PSALM

20

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Communal Intercession

Psalms of David · Book I · Royal Psalms

"For the choir director, a Psalm of David"

PICTURE WORD

Chariots

IN ONE SENTENCE

he people pray that the LORD will answer his anointed king in battle, trusting God's name rather than chariots and horses.

Remember it: Psalm Twenty: some trust chariots, some horses; we trust his name.

MEMORY VERSE

These trust in chariots and these in horses
but we in the name of Yahweh our God will
remember

Psalm 20:7 · the author's translation

HEBREW WORD

יַעַנְךָ

"may he answer you" · verse 1

In the Psalms: 35 times, in 24 psalms

יַעַנְךָ, "may he answer you," comes from the verb "to answer, respond." The psalm opens and closes with this word: "May the LORD answer you" and "Let the King answer us." Prayer is not shouting into the dark. Israel expects the LORD to reply.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–5	The people pray for their king on the day of battle.
6	One voice declares, "Now I know the LORD saves his anointed."
7–9	Trust in God's name, not chariots; save, LORD!

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Psalm 20 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at **ispress.de/psalms/20**.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

The King & the Messiah · Refuge in Trouble

FILL IN THE BLANKS

The people pray that the LORD will answer his _____ king in battle, trusting God's name rather than _____ and _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. From where do the people ask God to send help?

- (A) From Egypt
- (B) From the sanctuary and Zion
- (C) From the sea
- (D) From the king's palace

2. What will the people set up in the name of their God?

- (A) Their banners
- (B) A new altar
- (C) A golden statue
- (D) Their tents

3. What happens to those who trust in chariots?

- (A) They win the battle
- (B) They rise up and stand
- (C) They become rich
- (D) They are bowed down and fallen

TALK IT OVER

1. Who is praying in this psalm, and for whom?

2. What does it mean to trust in God's "name"?

3. What are the "chariots and horses" people trust in today?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 20 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
- ☐ I can say what it teaches
- ☐ I can say verse 7 by heart
- ☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: anointed · chariots · horses · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 2) · 2. A (v. 5) · 3. D (v. 8)