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Supplement

Psalm 7

How to Be Delivered from Evil Pursuers, [Psalm 7:1-17](#)

CUSH THE BENJAMITE, [PSALM 7](#)

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“The words of Cush the Benjamite” seem to have occasioned [Psalm 7](#). Here are the Passage’s first words, in full: “**Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.**”

This “**introduction**” to the Psalm precedes even its first verse! Thus, it must be **important**.

Question is ... Who is Cush?

One Bible teacher feels “Cush” it is a “code-name” for Saul, King of Israel and David’s chief adversary at this time. That is ... **Saul hated David**. In favor of this possibility is the fact that Saul’s Father’s name was “Kish.” **The similarity is evident**.

But David **never** seemed to exhibit any animosity against Saul or his family. And [Psalm 7](#) (with its prayers against David’s enemies) might not really “fit” a member of Saul’s kin. By the way, Saul and his forefathers were of the Tribe of Benjamin. But then again ... maybe “Cush” (meaning “black”) is simply a name of a “**spy**,” a “**traitor**,” a real “**David hater**,” who constantly reported things concerning godly David to wicked Saul.

Notice the “**words**” of Cush are specifically mentioned as being an impetus to [Psalm 7](#). He clearly is a detractor, an enemy of David.

Once, in [1st Samuel 26:1](#), a group does “report” David’s whereabouts to Saul and his search party, murder squad! “**And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon?**”

Wow!

Then again, Cush may have been a so-called friend of King Saul ... who constantly stirred the volatile Monarch **against (innocent) David**. Cush, a devil-empowered accuser, a slanderer! A man who constantly sought “**to sow discord among the brethren!**”

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That is, Saul against David. (Discord, which according to [Proverbs 6:19](#), is one of the actions, sins, Almighty God is said to specifically hate.)

A Bible dictionary I have on my laptop says of Cush: “He was probably a follower of Saul, the head of his tribe, and had sought the friendship of David for the purpose of **‘rewarding evil to him that was at peace with him.’**” The last clause here being a direct quote from [Psalm 7:4](#).

Anyway ... whoever Cush may have been specifically ... [Psalm 7](#) is going **to teach us how to respond to such an enemy**. We each (Christians, I mean) have such an adversary, an accuser, the Devil! And [Psalm 7](#) is going to provide yet another weapon I can use in my arsenal ... **warring against that old Satan**.