

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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In the Psalms Israel is shown as a nation of people, yet there are places where an individual can relate. Reading through Psalm 76 – 80 you'll see a national outlook and a personal plea for that nation. And it would do us well to make similar entreaties for our country and even our personal lives.

I noticed the opening of this Psalm has the same announcement as the ones from Psalm 73 – 83 A Psalm of Asaph

We generally ascribe the Psalms to David. There are 73 that bear his name and he is known as the sweet psalmist of Israel. Yet Asaph is listed in about 10 and even Moses is listed. As you probably know a psalm is a poem and many have been set to lyrical melody.

- Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

My! Haven't we "progressed" in our praise of the Lord in today's Christian environment. Thank God for the traditional hymns, some of the contemporary ones are alright – matter of personal taste – but watch out.

Asaph is a collector.

He recorded the lessons of God's working with Israel and on a personal level.

Ps. 73: 2 "But as for me," and in Ps. 77: 1 – 4; It is 1<sup>st</sup> person singular. I cried, I sought, My soul, and I complained ... this could also be in view of what happened to him as part of the nation of God's people Israel. Can you see the connection?

We as Christians are admonished to pray for those in authority and in the psalms we find many examples of just that. How many places he asks for mercy - as matter of fact the entire 136<sup>th</sup> psalm speaks of mercy in many aspects; even the destruction of God's enemies – it is because of God's mercy he slew kings.

On a personal level, I reckon we should see our need of it.

- Here's something to follow up on Hosea 10:12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for *it is* time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

That text will be on a personal level – cause sure as shooting this nation ain't gonna sow righteousness. God have mercy on us living in a country where common sense is replaced by how a person might feel; and the things of God are lightly esteemed!

- If Christians aren't sowing righteousness – can we expect mercy? You know the answer.

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Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

### "WEAR OUT THE SAINTS"

Da 7:25 And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

Intro. The primary doctrinal application is for the tribulation period.

What wears out the saints?

What happens when the saints wear out?

What to do?

Tonight at 5:00 "ENDURANCE"

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center

Wed. at 5:30 Visitation

Wed. at 7:00 Bible study & Prayer

Missionary of the week: Pizzo – Israel

### WHITE HOUSE INFESTATION

