

**Superscription: Prayer to the Lord concerning slander by Cush of Benjamin**

David had difficulties from Benjamites at two points in his life:

1 While Saul was king: cf. 1 Sam 22:8; 24:9; 26:19

2. When David first became king (after Saul died) cf. 2 Sam 2

**7:1–2: David prays confidently to the Lord (his only deliverance) for rescue from persecutors seeking to destroy him**

**7:3–5: David humbly invites the Lord's discipline (administered by those who are charging David), if the charges that he attacked another without cause are not mere slander**

**7:6–9: David prays that (before the congregation) the Righteous Judge will vindicate him to establish the just and to end his enemies' evil**

**7:10–16: The reason David expects deliverance is because God is a just judge who defends the upright and in wrath destroys wicked men by entrapping those who bring forth iniquity in their own snare**

**7:17: David pledges to sing praise to God for His righteous deliverance**

## **CONCLUSION**

Believers should petition our righteous God for deliverance from those who attack with slander, because God (who is worthy of praise) defends the upright and destroys the wicked