

# Psa 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. {p}