-16 You **MAKE US TURN BACK FROM OUR ADVERSARIES**, and **MY SHAME** has covered me;

1a) 44:9 Yet You have cast us off, and **brought us to confusion**; and do not go forth with our hosts;

1b) 44:10-11a You make us to turn back from the adversary; and those who hate us spoil us at will. **11** **You have given us like sheep** to be eaten;

central axis) 44:11b And have scattered us among the nations;

2b) 44:12 **You sell Your people** for small gain, and have not set their prices high;

2a) 44:13-16 All day long **my confusion** is before me;

1a) 44:13-14 You make us **a taunt** to our neighbors, **a scorn and a derision** to those round about us. **14** You make us a byword among the nations, a shaking of the head among the peoples;

central axis) 44:15 All day long my confusion is before me, and the shame of my face has covered me;

2a) 44:16 Because of the voice of him who **taunts and blasphemes**; by reason of the enemy and the revengeful;

2B) 44:17-22 You have covered us with the **SHADOW OF DEATH**;

1a.1) 44:17 All this is come upon us; **Yet have we not forgotten** You, neither have we been false to Your covenant;

1a.2) 44:18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from Your path;

1a.3) 44:19a Though **You have crushed us** into a place of jackals; **central axis) 44:19b And covered us with the shadow of death;**

2a.1) 44:20 If we had forgotten the name of our God, or spread forth our hands to a strange god;

2a.2) 44:21 Would not God search this out? For He knows **the secrets of the heart**;

2a.3) 44:22 No, but **for Your sake we are killed** all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter;

2A) 44:23-26 DO NOT CAST US OFF for ever;

1a.1) 44:23a Awake, **why do You sleep**, O Adonai?

1a.2) 44:23b Arouse Yourself;

central axis) 44:23c Do not cast off for ever;

2a.1) 44:24-25 Why do You hide Your face, and forget our affliction and our oppression? **25** For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly cleaves to the earth;

2a.2) 44:26 Arise for our help, and redeem us for Your mercy's sake.

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