

February 24, 2021: Psalm 16 A Miktam of David.

1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

2 I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”

**3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.**

4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

**5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
You hold my lot. 6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**8 I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure. 10 For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**11 You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Miktam (Hebrew: מִקְטָם) is a word of unknown meaning found in the headings of Psalms 16 and 56–60 in the Hebrew Bible. The Hebrew word **miktam** is a translation of the Babylonian word **nakamu**, a lid or a metal cover for a vessel. Some have associated it with atonement—which was performed on the “lid” of the of the alter, but not all scholars find this convincing.