

## Psalm 108

# Praise of Elohim Yahweh and Plea for Israel's Deliverance

A Song, a Psalm of David.

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### A1 DAVID'S MUSICAL PRAISE OF ELOHIM YAHWEH AND PLEA FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF ISRAEL 108:1-6<sup>1</sup>

#### B1 His Resolve to Praise Elohim 108:1-2

C1 With Steadfast Heart Issuing in Songs of Praise 108:1

D1 {1} My heart is steadfast, O God;

D2 I will sing, I will sing praises, even with my soul.

C2 With Rousing Instrumental Accompaniment! 108:2

D1 {2} Awake, harp and lyre;

D2 I will awaken the dawn!

#### B2 His Resolve to Praise Yahweh among the Peoples for His Loyal Love and Truth 108:3-4

C1 The Venue of His Praise 108:3

D1 {3} I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples,

D2 And I will sing praises to You among the nations.

C2 The Reason for His Praise – the Magnitude of Yahweh's Loyal Love and  
Truth! 108:4

D1 {4} For Your lovingkindness is great above the heavens,

D2 And Your truth *reaches* to the skies.

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<sup>1</sup> Ps 108:1-5, with minor changes, is borrowed from Ps 57:7-11. Ps 108:6-13 is borrowed from Ps 60:5-12. A major difference is that Ps 57:7-11 (and thus Ps 108:1-5) is strictly praise, but when David appends Ps 60:5 (which becomes Ps 108:6), it becomes a prayer that Yahweh might answer him and save with His right hand so that His beloved people Israel might be delivered. The end result is that what was originally only praise becomes praise with a prayer request attached.

**B3 His Plea for the Ultimate Triumph of Elohim So That Israel Might Be Delivered! 108:5-6**

C1 His Plea for the Ultimate Triumph of Elohim 108:5

D1 Exaltation above the heavens! {5} Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

D2 Glory above all the earth! And Your glory above all the earth.

C2 His Plea that Israel Might Be Delivered 108:6<sup>2</sup>

D1 Deliverance: {6} That Your beloved may be delivered,

D2 Salvation: Save with Your right hand, and answer me!

**A2 THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN ELOHIM AND DAVID OVER THE DELIVERANCE OF ISRAEL FROM HER ENEMIES 108:7-13**

**B1 Elohim's Response to David That He is Sovereign over Israel and the Surrounding Nations 108:7-9**

C1 Elohim Has Sovereignty over Israel 108:7-8

D1 He Parceled Out the Land in the Conquest: {7} God has spoken in His holiness: 108:7

E1 "I will exult,

E2 I will portion out Shechem

E3 And measure out the valley of Succoth.

D2 He Owns the Regions and Tribes of Israel 108:8

E1 Owning Gilead: {8} "Gilead is Mine,

E2 Owning Manasseh: Manasseh is Mine;

E3 Treasuring Ephraim: Ephraim also is the helmet of My head;

E4 Ruling from Judah: Judah is My scepter.

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<sup>2</sup> Ps 108:6-13 is borrowed from Ps 60:5-12.

- C2 Elohim Has Sovereignty over Israel's Enemies, Which Serve Him at His Pleasure! 108:9
  - D1 Moab Serves as a Bowl to Wash God's Feet: {9} "Moab is My washbowl;
  - D2 Edom Serves as a Slave to Tend God's Sandals: Over Edom I shall throw My shoe;
  - D3 Philistia Serves as a Musician to Sing God's Victory Song: <sup>3</sup> Over Philistia I will shout aloud."

## **B2 David's Pleas, Complaint, and Faith 108:10-13**

- C1 His Indirect Plea for Divine Assistance in a Viable Military Strategy to Retake Conquered Territory 108:10
  - D1 {10} Who will bring me into the besieged city? <sup>4</sup>
  - D2 Who will lead me to Edom?
- C2 His Complaint that Elohim Has Rejected Them 108:11
  - D1 His Complaint: {11} Have not You Yourself, O God, rejected us?
  - D2 His Desire for Elohim to Accompany Israel's Armies: And will You not go forth with our armies, O God?
- C3 His Outright Plea for Divine Help 108:12
  - D1 His Plea: {12} Oh give us help against the adversary,
  - D2 His Reason: For deliverance by man is in vain.
- C4 His Faith in Elohim's Positive Response 108:13
  - D1 His Confidence in Military Success through Elohim's Assistance: {13} Through God we will do valiantly,
  - D2 His Belief that Elohim Will Defeat Israel's Foes: And it is He who shall tread down our adversaries.

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<sup>3</sup> 108:9 - Victory Song: See footnote on Ps 60:8: The idea of a victory song is attributed to the *Ryrie Study Bible*. See also Allen P. Ross, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, who holds a similar interpretation to the function of these three enemies of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> 108:10 - besieged city: See note on 60:9 - besieged city: Possibly a reference to Petra, the capital city of Edom well-protected in a narrow canyon. (A. R. Fausset of Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown, *Critical and Experimental Commentary*, Vol. III, p. 229)

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