

- I. Introductory Hymn of Praise:** Moses addresses the Covenant God of Israel, reminding Him of His close relationship with the nation 1-2
- A. Israel's LORD has been its place of refuge for generations 1
 - 1. The LORD is the source of Israel's refuge 1a
 - 2. Each successive generation has found refuge in Him 1b
 - B. Israel's LORD is also the God of Creation 2a
 - 1. God has existed prior to the creation of the mountains 2a
 - 2. God traveled in the birth of the earth and the world 2a
 - C. Israel's LORD is the eternal God 2b
 - 1. God exists from eternity past to eternity future
 - 2. The covenant-keeping LORD of Israel is God
- II. Lament over the Frailty of Human Life:** Moses contrasts the brevity of life to an eternal God's view of time 3-6
- A. The creator God is also the One who decrees mortality 3
 - 1. Moses makes reference to the curse of physical death upon mankind in contrast to the eternity of God 3a
 - 2. The curse becomes specific for the nation Israel 3b
 - B. The eternal God views time as trivial 4
 - 1. A millennium, when over, is like one day to God 4a
 - 2. It is like a mere portion of a night 4b
 - C. The omnipotent God takes and gives life to each subsequent generation 5-6
 - 1. One generation quickly dies 5a
 - 2. The next day another springs forth 5b
 - 3. It flourishes, but by evening is gone 6
- III. Lament over the Wrath of God upon Sinful Israel:** Their national sin has provoked God's wrath, resulting in their destruction 7-10
- A. God's anger is the cause of Israel's death 7
 - 1. The anger of God has wasted away Israel 7a
 - 2. God's wrath leaves Israel terror-stricken 7b
 - B. God's wrath is a consequence of Israel's sin 8
 - 1. The nation's conduct is viewed as sin 8a
 - 2. The nation's attitudes are revealed as sinful in the light of God's presence 8b
 - C. They are a generation of God's wrath 9
 - 1. Life is declining like the desert grass in evening 9a
 - 2. Their lives are wasted to the final sigh 9b
 - C. Life is fleeting and troublesome 10
 - 1. Their life span is usually seventy years, for the strong eighty 10a
 - 2. The best of life is only suffering 10b
 - 3. Their life is cut off 10c
- IV. Petition:** Moses' intercessory prayer is for Israel to fear God and for the restoration of God's favor so that Israel will praise Him and have their national prosperity renewed 13-17 Moses acknowledges God as the object of Israel's fear and the source of wisdom 11-17
- A. Those who truly understand God's anger will respond with fear 11
 - 1. No one truly comprehends the intensity of God's anger for sin 11a
 - 2. Those who understand God's anger will fear Him and live holy lives 11b
 - B. Fearing God puts life in the proper perspective, resulting in wisdom 12

1. The numbering of days is a realization of the brevity of life 12a
 2. Those who fear God, we will have a wise heart to present Him 12b
- C. Moses prays for God's mercy on the nation 13
1. Moses pleads that God will remove His wrath 13a
 2. He desires to know the duration of God's wrath 13b
 3. He invokes God's compassion on His servants 13c
- D. Moses prays for an early manifestation of God's mercy, a new season of His favor, so they might praise Him 14
1. The lovingkindness of God is the sustenance of His people. The need is immediate 14a
 2. The reason for Moses' request is that the nation would praise God for the rest of their lives 14b
- E. The request is for joy proportionate to the suffering of the nation 15
1. Moses prays for as many days of gladness as they have had days of affliction 15a
 2. He emphasizes his request by rephrasing it 15b
- F. Moses prays for God's providential work and for evidence of it to their children 16
1. Moses ask God to work in their midst once again because they are His servants 16a
 2. He requests a revelation of His glory to the next generation 16b
- G. Moses once again addresses God requesting that His covenant be performed through them and that it might be established 17
1. Moses, acknowledging the covenant-keeping Lord as their God, asks that the favor of His presence be upon them 17a
 2. He acknowledges that according to His favor, God causes their daily undertakings to prosper, be made secure 17b
 3. The urgency of Moses' request is noted by its repetition 17c