Songs not in the Psalms

Moses & Miriam

I sing praises to the Lord for his great victory!
He has thrown the horses and their riders into the sea.
The Lord is my strength, the reason for my song, because he has saved me.
I praise and honor the Lord— he is my God and the God of my ancestors.
The Lord is his name, and he is a warrior!
He threw the chariots and army of Egypt's king into the Red Sea,
and he drowned the best of the king's officers.
They sank to the bottom just like stones.

With the tremendous force of your right arm, our Lord, you crushed your enemies.
What a great victory was yours, when you defeated everyone who opposed you.
Your fiery anger wiped them out, as though they were straw.
You were so furious that the sea piled up like a wall,
and the ocean depths curdled like cheese.

Your enemies boasted that they would pursue and capture us,
divide up our possessions, treat us as they wished,
then take out their swords and kill us right there.
But when you got furious, they sank like lead, swallowed by ocean waves.

Our Lord, no other gods compare with you—
Majestic and holy! Fearsome and glorious! Miracle worker!
When you signaled with your right hand,
your enemies were swallowed deep into the earth.

The people you rescued were led by your powerful love to your holy place.
Nations learned of this and trembled— Philistines shook with horror.
The leaders of Edom and of Moab were terrified.
Everyone in Canaan fainted, struck down by fear.
Our Lord, your powerful arm kept them still as a rock
until the people you rescued to be your very own had marched by.

You will let your people settle on your own mountain,
where you chose to live and to be worshiped.
Our Lord, you will rule forever!

“Sing praises to the Lord for his great victory!
He has thrown the horses and their riders into the sea.” (Exodus 15:1-18, 21 CEV)

Moses & Joshua

Earth and Sky, listen to what I say! Israel, I will teach you.
My words will be like gentle rain on tender young plants, or like dew on the grass.
Join with me in praising the wonderful name of the LORD our God.
The LORD is a mighty rock, and he never does wrong.
God can always be trusted to bring justice.

But you lie and cheat and are unfaithful to him.
You have disgraced yourselves and are no longer worthy to be his children.
Israel, the LORD is your Father, the one who created you, but you repaid him by being foolish.
Think about past generations. Ask your parents or any of your elders.
They will tell you that God Most High gave land to every nation.
He assigned a guardian angel (*god*) to each of them, but the LORD himself takes care of Israel.

Israel, the LORD discovered you in a barren desert filled with howling winds.
God became your fortress, protecting you as though you were his own eyes.
The LORD was like an eagle teaching its young to fly,
always ready to swoop down and catch them on its back.
Israel, the LORD led you, and without the aid of a foreign god, he helped you capture the land.

…Your wheat was the finest, and you drank the best wine.
Israel, you grew fat and rebelled against God, your Creator
you rejected the Mighty Rock, your only place of safety.
You made God jealous and angry by worshiping disgusting idols and foreign gods.
You offered sacrifices to demons, those useless gods that never helped you,
new gods that your ancestors never worshiped.

You turned away from God, your Creator; you forgot the Mighty Rock, the source of your life.
You were the LORD's children, but you made him angry.
Then he rejected you and said, “You are unfaithful and can't be trusted.
So I won't answer your prayers; I'll just watch and see what happens to you.
You worshiped worthless idols, and made me jealous and angry!
Now I will send a cruel and worthless nation to make you jealous and angry.

“My people, I will breathe out fire that sends you down to the world of the dead.
It will scorch your farmland, and burn deep down under the mountains.
I'll send disaster after disaster to strike you like arrows.
You'll be struck by starvation and deadly diseases,
by the fangs of wild animals and poisonous snakes.
Young and old alike will be killed in the streets and terrified at home.

…When only a few of the LORD's people remain,
when their strength is gone, and some of them are slaves,
the LORD will feel sorry for them and give them justice.
Don't you understand? I am the only God; there are no others.
I am the one who takes life and gives it again. I punished you with suffering.
But now I will heal you, and nothing can stop me!

…Tell the heavens to celebrate and all gods to bow down to the LORD,
because he will take revenge on those hateful enemies who killed his people.
He will forgive the sins of Israel and purify their land. (Deuteronomy 32:1-43 CEV)

Deborah & Barak

We praise you, LORD! Our soldiers volunteered, ready to follow you.
Listen, kings and rulers, while I sing for the LORD, the God of Israel.

Our LORD, God of Israel, when you came from Seir, where the Edomites live,
Rain poured from the sky, the earth trembled, and mountains shook.
…Then Deborah took command, protecting Israel as a mother protects her children.
The Israelites worshiped other gods, and the gates of their towns were then attacked.
But they had no shields or spears to fight with.

I praise you, LORD, and I am grateful for those leaders and soldiers who volunteered.
Listen, everyone! …"The LORD has won victories, and so has Israel."
Then the LORD's people marched down to the town gates and said, "Deborah, let's go!
Let's sing as we march. Barak, capture our enemies."
The LORD's people who were left joined with their leaders and fought at my side.
From their pathways in the sky the stars fought Sisera,
and his soldiers were swept away by the ancient Kishon River.

I will march on and be brave.

Sisera's horses galloped off, their hoofs thundering in retreat.
The LORD's angel said, "Put a curse on Meroz Town!
Its people refused to help the LORD fight his powerful enemies."
But honor Jael, the wife of Heber from the Kenite clan.
Give more honor to her than to any other woman who lives in tents.

Yes, give more honor to her than to any other woman.
Sisera asked for water, but Jael gave him milk— cream in a fancy cup.
She reached for a tent-peg and held a hammer in her right hand.
And with a blow to the head, she crushed his skull.
Sisera sank to his knees and fell dead at her feet.

…Our LORD, we pray that all your enemies will die like Sisera.
But let everyone who loves you shine brightly like the sun at dawn. (Judges 5 CEV)

Hannah

You make me strong and happy, LORD. You rescued me.
Now I can be glad and laugh at my enemies.

No other god is like you and with you we are safer than on a high mountain.
I can tell those proud people, “Stop your boasting!
Nothing is hidden from the LORD, and he judges what we do.”

Our LORD, you break the bows of warriors, but you give strength to everyone who stumbles.
People who once had plenty to eat must now hire themselves out for only a piece of bread.
But you give the hungry more than enough to eat. A woman did not have a child,
and you gave her seven, but a woman who had many was left with none.
You take away life, and you give life.
You send people down to the world of the dead and bring them back again.

Our LORD, you are the one who makes us rich or poor.
You put some in high positions and bring disgrace on others.
You lift the poor and homeless out of the garbage dump
and give them places of honor in royal palaces.

You set the world on foundations, and they belong to you.
You protect your loyal people, but everyone who is evil will die in darkness.

We cannot win a victory by our own strength.
Our LORD, those who attack you will be broken in pieces
when you fight back with thunder from heaven.
You will judge the whole earth and give power and strength to your chosen king.
(I Samuel 2:1-10 CEV)

Lament for Saul & Jonathan

Israel, your famous hero lies dead on the hills, and your mighty warriors have fallen!
Don't tell it in Gath or spread the news on the streets of Ashkelon.
The godless Philistine women will be happy and jump for joy.

Don't let dew or rain fall on the hills of Gilboa. Don't let its fields grow offerings for God.
There the warriors' shields were smeared with mud, and Saul's own shield was left unpolished.
The arrows of Jonathan struck, and warriors died. The sword of Saul cut the enemy apart.

It was easy to love Saul and Jonathan.
Together in life, together in death, they were faster than eagles and stronger than lions.

Women of Israel, cry for Saul. He brought you fine red cloth and jewelry made of gold.
Our warriors have fallen in the heat of battle, and Jonathan lies dead on the hills of Gilboa.

Jonathan, I miss you most! I loved you like a brother.
You were truly loyal to me, more faithful than a wife to her husband.
Our warriors have fallen, and their weapons are destroyed. (2 Samuel 1:17-27 CEV)

Asaph's Temple Completion

The priests of every group had gone through the ceremony to make themselves clean and acceptable to the LORD. The Levite musicians, including Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and relatives, were wearing robes of fine linen. They were standing on the east side of the altar, playing cymbals, small harps, and other stringed instruments. One hundred and twenty priests were with these musicians, and they were blowing trumpets.

They were praising the LORD by playing music and singing:

“The LORD is good, and his love never ends.”

Suddenly a cloud filled the temple as the priests were leaving the holy place. The LORD's glory was in that cloud, and the light from it was so bright that the priests could not stay inside to do their work. (2 Chronicles 5:11-14 CEV)

Bless the Lord

“We bring nothing at birth; we take nothing with us at death.
The LORD alone gives and takes away. Bless the name of the LORD!”
(Job 1:21 CEV)

My Redeemer Lives

I know that my *Defender* lives, and at the end he will stand on this earth.
My flesh may be destroyed, yet from this body I will see God.
Yes, I will see him for myself, and I long for that moment. (Job 19:25-27 CEV)

Who is this?

What do we see approaching from the desert like a cloud of smoke?
With it comes the sweet smell of spices, including myrrh and frankincense.
It is King Solomon carried on a throne, surrounded by sixty of Israel's best soldiers.
Each of them wears a sword. They are experts at fighting, even in the dark.
The carried throne is made of trees from Lebanon.
Its posts are silver, the back is gold, and the seat is covered with purple cloth.
You women of Jerusalem have taken great care to furnish the inside.
Now come and see the crown given to Solomon by his mother on his happy wedding day.

(Song of Solomon 3:6-11 CEV)

Leaning on Her Beloved

You are as majestic as the morning sky— glorious as the moon— blinding as the sun!
Your charms are more powerful than a mighty army ready for war.

Who is this young woman coming in from the desert and leaning on the shoulder of the one she loves?

The passion of love bursting into flame is more powerful than death, stronger than the grave.
Love cannot be drowned by oceans or floods.
It cannot be bought— any offer would be scorned no matter how great.

Hurry to me, my darling! Run faster than a deer to mountains of spices.
(Song of Solomon 6:10; 8:5,6,7,14 CEV)

The LORD's Kindness Never Fails

Just thinking of my troubles and my lonely wandering makes me miserable.
That's all I ever think about, and I am depressed.

Then I remember something that fills me with hope.
The LORD's kindness never fails! If he had not been merciful, we would have been destroyed.
The LORD can always be trusted to show mercy each morning.
Deep in my heart I say, "The LORD is all I need; I can depend on him!"

The LORD is kind to everyone who trusts and obeys him.
It is good to wait patiently for the LORD to save us.
When we are young, it is good to struggle hard and to sit silently alone,
if this is what the LORD intends.
Being rubbed in the dirt can teach us a lesson; we can also learn from insults and hard knocks.
The Lord won't always reject us! He causes a lot of suffering,
but he also has pity because of his great love.
The Lord doesn't enjoy sending grief or pain. (Lamentations 3:19-33 CEV)

Isaiah's Vineyard

I will sing a song about my friend's vineyard that was on the side of a fertile hill.
My friend dug the ground, removed the stones, and planted the best vines.
He built a watchtower and dug a pit in rocky ground for pressing the grapes.
He hoped they would be sweet, but bitter grapes were all it produced.
I am the LORD All-Powerful! Israel is the vineyard, and Judah is the garden I tended with care.
I had hoped for honesty and for justice, but dishonesty and cries for mercy were all I found.
(Isaiah 5:1-2, 7 CEV)

Isaiah' Song

I trust you to save me, LORD God, and I won't be afraid.
My power and my strength come from you, and you have saved me.

With great joy, you people will get water from the well of victory.
At that time you will say, "Our LORD, we are thankful, and we worship only you.
We will tell the nations how glorious you are and what you have done.
Because of your wonderful deeds we will sing your praises everywhere on earth."

Sing, people of Zion! Celebrate the greatness of the holy LORD of Israel.
God is here to help you. (Isaiah 12:2-6 CEV)

Judah's Protection

Our city is protected. The LORD is our fortress, and he gives us victory.
Open the city gates for a law-abiding nation that is faithful to God.
The LORD gives perfect peace to those whose faith is firm.
So always trust the LORD because he is forever our mighty rock.
God has put down our enemies in their mountain city and rubbed it in the dirt.
Now the poor and abused trample all over that city.

Our LORD, you always do right, and you make the path smooth for those who obey you.
You are the one we trust to bring about justice;
above all else we want your name to be honored.
Throughout the night, my heart searches for you,
because your decisions show everyone on this earth how to live right.

Even when the wicked are treated with mercy in this land of justice,
they do wrong and are blind to your glory, our LORD.
Your hand is raised and ready to punish them, but they don't see it. Put them to shame!
Show how much you care for us and throw them into the fire intended for your enemies.

You will give us peace, LORD, because everything we have done was by your power.
Others have ruled over us besides you, our LORD God, but we obey only you.
Those enemies are now dead and can never live again.
You have punished them— they are destroyed, completely forgotten.
Our nation has grown because of you, our LORD.
We have more land than before, and you are honored.

When you punished our people, they turned and prayed to you, our LORD.
Because of what you did to us, we suffered like a woman about to give birth.
But instead of having a child, our terrible pain produced only wind.
We have won no victories, and we have no descendants to take over the earth.

Your people will rise to life! Tell them to leave their graves and celebrate with shouts.
You refresh the earth like morning dew; you give life to the dead. (Isaiah 26:1-19 CEV)

Comfort My People

Our God has said: “Encourage my people! Give them comfort.
Speak kindly to Jerusalem and announce: Your slavery is past; your punishment is over.
I, the LORD, made you pay double for your sins.”

Someone is shouting: “Clear a path in the desert! Make a straight road for the LORD our God.
Fill in the valleys; flatten every hill and mountain. Level the rough and rugged ground.
Then the glory of the LORD will appear for all to see. The LORD has promised this!”

Someone told me to shout, and I asked, “What should I shout?”
We humans are merely grass, and we last no longer than wild flowers.
At the LORD's command, flowers and grass disappear, and so do we.
Flowers and grass fade away, but what our God has said will never change.

There is good news for the city of Zion. Shout it as loud as you can from the highest mountain.
Don't be afraid to shout to the towns of Judah: “Your God is here!”

Look! The powerful LORD God is coming to rule with his mighty arm.
He brings with him what he has taken in war, and he rewards his people. (Isaiah 40:1-10 CEV)

Suffering Servant

Has anyone believed us or seen the mighty power of the LORD in action?
Like a young plant or a root that sprouts in dry ground, the servant grew up obeying the LORD.
He wasn't some handsome king. Nothing about the way he looked made him attractive to us.

He was hated and rejected; his life was filled with sorrow and terrible suffering.
No one wanted to look at him. We despised him and said, “He is a nobody!”

He suffered and endured great pain for us,
but we thought his suffering was punishment from God.
He was wounded and crushed because of our sins;
by taking our punishment, he made us completely well.
All of us were like sheep that had wandered off.
We had each gone our own way, but the LORD gave him the punishment we deserved.

He was painfully abused, but he did not complain.
He was silent like a lamb being led to the butcher, as quiet as a sheep having its wool cut off.

He was condemned to death without a fair trial.
Who could have imagined what would happen to him?
His life was taken away because of the sinful things my people had done.
He wasn't dishonest or violent, but he was buried in a tomb among cruel, rich people.

The LORD decided his servant would suffer as a sacrifice to take away the sin and guilt of others.
Now the servant will live to see his own descendants. He did everything the LORD had planned.

By suffering, the servant will learn the true meaning of obeying the LORD.
Although he is innocent, he will take the punishment for the sins of others,
so that many of them will no longer be guilty.
The LORD will reward him with honor and power for sacrificing his life.
Others thought he was a sinner, but he suffered for our sins and asked God to forgive us.
(Isaiah 53:1-12 CEV)

Arise, Shine

Jerusalem, stand up! Shine! Your new day is dawning.
The glory of the LORD shines brightly on you.
The earth and its people are covered with darkness,
but the glory of the LORD is shining upon you.
Nations and kings will come to the light of your dawning day. (Isaiah 60 CEV)

Peaceable Kingdom

Like a branch that sprouts from a stump, someone from David's family will someday be king.
The Spirit of the LORD will be with him to give him understanding, wisdom, and insight.
He will be powerful, and he will know and honor the LORD.
His greatest joy will be to obey the LORD.

This king won't judge by appearances or listen to rumors.
The poor and the needy will be treated with fairness and with justice.
His word will be law everywhere in the land, and criminals will be put to death.
Honesty and fairness will be his royal robes.

Leopards will lie down with young goats, and wolves will rest with lambs.
Calves and lions will eat together and be cared for by little children.
Cows and bears will share the same pasture; their young will rest side by side.
Lions and oxen will both eat straw.

Little children will play near snake holes.
They will stick their hands into dens of poisonous snakes and never be hurt. (Isaiah 11:1-8 CEV)

Lament for Tyre

At one time, you were perfect, intelligent, and good-looking. You lived in the garden of Eden and wore jewelry made of brightly colored gems and precious stones. They were all set in gold and were ready for you on the day you were born. I appointed a winged creature to guard your home on my holy mountain, where you walked among gems that dazzled like fire.

You were truly good from the time of your birth, but later you started doing wicked things. You traded with other nations and became more and more cruel and evil. So I forced you to leave my mountain, and the creature that had been your protector now chased you away from the jewels.

It was your good looks that made you arrogant, and you were so famous that you started acting like a fool. That's why I threw you to the ground and let other kings sneer at you. You have cheated so many other merchants that your places of worship are corrupt. So I set your city on fire and burned it down. Now everyone sees only ashes where your city once stood, and the people of other nations are shocked. Your punishment was horrible, and you are gone forever. (Ezekiel 28:12a-19 CEV)

Habakkuk

I know your reputation, LORD, and I am amazed at what you have done.
Please turn from your anger and be merciful; do for us what you did for our ancestors.

You are the same Holy God who came from Teman and Paran to help us.
The brightness of your glory covered the heavens,
and your praises were heard everywhere on earth.
Your glory shone like the sun, and light flashed from your hands, hiding your mighty power.
Dreadful diseases and plagues marched in front and followed behind.
When you stopped, the earth shook; when you stared, nations trembled;
when you walked along your ancient paths, eternal mountains and hills crumbled and collapsed.

…You split the earth apart with rivers and streams; mountains trembled at the sight of you;
rain poured from the clouds; ocean waves roared and rose.
The sun and moon stood still, while your arrows and spears flashed like lightning.

In your furious anger, you trampled on nations to rescue your people and save your chosen one.
You crushed a nation's ruler and stripped his evil kingdom of its power.
His troops had come like a storm, hoping to scatter us and glad to gobble us up.
To them we were refugees in hiding— but you smashed their heads with their own weapons.
Then your chariots churned the waters of the sea.

When I heard this message, I felt weak from fear, and my lips quivered.
My bones seemed to melt, and I stumbled around. But I will patiently wait.
Someday those vicious enemies will be struck by disaster.

Fig trees may no longer bloom, or vineyards produce grapes;
olive trees may be fruitless, and harvest time a failure;
sheep pens may be empty, and cattle stalls vacant—
but I will still celebrate because the LORD God is my Savior. The LORD gives me strength.
He makes my feet as sure as those of a deer, and he helps me stand on the mountains.
(Habakkuk 3:1-19 CEV)

Tobit

Praise the eternal God, praise the one who rules. He punishes us; then he shows us mercy.
He sends us down to the world of the dead, then he brings us up from the grave.
No one can escape his power. People of Israel, give thanks among the nations,
where he sent you into exile; even there he showed his great power.
Let all who live hear your praise. The Lord is our God and father forever.
Though he punished you for your wickedness, he will be merciful and bring you home
from among the nations where he scattered you.
Turn to him with all your heart and soul, live in loyal obedience to him.
Then he will turn to you to help you and will no longer hide himself.
Remember what God has done for you, and give thanks with all your heart.
Praise the righteous Lord; honor the eternal King.
Although I live in exile in a foreign land, I will give thanks to the Lord
and will speak of his great strength to a nation of sinners.
Turn away from your sins, and do what pleases God!
Perhaps he will be gracious and show you his mercy.

I praise my God and rejoice in his greatness; my whole being honors the King of heaven.
Let everyone tell of his greatness and sing his praises in Jerusalem.
Jerusalem, Holy City of our God, he will punish you for the sins of your people,
but he will be merciful to all who do right.
So give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. Praise the eternal King.
Your Temple will be rebuilt, and your people will be happy again.
May the Lord make all your exiles glad,
may he take care of your suffering people for as long as time shall last.
Jerusalem, your light will shine brightly for all the world,
and from far away many nations will come to you.
Their people will come to honor the Lord your God, they will bring gifts for the King of heaven.
In your streets many generations will sing joyful praise,
your name will endure forever as God's chosen city.
A curse will be on all who make threats against you,
on all who destroy you and tear down your walls,
on all who demolish your towers and burn your homes.
But all who honor you will be blessed forever.
Rejoice, Jerusalem, because of your righteous people;
they will be gathered together from exile to praise the Lord of the ages.
Happy are all who love you and are pleased to see you prosper.
Those who mourn over your suffering now will one day be happy;
your happiness will bring them joy forever. I praise the Lord, the great King;
Jerusalem will be rebuilt and will be his home forever.
Jerusalem, how happy I will be when my descendants can see your splendor
and give thanks to the King of heaven.

Your gates will be built with sapphires and emeralds, and all your walls with precious stones.
Your towers will be made of gold, and their fortifications of pure gold.
Your streets will be paved with rubies and precious jewels.
Joyful songs will ring out from your gates, and from all your houses people will shout,
Praise the Lord! Praise the God of Israel! Jerusalem, God will bless your people,
and they will praise his holy name forever. (Tobit 13:1-18)

Judith

Praise my God and sing to him; praise the Lord with drums and cymbals;
play a new song for him. Praise him and call on him for help.
The Lord is a warrior who ends war. He rescued me from my pursuers
and brought me back to his people's camp.
Down from the mountains of the north came the Assyrians,
with their tens of thousands of soldiers.
Their troops blocked the rivers in the valleys; their cavalry covered the mountains.
They threatened to set fire to our country, slaughter our young men, dash our babies to the ground, take our children away as captives, and carry off all our young women.
But the Lord Almighty tricked them; he used a woman to stop them.
Their hero was not slain by young soldiers or attacked and killed by mighty giants.
It was Judith, the daughter of Merari, who brought him down with her beauty.
She gave victory to the oppressed people of Israel, when she took off her widow's clothes,
and put on a linen dress to entice him.
She put on her rich perfumes and tied a ribbon around her hair.
Her dainty sandal caught his eye; her beauty captured his heart.
Then the sword slashed through his neck.
The Persians trembled at her daring; the Medes were amazed at her bravery.
Then our people shouted in victory. They had been weak and oppressed,
but they forced the enemy to retreat in panic and fear.
We are the descendants of slaves, but our enemies turned and ran;
we killed them like runaway slaves. They were destroyed by the army of the Lord.
I will sing a new song to my God. O Lord, you are strong and glorious!
You have never been defeated. Let all your creatures serve you.
You gave the command, and all of them came into being; you breathed on them,
and all of them were created. No one can oppose your command.
The mountains and the seas tremble, and rocks melt like wax when you come near.
But there is mercy for all who obey you. The Lord is more pleased with those who obey him than with all the choice meat on the altar, or with all the most fragrant sacrifices.
The nations who rise up against my people are doomed.
The Lord Almighty will punish them on Judgment Day.
He will send fire and worms to devour their bodies, and they will weep in pain forever.
(Judith 16:2-17)

Song of the Three

We praise You, O Lord, God of our fathers, and worthy of praise;
and Your name is glorified forever.
For You are just in all that you have done to us, and all Your works are true and thy ways right,
and all Your judgments are truth.
You have executed true judgments in all that You have brought upon us and upon Jerusalem,
the holy city of our fathers,
for in truth and justice you have brought all this upon us because of our sins.
For we have sinfully and lawlessly departed from You,
and have sinned in all things and have not obeyed Your commandments;
we have not observed them or done them,
as You have commanded us that it might go well with us.
So all that You have brought upon us, and all that You have done to us,
You have done in true judgment.
You have given us into the hands of lawless enemies, most hateful rebels,
and to an unjust king, the most wicked in all the world.
And now we cannot open our mouths;
shame and disgrace have befallen Your servants and worshipers.
For Your name's sake do not give us up completely, and do not break Your covenant,
and do not withdraw Your mercy from us, for the sake of Abraham Your most loved
and for the sake of Isaac Your servant and Israel Your holy one, to whom You did promise
to make their descendants as many as the stars of heaven
and as the sand on the shore of the sea.
For we, O Lord, have become fewer than any nation,
and are brought low this day in all the world because of our sins.
And at this time there is no prince, or prophet, or leader,
no burnt offering, or sacrifice, or oblation, or incense,
no place to make an offering before You or to find mercy.
Yet with a contrite heart and a humble spirit may we be accepted,
as though it were with burnt offerings of rams and bulls, and with tens of thousands of fat lambs;
such may our sacrifice be in Your sight this day, and may we wholly follow You,
for there will be no shame for those who trust in You.
And now with all our heart we follow You, we fear You and seek Your face.
Do not put us to shame, but deal with us in Your patience and in Your abundant mercy.
Deliver us in light of Your works we marvel at, and give glory to Your name, O Lord!
Let all who do harm to Your servants be put to shame;
let them be disgraced and deprived of all power and dominion, and let their strength be broken.
Let them know that You are the Lord, the only God,
glorious over the whole world. (Song of the Three 1:3-22)

Enoch

Praise You, O Lord the King, Great and powerful in Your majesty,
Lord of the whole creation of heaven, King of kings, and God of the whole World!

Your Kingly authority, and Your Sovereign rule, and Your majesty will last forever, and ever, and Your power, for all generations. All the heavens are Your throne forever,
and the whole earth Your footstool forever, and ever.
For You made and You rule everything, and nothing is too hard for You,
No wisdom escapes You; It does not turn away from Your Throne, Nor from Your presence.
And You know, and see, and hear everything, and nothing is hidden from You; for You see everything. And now, the Angels of Your heaven are doing wrong,
and Your anger rests on the flesh of men until the day of the Great Judgement. (1 Enoch 84:2-4)

Baruch

Who can understand, O Lord, Your goodness? For it is incomprehensible.
Or who can search into your compassions, Which are infinite?
Or who can comprehend Your intelligence? or who is able to recount the thoughts of Your mind?
Or who of those who are born can hope to come to those things,

Unless he is one to whom you are merciful and gracious?
Because, if assuredly you did not have compassion on man,
Those who are under Your right hand, They could not come to those things,
But those who are in the numbers named can be called.

But if, indeed, we who exist know wherefore we have come,
And submit ourselves to Him who brought us out of Egypt,
We shall come again and remember those things which have passed,
And shall rejoice regarding that which has been.

But if now we know not wherefore we have come,
And recognize not the principate of Him who brought us up out of Egypt,
We shall come again and seek after those things which have been now,
And be grieved with pain because of those things which have befallen. (2 Baruch 75)

Solomon

Lord, Your mercy is over the works of Your hands forever;
Your goodness is over Israel with a rich gift.
Your eyes look upon them, so that none of them suffers want;
Your ears listen to the hopeful prayer of the poor.
Your judgments (are executed) upon the whole earth in mercy;
And Your love (is) toward the seed of Abraham, the children of Israel.
Your chastisement is upon us as (upon) a first-born, only-begotten son,
To turn back the obedient soul from folly (that is wrought) in ignorance.
May God cleanse Israel against the day of mercy and blessing,
Against the day of choice when He brings back His anointed.

Blessed shall they be that shall be in those days, In that they shall see the goodness of the Lord which He shall perform for the generation that is to come,
Under the rod of chastening of the Lord's anointed in the fear of his God,
In the spirit of wisdom and righteousness and strength;
That he may direct (every} man in the works of righteousness by the fear of God,
That he may establish them all before the Lord,
A good generation (living) in the fear of God in the days of mercy. Selah.
(Psalm of Solomon 18:1-10)

'Eternal, Mighty, Holy El, God only-supreme'	
9. Self-originate, incorruptible, immaculate,	You who are the Self-originated, the Beginningless One Incorruptible,
Unbegotten,	
spotless, immortal,	Spotless, Uncreated, Immaculate, Immortal, Self-complete, Self-illuminating,
10. Self-perfected, self-devised,	
Without mother, without father, ungenerated,	Without father, without mother, unbegotten,
11. Exalted, fiery,	Exalted, Fiery One! Lover of men, Benevolent One, Bountiful One,
12. Just, lover of men, benevolent, compassionate, bountiful,	
Jealous over me, Patient one, most merciful,	Jealous over me, and very compassionate, Eli, My God,
13. Eli,	
eternal, mighty one, holy Sabaoth,	Eternal, Jehovah Zebaioth, Very Glorious El, El, El, El, Jah El!
Most glorious El, El, El, El, Iaoel,	
14. You are he my soul has loved,	You are the One whom my soul has loved!
my protector.	Eternal Protector, Shining like Fire, Whose voice is like the thunder, Whose look is like the lightning,
15. Eternal, fiery, shining,	
light-giving, thunder-voiced, lightning-visioned,	
many-eyed,	You are the All-seeing One, Who receives the prayers of all such as honour You,
16. receiving the petitions of those who honor you	

and turning away from the petitions of those who restrain you by the restraint of their provocations, **17.** redeemer of those who dwell in the midst of the wicked ones, of those who are dispersed among the just of the world, in the corruptible age.	And turn away the requests of those who embarrass You with their provocations Who dissolves the confusions of the world which arise from the ungodly and the righteous mixed up in the confusion of the corruptible age,
18. Showing forth the age of the just, '	And renewing the age of the righteous,
You make the light shine Before the morning light upon your creation From your face	Shine 0 Lord, shine as a light, even as that light with which you clothed Yourself on the first day of Creation, Shine as the Light of the Morning on Your creatures
To spend the day on the earth,	And let it be Day upon Earth,
19. And in your heavenly dwelling place (there is) an inexhaustible light of a invincible dawning from the light of your face.	For in these heavenly dwelling places there is no need of any other light Than the unspeakable splendour from the light of Your Countenance,
20. Accept my prayer and delight in it,	O answer my prayer, 0 be well-pleased with it,
And (accept) also the sacrifice which you yourself made To yourself through me as I searched for you.	O accept my sacrifice which You have prepared for me to offer,
21. Receive me favorably,	Accept me favourably, and show me, teach me, all that You have promised!'

(Apocalypse of Abraham 17:8-23)

Messianic Writings

Mary

With all my heart I praise the Lord, and I am glad because of God my Savior.
God cares for me, his humble servant. From now on, all people will say God has blessed me.
God All-Powerful has done great things for me, and his name is holy.
He always shows mercy to everyone who worships him.

The Lord has used his powerful arm to scatter those who are proud.
God drags strong rulers from their thrones and puts humble people in places of power.
God gives the hungry good things to eat, and sends the rich away with nothing.
God helps his servant Israel and is always merciful to his people.
The Lord made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his family forever!
(Luke 1:46-55 CEV)

Zechariah

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel! He has come to save his people.
Our God has given us a mighty Savior from the family of David, his servant.
Long ago the Lord promised by the words of his holy prophets
to save us from our enemies and from everyone who hates us.
God said he would be kind to our people and keep his sacred promise.
He told our ancestor Abraham that he would rescue us from our enemies.
Then we could serve him without fear, by being holy and good as long as we live.

You, my son, will be called the prophet of God Most High.
You will go ahead of the Lord to get everything ready for him.
You will tell his people that they can be saved when their sins are forgiven.
God's love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky.
On us who live in the dark shadow of death this light will shine to guide us into a life of peace.
(Luke 1:67-79 CEV)

Angels

Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said:
“Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God.”
(Luke 2:13-14 CEV)

Simeon

Lord, I am your servant, and now I can die in peace,
because you have kept your promise to me.
With my own eyes I have seen what you have done to save your people,
and foreign nations will also see this. Your mighty power is a light for all nations,
and it will bring honor to your people Israel. (Luke 2:25-35 CEV)

Beatitudes

God favors those people who depend only on him. They belong to the kingdom from heaven!
God favors those people who grieve. They will be comforted!
God favors those people who are humble. The earth will belong to them!
God favors those people who want everyone to be treated right more than to eat or drink.
They will be given what they want!

God favors those people who are merciful. They will be treated with mercy!
God favors those people whose hearts are pure. They will see him!
God favors those people who make peace. They will be called his children!
God favors those people who are treated badly for doing and speaking His truth.
They belong to the kingdom from heaven.
God will favor you when people insult you, mistreat you,
and tell all kinds of evil lies about you because of me.
Be happy and excited! Your reward is in heaven.
People did these same things to the prophets who lived long ago. (Matthew 5:3-12)

Romans Doxology

The people of Israel are treated as God's enemies, so the good news can come to Gentiles. But Israel is still the chosen ones, and God loves Israel because of their famous ancestors. God doesn't take back the gifts he has given or disown the people he has chosen.

At one time Gentiles rejected God. But now Israel has rejected God, and Gentiles have been shown mercy. And because of the mercy shown to Gentiles, Israel will also be shown mercy. All people have disobeyed God, and that's why he treats them as prisoners. But he does this, so that he can have mercy on all of them.

Who can measure the wealth and wisdom and knowledge of God? Who can understand his decisions or explain what he does?

“Has anyone known the thoughts of the Lord or given him advice?

Has anyone loaned something to the Lord that must be repaid?”

Everything comes from the Lord. All things were made because of him and will return to him.
Praise the Lord forever! Amen. (Romans 11:28-36 CEV)

Ephesians Hymn

The light will show what these things are really like. Light shows up everything, just as the Scriptures say,

“Wake up from your sleep and rise from death.
Then Christ (*the Messiah*) will shine on you.” (Ephesians 5:13-14 CEV)

Philippians Hymn

Christ (*the Messiah*) was truly God. But he did not try to remain equal with God.
Instead he gave up everything and became a slave, when he became like one of us.
Christ (*the Messiah*) was humble. He obeyed God and even to the point of dying on a cross.
Then God gave Christ (*the Messiah*) the highest place and honored his name above all others.
So at the name of Jesus (*Yeshua*) everyone will bow down,

those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth.
And to the glory of God the Father everyone will openly agree,
“Jesus (*Yeshua*) Christ (*the Messiah*) is Lord!” (Philippians 2:6-11 CEV)

Colossians Hymn

Christ (*the Messiah*) is exactly like God, who cannot be seen.
He is the first-born Son, superior to all creation.
Everything was created by him, everything in heaven and on earth,
everything seen and unseen, including all forces and powers, and all rulers and authorities.
All things were created by God's Son, and everything was made for him.
God's Son was before all else, and by him everything is held together.
He is the head of his body, which is the church.
He is the very beginning, the first to be raised from death, so that he would be above all others.
God himself was pleased to live fully in his Son.
And God was pleased for him to make peace by sacrificing his blood on the cross,
so that all beings in heaven and on earth would be brought back to God.
(Colossians 1:15-20 CEV)

1 Timothy Hymn

Christ (*the Messiah*) came as a human.
The Spirit proved that he pleased God, and he was seen by angels.

Christ (*the Messiah*) was preached to the nations.
People in this world put their faith in him, and he was taken up to glory.
(I Timothy 3:16 CEV)

2 Timothy Hymn

If we died with Christ (*the Messiah*), we will live with him.
If we don't give up, we will rule with him.
If we deny that we know him, he will deny that he knows us.
If we are not faithful, he will still be faithful. Christ (*the Messiah*) cannot deny who he is.
(2 Timothy 2:11-13 CEV)

Jude Doxology

Offer praise to God our Savior because of our Lord Jesus (*Yeshua*) Christ (*the Messiah*)!
Only God can keep you from falling and make you pure and joyful in his glorious presence.
Before time began and now and forever, God is worthy of glory, honor, power, and authority.
Amen. (Jude 24-25 CEV)

Living Creatures

Each of the four living creatures had six wings, and their bodies were covered with eyes. Day and night they never stopped singing,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, the all-powerful God, who was and is and is coming!”

The living creatures kept praising, honoring, and thanking the one who sits on the throne and who lives forever and ever. At the same time the 24 elders knelt down before the one sitting on the throne. And as they worshiped the one who lives forever, they cast their crowns in front of the throne and said,

“Our Lord and God, you are worthy to receive glory, honor, and power.
You created all things, and by your decision they are and were created.”
(Revelation 4:8-11 CEV)

New Song

Then they sang a new song,

“You are worthy to receive the scroll and open its seals, because you were killed.
And with your own blood you bought for God people

from every tribe, language, nation, and race.
You let them become kings and serve God as priests, and they will rule on earth.”

As I looked, I heard the voices of a large number of angels around the throne and the voices of the living creatures and of the elders. There were millions and millions of them, and they were saying in a loud voice,

“The Lamb who was killed is worthy to receive power,
riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and praise.”

Then I heard all beings in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and in the sea offer praise. Together, all of them were saying,

“Praise, honor, glory, and strength forever and ever
to the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb!” (Revelation 5:9-13 CEV)

Martyr's Relief

After this, I saw a large crowd with more people than could be counted. They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands, as they shouted,

“Our God, who sits upon the throne, has the power to save his people, and so does the Lamb.”

The angels who stood around the throne knelt in front of it with their faces to the ground. The elders and the four living creatures knelt there with them. Then they all worshiped God and said,

“Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power,
and strength belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!”

One of the elders asked me, “Do you know who these people are that are dressed in white robes? Do you know where they come from?” “Sir,” I answered, “you must know.” Then he told me:

“These are the ones who have gone through the great suffering.
They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and have made them white.
And so they stand before the throne of God and worship him in his temple day and night.
The one who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.
They will never hunger or thirst again,
and they won't be troubled by the sun or any scorching heat.

“The Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd.
He will lead them to streams of life-giving water, and God will wipe all tears from their eyes.” (Revelation 7:9-17 CEV)

7th Trumpet

At the sound of the seventh trumpet, loud voices were heard in heaven. They said,

“Now the kingdom of this world belongs to our Lord and to his Chosen One!
And he will rule forever and ever!”

Then the 24 elders, who were seated on thrones in God's presence, knelt down and worshiped him. They said,

“Lord God All-Powerful, you are and you were, and we thank you.
You used your great power and started ruling.
When the nations got angry, you became angry too!
Now the time has come for the dead to be judged.
It is time for you to reward your servants the prophets
and all your people who honor your name, no matter who they are.
It is time to destroy everyone who has destroyed the earth.” (Revelation 11:17-19 CEV)

Song of Moses & Lamb

They were singing the song his servant Moses and the Lamb had sung. They were singing,

“Lord God All-Powerful, you have done great and marvelous things.
You are the ruler of all nations, and you do what is right and fair.
Lord, who doesn't honor and praise your name?
You alone are holy, and all nations will come and worship you,
because you have shown that you judge with fairness.” (Revelation 15:3-4 CEV)

Song of Two Brides

Fallen! Powerful Babylon has fallen and is now the home of demons.
It is the den of every filthy spirit and of all unclean birds, and every dirty and hated animal.
Babylon's evil and immoral wine has made all nations drunk. Every king on earth has slept with her, and every merchant on earth is rich because of her evil desires."

Then I heard another voice from heaven shout, "My people, you must escape from Babylon. Don't take part in her sins and share her punishment. Her sins are piled as high as heaven. God has remembered the evil she has done. Treat her as she has treated others. Make her pay double for what she has done.Make her drink twice as much of what she mixed for others. That woman honored herself with a life of luxury. Reward her now with suffering and pain.

…Praise the Lord! To our God belongs the glorious power to save,
because his judgments are honest and fair.
That filthy prostitute ruined the earth with shameful deeds.
But God has judged her and made her pay the price for murdering his servants.

From the throne a voice said, "If you worship and fear our God, give praise to him, no matter who you are."

Then I heard what seemed to be a large crowd that sounded like a roaring flood and loud thunder all mixed together. They were saying,

"Praise the Lord! Our Lord God All-Powerful now rules as king.
So we will be glad and happy and give him praise.
The wedding day of the Lamb is here, and his bride is ready.
She will be given a wedding dress made of pure and shining linen.
This linen stands for the good things God's people have done."

Then the angel told me, "Put this in writing. God will bless everyone who is invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb." The angel also said, "These things God has said are true." (Revelation 18:1-8; 19:1-2, 5-9 CEV)

Sibyl

The great Son of the Immortal, famed in song, from the heart I proclaim
to whom a throne to be established will be given by the Most High Father
He was brought forth, then he was raised up, flesh and bones given
Washed at the mouth of the Jordan river, which goes rushing on
Trailing in its gleaming billows, from the fire escaping
He first shall see God's sweet Spirit descending with the wings of a white dove
And a pure flower shall bloom, and springs be full
And He shall show the ways to men, and show the heavenly paths
And teach all with wise, and He shall come for judgment, and persuade a disobedient people
while he boasts a praiseworthy descent From a heavenly Lord
Billows shall he tread, sickness of mankind He shall destroy
He shall raise up the dead and many sufferings he shall drive away

And from one deed shall be men's fill of bread when the house of David shall bring forth a child
And in his hand the whole world: earth, heaven, and sea
And he shall flash upon the earth as once the two made from each other's ribs
Saw human form appearing; it shall be, when earth shall be glad in the hope of a child
But for you only, Sodomitic land are evil woes in store
For you yourself, Ill-disposed did not apprehend your God
Who mocks at mortal schemes, but from a thorn did crown him with a crown
And fearful gall did mingle unto insolence and spirit, this shall bring evil woes about for you
O the Wood, O so blessed, upon which God was outstretched; the earth shall not have you
But you shall look upon a heavenly house, When you, O God, shall flash Your eye of fire.
(Sibyl Book VI)

Polycarp

O Lord God Almighty, the Father of Your most loved and blessed Son, Jesus (*Yeshua*) the Messiah, through whom we have received the knowledge of You, the God of angels and powers and of all creation and of the whole race of the righteous, who live in Your presence; I bless You for You have granted me this day and hour, that I might receive a portion amongst the number of martyrs in the cup of Your Messiah unto the resurrection of eternal life, both of soul and of body, in the incorruptibility of the Holy Spirit. May I be received among these in Your presence this day, as a rich and acceptable sacrifice, as You prepared and revealed it beforehand, and have accomplished it, You are the faithful and true God. For this cause, yes and for all things, I praise You, I bless You, I glorify You, through the eternal and heavenly High-priest, Jesus (*Yeshua*) the Messiah, Your most loved Son, through whom with Him and the Holy Spirit be glory both now and for the ages to come. Amen. (Martyrdom of Polycarp 14-1-3)

Didache

We give you thanks, holy Father, for your holy name, which you have made to live in our hearts, and for the knowledge and faith of immortality, which You have made known to us through your Son, Jesus (Yeshua). Yours is the glory forever and ever. You, Almighty Master, have created all things for Your name’s sake, and gave food and drink to men for their enjoyment, that they might give You thanks. And you have given us spiritual food and drink and eternal life through Your Son. Most of all, we give You thanks that You are powerful. Yours is the glory forever and ever. Remember, Lord, Your assembly, and deliver it from all evil and perfect it in Your love. Gather it, which You have set apart, together from the four winds into your kingdom which you have prepared for it. For yours is the power and the glory forever and ever. May Grace come! And may this age pass away. Hosanna to the God of David! If any man is holy, let him come; if any man is not, he should change his mind. Maranatha! Amen. (Didache 10)