Hear my law, O my people: in-cline your ears unto the words of my mouth. 2. I will open my mouth in a parable: I will declare hard sentences of old; 3. Which we have heard and known: and such as our fathers have told us; 4. That we should not hide them from the children of the generations to come: but to shew the honour of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works that he hath done. 5. He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel a law: which he commanded our fore-fathers to teach their children; 6. That their posterity might know it: and the children which were yet unborn; 7. To the intent that when they came up: they might shew their children the same; 8. That they might put their trust in God: and not to forget the works of God, but to keep his commandments; 9. And not to be as their forefathers, a faithless and stubborn generation: a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit cleaveth not steadfastly unto
God; 10. Like as the children of Ephraim: who being harnessed, and carrying
bows, turned themselves back in the day of battle. 11. They kept not the covenant
of God: and would not walk in his law; 12. But forgat what he had done: and
the wonderful works that he had shewed for them. 13. Marvellous things did he
in the sight of our forefathers, in the land of Egypt: even in the field of Zo-an. 14. He di-vided the sea, and let them go through: he made the wa-
ters to stand on an heap. 15. In the day-time also he led them with a cloud:
and all the night through with a light of fire. 16. He clave the hard rocks in
the wilderness: and gave them drink thereof, as it had been out of the great
depth. 17. He brought waters out of the stony rock: so that it gushed out like
the rivers. 18. Yet for all this they sinned more against him: and provoked
the most Highest in the wilderness. 19. They tempted God in their hearts: and
required meat for their lust. 20. They spake against God also, saying: Shall God
prepare a table in the wilderness? 21. He smote the stony rock indeed, that the
waters gushed out, and the streams flowed withal: but can he give bread
also, or provide flesh for his people? 22. When the Lord heard this, he was
wroth: so the fire was kindled in Jacob, and there came up heavy displeasure
against Is-ra-el; 23. Because they believed not in God: and put not their trust
in his help. 24. So he commanded the clouds above: and opened the doors of
heaven. 25. He rained down manna also upon them for to eat: and gave them
food from heaven. 26. So man did eat angels' food: for he sent them meat
enough27. He caused the east- wind to blow under heaven: and through his
power he brought in the south- west- wind. 28. He rained flesh upon them as
thick as dust: and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea. 29. He let it fall
among their tents: even round about their habitation. 30. So they did eat and
were well fil-led, *for he gave them their own desire: they were not disappoint-
ed of their lust. 31. But while the meat was yet in their mouths, the heav-y

wrath of God came upon them, and slew the wealthiest of them: yea, and smote
down the chosen men that were in Is-rael. 32. But for all this they sinned yet

more: and believed not his wondrous work. 33. Therefore their days did he con-
sume in vani-ty: and their years in trouble. 34. When he slew them, they sought

him: and turned them early, and inquired after God. 35. And they remembered

that God was their strength: and that the high God was their redeemer.

36. Never-the-less, they did but flat-ter him with their mouth: and dissembled with

him in their tongue. 37. For their heart was not whole with him: neither

continued they stedfast in his covenant. 38. But he was so mer-ci-ful, that he

forgave their misdeeds: and destroyed them not. 39. Yea, many a time turned

he his wrath away: and would not suffer his whole displeasure to arise.

40. For he consid-ered that they were but flesh: and that they were even a wind
that passeth away, and cometh not again. 41. Many a time did they provoke him in the wilderness: and grieved him in the desert. 42. They turned back, and tempted God: and moved the Holy One in Isra-el. 43. They thought not of his hand: and of the day when he deliv-ered them from the hand of the ene-my; 44. How he had wrought his mir-acles in Egypt: and his wonders in the field of Zoan. 45. He turned their waters into blood: so that they might not drink of the rivers. 46. He sent lice among them, and devoured them up: and frogs to destroy them. 47. He gave their fruit unto the caterpillar: and their labour unto the grass- hopper. 48. He destroyed their vines with hail-stones: and their mulberry-trees with the frost. 49. He smote their cattle al-so with hail- stones: and their flocks with hot thunderbolts. 50. He cast upon them the furiousness of his wrath, anger, displeasure and trouble: and sent evil angels among them. 51. He made a way to his indignation, and spared
not their soul from death: but gave their life over to the pestilence;

52. And smote all the first-born in Egypt: the most principal and mightiest

in the dwellings of Ham. 53. But as for his own people, he led them forth like

sheep: and carried them in the wilderness like a flock. 54. He brought them

out safely, that they should not fear: and overwhelmed their enemies with

the sea. 55. And brought them within the borders of his sanctuary: even

to his mountain which he purchased with his right hand. 56. He cast out the

heathen also before them: caused their land to be divided among them for an

heritage, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents. 57. So they tempt-
ed and displeased the most high God: and kept not his testimonies; 58. But

turned their backs, and fell away like their forefathers: starting aside like a

broken bow. 59. For they grieved him with their hill-altars: and provoked him
to displease with their images. 60. When God heard this, he was wroth:
and took sore displeasure at Is-rael.  61. So that he forsook the tabernacle in
Si-lo: even the tent that he had pitched among men.  62. He deliv-ered their
power in-to captivi-ty: and their beauty into the enEMY’s hand.  63. He gave his
people o-ver al-so unto the sword: and was wroth with his inher-itance.

64. The fire consumed their young men: and their maidens were not given to mar-
riag.  65. Their priests were slain with the sword: and there were no widows to
make lamentation.  66. So the Lord awaked as one out of sleep: and like a giant
refreshed with wine.  67. He smote his enemies in the hinder parts: and put
them to a perpetu-al shame.  68. He refused the tabernacle of Joseph: and chose
not the tribe of Ephraim;  69. But chose the tribe of Judah: even the hill of
Sion which he loved.  70. And there he built his temple on high: and laid the
foundation of it like the ground which he hath made continually.  71. He chose
David also his servant: and took him away from the sheep-folds.  72. As he
was following the ewes great with young ones he took him: that he might feed

Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.73. So he fed them with a faithful

and true heart: and ruled them prudently with all his power. Glory be
to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the be-

ginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen