

Passion in the Psalms: Part 2—On the Cross

Psalm 22:11-18

What David wrote about, is what Jesus experienced on the cross. The Holy Spirit anointed David to prophesy about Christ's crucifixion 1000 years before it happened.

What Jesus Experienced on the Cross

1. _____

Psalm 22:11— "Be not far from Me, For trouble is near; For there is none to help."

2. _____ **& intense spiritual** _____

Psalm 22:12-13— "Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. ¹³They gape at Me with their mouths, Like a raging and roaring lion."

The Bulls of Bashan may represent demonic spirits

1) David notes two separate groups surrounding Jesus

- v.12—bulls with mouths like lions representing demons (1 Peter 5:8)
- v.16—dogs representing the chief priests, elders, and scribes

2) Bashan held deep spiritual associations

- A land of giants (Deuteronomy 3:11)
- Mt. Hermon in Bashan was a center for Baal worship (Judges 3:3)
- The location of the "gates of hell" (Matthew 16:18)

3) Spiritual warfare surrounded the cross

- Satan entered Judas to betray Jesus (Luke 22:3-4)
- The power of darkness was at work (Luke 22:53)
- A spiritual battle taking place because Jesus won the battle on the cross (Colossians 2:15)

3. _____

Psalm 22:14-15— "I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. ¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death."

4. _____ **&** _____

Psalm 22:16-18— "For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet. ¹⁷I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. ¹⁸They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots."