PSALM

76

LXXVI

Declarative Praise

Psalms of Asaph · Book III

"For the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A Psalm by Asaph. A song."

PICTURE WORD

Sleeping Soldiers

IN ONE SENTENCE

n Salem God is known; he breaks weapons, silences warriors, and is feared by all the earth.

Remember it: Seventy-six: in Salem, God puts the soldiers to sleep and the swords down.

MEMORY VERSE

You, even you, are to be feared. Who can stand in your sight when you are angry?

Psalm 76:7 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

בְּשָׁלֵם

"Salem" · verse 2

In the Psalms: once

שָׁלֵם is an old name for Jerusalem, the city where Melchizedek was king. It comes from the root meaning "whole" or "at peace," the same family as the word for peace. The city of peace is where God snaps the arrows and shields of war.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–3	God is known in Zion, where he broke the weapons of war.
4–6	At his rebuke warriors and horses fall into a dead sleep.
7–10	God rises from heaven to judge and save the afflicted.
11–12	Keep your vows and bring gifts to the God kings fear.

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Psalm 76 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at **ispress.de/psalms/76**.

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

Zion & the House of God · Justice on the Wicked · The LORD Reigns

FILL IN THE BLANKS

In Salem God is known; he breaks _____, silences _____, and is _____ by all the earth.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. Where does the psalm say God's dwelling place is?

- (A) Zion
- (B) Bethel
- (C) Sinai
- (D) Hebron

2. What happens to chariot and horse at God's rebuke?

- (A) They flee to the sea
- (B) They are cast into a dead sleep
- (C) They are taken as plunder
- (D) They turn against Egypt

3. Whom did God arise to save when he judged?

- (A) The kings of the earth
- (B) The valiant men
- (C) All the afflicted ones of the earth
- (D) The princes of Judah

TALK IT OVER

1. What weapons does God break in verse 3, and what does that say about where real power lies?

2. Verse 9 says God judges in order to save the afflicted. How does that change how you think of God's judgment?

3. Verse 11 calls us to make vows and keep them. What promise to God do you need to fulfill?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 76 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: weapons · warriors · feared · Check yourself: 1. A (v. 2) · 2. B (v. 6) · 3. C (v. 9)