

9. This verse and the one that follows is a plaintive appeal by David to be treated with the same mercy as were the “fathers” before him.
- Psalm 22:5** - The fathers cried out to You and were delivered. They trusted in You and were not disappointed.
10. The Lord knew when His sacrificial work was over He would be delivered. This is affirmed by His proclamations in John 19:30 and Luke 23:46:
- John 19:30a** - Therefore, when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!”
- Luke 23:46** - And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.”
11. Verses 6, 7, and 8 contain the next prophecy – the Messiah was ridiculed, mocked, and despised during His crucifixion:
- Psalm 22:6** - But I [David in context & Jesus in prophecy] am a worm [תולעת (tola'ath): the *Coccus illicis*, a lowly larva but from which is manufactured scarlet dye, the color of royalty] and not a man, a reproach of men and despised [בזה (bazah): to hold in contempt; to disrespect] by the people.
- v. 7** - All they who see Me, mock laughingly in scorn at Me. They gesture insults. They wag their heads [a Jewish gesture of derision], saying,
- v. 8** - “He trusted in Jehovah; let Him deliver him since He keeps on having perfect delight in him.”
12. The metaphor of David and Messiah being compared to a worm speaks of David’s reversionism and Messiah’s vicarious judgment. From the crushing of worms – the *Coccus illicis* – comes the color of royalty.
13. Although David is crushed under the weight of discipline, he becomes the King of Israel. Although Messiah is crushed under the weight of our sins He becomes the King of kings.
14. The despisement of Messiah is also mentioned in:

Isaiah 53:3 - He was despised and forsaken of men ...
He was despised [*bazah*] and we esteemed Him not.

15. Fulfillment of this prophecy is found in:

Matthew 27:39 - Those who passed by kept on defaming Him, making obscene gestures with their heads

v. 40 - and saying, "You who can destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down [καταβαίνω, *katabainō*: indicates the place from which one comes down] from the cross!"

v. 41 - In the same way, the chief priests along with the scribes, and elders were mocking Him, saying repeatedly,

v. 42 - "He saved others; but He cannot save Himself. If you are the King of Israel, come down [*katabainō*]! And we will believe!"

16. These verses indicate that from the citizenry to the religious establishment there was widespread rejection of Jesus as Messiah. Their ignorance of His true identity is illustrated by their ironic command, "Come down from the cross and we will believe."