

Psalm 107

Thanks to Yahweh for His Loyal Love and Wonders

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A1 A CALL TO THE REDEEMED TO THANK YAHWEH! 107:1-3

B1 The Reasons for Thanks to Yahweh 107:1

C1 His Goodness: {1} Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C2 His Eternal Loyal Love: For His **lovingkindness** is everlasting.

B2 The People to Thank Yahweh 107:2-3

C1 The Redeemed of Yahweh: {2} Let the redeemed¹ of the LORD say so,

C2 Those He Redeemed from the Enemy: Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary

C3 Those Whom Yahweh Has Gathered 107:3

D1 {3} And gathered² from the lands,

D2 From the east and from the west,

D3 From the north and from the south.

A2 THANKS TO YAHWEH FOR PROVIDING FOOD AND WATER! 107:4-9

B1 Their Wilderness Wanderings 107:4

C1 {4} They wandered in the wilderness in a desert region;

C2 They did not find a way to an inhabited city.

B2 Their Plight 107:5

C1 {5} *They were* hungry and thirsty;

C2 Their soul fainted within them.

¹ 107:2 - the redeemed: The redeemed are identified as those whom Yahweh has redeemed from their adversary and gathered from the lands – from the east, west, north, and south (Ps. 107:2-3). Though the people of Israel are never mentioned by name, they have to be in the Psalmist's thinking. On the other hand this psalm is broad in its scope, addressing the "sons of men" (Ps. 107:8, 15, 21, 31).

² 107:3 - gathered: This may indicate that this psalm was composed some time after 539 B.C., when the first exiles returned from Babylon to Jerusalem under Sheshbazzar and Zerubbabel, attempting to rebuild the temple. Yet it also prophetically anticipates a future gathering of expatriate Jewish peoples from all over the globe in connection with the return of the Messiah, Jesus, and His establishment of His Millennial Kingdom (Psa. 107:1-3; Isa. 11:11-16; 27:12-13; 43:1-7; 49:20-22; 60:4-9; Ezek. 36:22-28; 37:1-14; 37:15-28; Zech. 10:6-12; 12:10-13:1).

B3 Their Desperate Appeal: {6} Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble;
107:6a

B4 The Deliverance of Yahweh 107:6b-7

C1 Deliverance: He delivered them out of their distresses.

C2 Guidance 107:7

D1 {7} He led them also by a straight way,

D2 To go to an inhabited city.

B5 Refrain: The Call to Give Thanks 107:8-9

C1 The Content of Thanksgiving 107:8

D1 Thanking Yahweh for His loyal love: {8} **Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness,**

D2 Thanking Yahweh for His wonders: **And for His wonders to the sons of men!**

C2 The Reasons for Thanksgiving 107:9

D1 Assuaging Thirst: {9} For He has satisfied the thirsty soul,

D2 Assuaging Hunger: And the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.

A3 THANKS TO YAHWEH FOR FREEING PRISONERS! 107:10-16

B1 The Description of the Prisoners 107:10-12

C1 Their Miserable Condition 107:10

D1 Dwelling in darkness, fearful of death: {10} There were those who dwelt in darkness and in the shadow of death,

D2 Misery and chains: Prisoners³ in misery and chains,

C2 The Cause of Their Misery 107:11

D1 Rebellion: {11} Because they had rebelled against the words of God

D2 Rejection: And spurned the counsel of the Most High.

³ 107:10 - prisoners: "The Jewish Targum suggests this refers to King Zedekiah and the nobles of Judah in exile in Babylon." (Allen P. Ross, Psalms, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*)

C3 Elohim's Discipline 107:12

D1 Hard labor: {12} Therefore He humbled their heart with labor;

D2 Helplessness: They stumbled and there was none to help.

B2 The Deliverance of Yahweh 107:13-14

C1 The Plea to Yahweh: {13} Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; 107:13a

C2 The Salvation of Yahweh 107:13b-14

D1 Salvation: He saved them out of their distresses.

D2 Enlightenment: {14} He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death

D3 Freedom: And broke their bands apart.

B3 Refrain: The Call to Give Thanks 107:15-16

C1 The Content of Thanksgiving 107:15

D1 Thanking Yahweh for His loyal love: {15} **Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness,**

D2 Thanking Yahweh for His wonders: **And for His wonders to the sons of men!**

C2 The Reasons for Thanksgiving 107:16

D1 Shattering: {16} For He has shattered gates of bronze

D2 Cutting: And cut bars of iron asunder.

A4 THANKS TO YAHWEH FOR HEALING THE SICK! 107:17-22

B1 The Disciplinary Sickness of the Rebels 107:17

C1 Their Foolish Rebellion: {17} Fools, because of their rebellious way,

C2 Their Disciplinary Sickness: And because of their iniquities, were afflicted.

B2 The Severity of Their Sickness 107:18

C1 Loss of Appetite: {18} Their soul abhorred all kinds of food,

C2 Near Death: And they drew near to the gates of death.

B3 The Salvation of Yahweh Because of Their Cry to Him 107:19-20

C1 The Cry of the Afflicted: {19} Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble;

C2 The Salvation of Yahweh 107:19b-20

D1 His salvation: He saved them out of their distresses.

D2 His healing: {20} He sent His word and healed them,

D3 His deliverance: And delivered *them* from their destructions.

B4 Refrain: The Call to Give Thanks 107:21-22

C1 Verbal Expressions of Thanksgiving 107:21

D1 Thanking Yahweh for His loyal love: {21} **Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness,**

D2 Thanking Yahweh for His wonders: **And for His wonders to the sons of men!**

C2 Other Expressions of Thanksgiving 107:22

D1 Sacrifices: {22} Let them also offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,

D2 Singing: And tell of His works with joyful singing.

A5 THANKS TO YAHWEH FOR RESCUING THE MARINERS! 107:23-32

B1 The Mariners' Witnessing of the Works of Yahweh 107:23-24

C1 The Identification of the Mariners 107:23

D1 {23} Those who go down to the sea in ships,

D2 Who do business on great waters;

C2 Their Witnessing of The Works of Yahweh 107:24

D1 {24} They have seen the works of the LORD,

D2 And His wonders in the deep.

B2 The Storm Caused by Yahweh 107:25-27

C1 The Origin of the Storm 107:25

D1 The wind commanded by Yahweh: {25} For He spoke and raised up a stormy wind,

D2 The resultant waves: Which lifted up the waves of the sea.

C2 The Severity of the Storm

D1 {26} They rose up to the heavens,

D2 they went down to the depths;

C3 The Despair of the Mariners

D1 Misery: Their soul melted away in *their* misery.

D2 Loss of balance: {27} They reeled and staggered like a drunken man,

D3 Despair: And were at their wits' end.

B3 The Deliverance of Yahweh Because of Their Cry to Him 107:28-30

C1 The General Statement of Deliverance 107:28

D1 The cry of the mariners: {28} Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,

D2 The deliverance from distress: And He brought them out of their distresses.

C2 The Specific Actions of Yahweh 107:29

D1 Stilling the storm: {29} He caused the storm to be still,

D2 Hushing the waves: So that the waves of the sea were hushed.

C3 The Benefit to the Sailors 107:30

D1 Their joy: {30} Then they were glad because they were quiet,

D2 Their reaching a harbor: So He guided them to their desired haven.

B4 Refrain: The Call to Give Thanks 107:31-32

C1 The Content of Thanksgiving 107:31

D1 Thanking Yahweh for His loyal love: {31} **Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness,**

D2 Thanking Yahweh for His wonders: **And for His wonders to the sons of men!**

C2 The Venues of Thanksgiving 107:32

D1 Assembly for worship: {32} Let them extol Him also in the congregation of the people,

D2 Judicial deliberation: And praise Him at the seat of the elders.

A6 THANKS TO YAHWEH FOR HIS CONTROL OVER NATURE TO PUNISH OR PROVIDE! 107:33-38

B1 Deprivation to Punish the Wicked 107:33-34

C1 Deprivation of Moisture 107:33-34a

D1 {33} He changes rivers into a wilderness

D2 And springs of water into a thirsty ground;

D3 {34} A fruitful land into a salt waste,

C2 For the Purpose of Punishment: Because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it. 107:34b

B2 Provision for the Hungry 107:35-36

C1 Provision of Moisture 107:35

D1 {35} He changes a wilderness into a pool of water

D2 And a dry land into springs of water;

C2 Provision of City and Fruitful Farmland for the Hungry 107:36-38

D1 Provision of a city for the hungry 107:36

E1 {36} And there He makes the hungry to dwell,

E2 So that they may establish an inhabited city,

D2 Provision of farmland 107:37

E1 {37} And sow fields and plant vineyards,

E2 And gather a fruitful harvest.

D3 Provision of fruitfulness for man and livestock 107:38

E1 Blessing man with fruitfulness: {38} Also He blesses them and they multiply greatly,

E2 Increasing man's livestock: And He does not let their cattle decrease.

**A7 THANKS TO YAHWEH FOR DELIVERING THE CONQUERED NEEDY
107:39-43**

B1 The Plight of the Conquered 107:39

- C1 Decreased and Humiliated: {39} When they are diminished and bowed down
- C2 Through Calamitous Oppression: Through oppression, misery and sorrow,

B2 Yahweh's Revenge upon the Leaders of the Conquerors 107:40

- C1 He Causes Them to be Treated with Contempt: {40} He pours contempt upon princes⁴
- C2 Deposed, They Become Fugitives: And makes them wander in a pathless waste.⁵

B3 Yahweh's Deliverance of the Needy Afflicted 107:41

- C1 Elevating the Needy: {41} But He sets the needy securely on high away from affliction,
- C2 Providing Security for the Families of the Afflicted: And makes *his* families like a flock.

B4 The Contrasting Reactions to Yahweh's Justice 107:42

- C1 The Joy of the Upright: {42} The upright see it and are glad;
- C2 The Silence of the Wicked: But all unrighteousness shuts its mouth.

B5 The Call for the Wise to Consider the Loyal Love of Yahweh! 107:43

- C1 Wisely Adjusting One's Life to All of the Aforementioned: {43} Who is wise? Let him give heed to these things,
- C2 Considering Yahweh's Loyal Love: And consider the **lovingkindnesses** of the LORD.

Expanded Analysis of Psalm 107

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⁴ 107:40a - contempt upon princes: quoting Job 12:21a

⁵ 107:40b - wander in a pathless waste: quoting Job 12:24b. The Heb. *tohu*, translated *waste*, occurs in Gen. 1:2.

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