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To the chief Musician. Upon the Gittith. A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1** Sing ye joyously unto God our strength, shout aloud unto the God of Jacob;
- 2** Raise a song, and sound the tambour, the pleasant harp with the lute.
- 3** Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the set time, on our feast day:
- 4** For this is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob;
- 5** He ordained it in Joseph for a testimony, when he went forth over the land of Egypt, where I heard a language that I knew not.
- 6** I removed his shoulder from the burden; his hands were freed from the basket.
- 7** Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder; I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.
- 8** Hear, my people, and I will testify unto thee; O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken unto me!
- 9** There shall no strange GOD be in thee, neither shalt thou worship any foreign GOD.
- 10** I am Jehovah thy God, that brought thee up out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- 11** But my people hearkened not to my voice, and Israel would none of me.
- 12** So I gave them up unto their own hearts' stubbornness: they walked after their own counsels.
- 13** Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, that Israel had walked in my ways!
- 14** I would soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.
- 15** The haters of Jehovah would have come cringing unto him; but their time would have been for ever.
- 16** And he would have fed them with the finest of wheat; yea, with honey out of the rock would I have satisfied thee.