

A Study of the Wisdom Literature **(OT Survey Lesson 241—Psalms 76-77)**

Introduction: In psalm 76, the writer extols the greatness of God as He defeats the enemies of Israel. In the 77th psalm, the psalmist urges the reader to remember God's love for Israel in the past to help cope with a present crisis.

Lesson aim: To show the need God's past love as a source of encouragement in present tribulation.

A psalm celebrating God's power over Israel's enemies— Psalm 76:1-12

1. How does the psalmist describe God's relationship with Israel? (v. 1)
Where did God cause His name to dwell? (v. 2) How was this achieved?
(v. 3)
2. How did the psalmist praise God? (v. 4)
3. Describe the defeat of God's enemies (v. 5-6) How then should man approach God? (v. 7)
4. For whom did God arise in wrathful judgment? (v. 8-9) Man's attempts to rebel against God can only result in what? (v. 10)
5. What then are God's people urged to do? (v. 11)
6. What is God's relationship to the leaders of the nations around Israel? (v. 12)

A psalm of consolation based on God's gracious dealings with Israel—Psalm 77:1-20

1. To whom did the psalmist cry? (v. 1) Why? (v. 2)
2. What affect did the psalmist troubles have upon him? (v. 3-4)
3. Yet, what does the psalmist remember? (v. 5-6)

4. What questions then does Asaph raise for his readers to think about in times of trouble? (v. 7-9)
5. What then did Asaph say he would remember about God? (v. 11-12)
6. What did this cause him to recall about God? (v. 13-15)
7. What displays of God's power and greatness are mentioned in v. 16-19?
8. What did God do for His people? (v. 20)