PSALM

# 64

LXIV

## Imprecatory Lament Turning

**Psalms of David** · Book II

*"For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David."*

PICTURE WORD

**Arrows**

### IN ONE SENTENCE

*Enemies shoot secret words like arrows at the innocent, but God shoots back and their own tongues ruin them.*

**Remember it:** Sixty-four: they shoot word-arrows from the bushes, but God's arrow flies back.

### MEMORY VERSE

But God will shoot at them. They will be suddenly struck down with an arrow.

Psalm 64:7 · World English Bible

### HEBREW WORD

חֵץ

*"arrow" · verse 7*

In the Psalms: fourteen times, in 12 psalms

חֵץ is the ordinary word for an arrow. The wicked aim "deadly words" like arrows from hiding. Then the psalm turns on one word: "But God will shoot at them" with an arrow. The same weapon returns, and the plotters who said "who will see?" are struck suddenly.

### HOW THE PSALM MOVES

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| 1–6 | Enemies sharpen tongues and plot secret ambushes. |
| 7–8 | God shoots back, and their own tongues ruin them. |
| 9–10 | All people fear; the righteous rejoice in the LORD. |

### MY NOTES

**Listen.** Hear Psalm 64 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at **ispress.de/psalms/64**.

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

Enemies & Betrayal · Justice on the Wicked

## FILL IN THE BLANKS

Enemies shoot _____ words like _____ at the innocent, but God shoots back and their own _____ ruin them.

## CHECK YOURSELF

**1.** What do the wicked sharpen like a sword?

- (A) Their spears
- (B) Their plans
- (C) Their tongue
- (D) Their teeth

**2.** What do they say about their hidden snares?

- (A) "Who will see them?"
- (B) "God will help us."
- (C) "The king commands it."
- (D) "It is only a joke."

**3.** What ruins the wicked in the end?

- (A) A great flood
- (B) Their own tongues
- (C) A foreign army
- (D) Hunger

## TALK IT OVER

1. How do the wicked describe their own plan in verse 6?

2. What does it say about God that he sees what is plotted in secret?

3. Have you ever been hurt by "arrow" words? How can this psalm guide your response?

## IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 64 TEACH?

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

**Answers** Blanks: secret · arrows · tongues · Check yourself: 1. C (v. 3) · 2. A (v. 5) · 3. B (v. 8)