



# PSALM 78

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Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!  
I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have  
heard and known, that our fathers have told us.  
We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the  
coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord,  
and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

Psalm 78:1-4 (ESV)



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

Psalm 78:67-68 (ESV)

When God heard them, he was furious; he rejected Israel  
completely.

Psalm 78:59

But they put God to the test and rebelled against the Most High; they did not keep his statutes. Like their ancestors they were disloyal and faithless, as unreliable as a faulty bow. They angered him with their high places; they aroused his jealousy with their idols.

Psalm 78:56-58

# #1: Blind Spots

## **#2: Unresolved Past**

Again and again they put God to the test; they vexed the Holy  
One of Israel.

Psalm 78:41



# #3: Hidden Agendas

# **#4: Ignoring Stake Holders**

Israel was passed over because they had **blind spots** they wouldn't acknowledge, **pasts** they wouldn't confess, **agendas** they wouldn't lay down and **people** they were quick to ignore.

Hezekiah sent word to all Israel and Judah and also wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, inviting them to come to the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem and celebrate the Passover to the Lord, the God of Israel.

2 Chronicles 30:1

There was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the days of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 30:26