

Psalm 78 – Part 6

Still they put God to the proof and defied him; they refused to obey the Most High. They strayed, as faithless as their fathers, like a bow on which the archer cannot count. With their mountain shrines they angered him; made him jealous with the idols they served.

God saw and was filled with fury; he utterly rejected Israel. He forsook his dwelling place in Shiloh, the tent where he lived among men.

He gave his ark into captivity, his glorious ark into the hands of the foe. He gave up his people to the sword, in his anger against his chosen ones.

So war devoured their young men, their maidens had no wedding songs; their priests fell by the sword and their widows made no lament.

Then the Lord awoke as if from sleep, like a warrior overcome with wine. He struck his foes from behind and put them to everlasting shame.

He rejected the tent of Joseph; he did not choose the tribe of Ephraim; but he chose the tribe of Judah, the hill of Zion which he loves.