

PSALMS 105 & 106

Historical Psalms

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- Last two Psalms in Book IV of the Psalms
- Contrasting Psalms
- Psalm 105—God’s Faithfulness
- Psalm 106—Israel’s Unfaithfulness
- Verses from both Psalms used at David’s celebration of bringing the ark to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 16; Ps. 105:1-15; 96:1-13; 106:1, 47-48)

OVERVIEW OF PSALM 105

- Call for Praise (1-6)
- Cause for Praise (7-45)
 - Promise (7-11)
 - Fulfillment (12-45)
 - Time of the Patriarchs (12-15)
 - Time of Joseph (16-23)
 - Time of Moses (24-43)
 - Time of Joshua (44-45)

PSALM 105: CALL FOR PRAISE

- Give thanks to the Lord (1).
- Call upon His name; proclaim His character in worship (1).
- Proclaim His deeds among the peoples of the world (1).
- Sing praise to Him (2).
- Tell about all His wondrous works (2).

PSALM 105: CALL FOR PRAISE

- Honor (glory in) God's holy name—who He is, not just what He does (3).
- Rejoice in Him wholeheartedly (3).
- Look to Him for strength—trust His power (4).
- Seek His face continually—treasure His presence (4).
- Remember His wondrous works & judgments—the lessons of history (5).

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PROMISE (7-11)—GOD'S COVENANT

- Covenant = a solemn agreement between two parties (could be conditional or unconditional)
- Abrahamic Covenant (9)—Gen. 12 & 17
- Unconditional—God *will* do as promised.
- Unilateral—initiated by God alone—superior party to inferior party
- Based on God's choice (grace), not human merit

PROMISE (7-11)—GOD'S COVENANT

- Everlasting Covenant with Israel the nation (10; Gen.17:7)
- He will be their God (7; Gen.17:7).
- God will give them the land of Canaan (11; Gen.17:8).
- God to bless those who bless his people & curse those who curse them (14-15; Gen. 12:3)

PROMISE (7-11)—GOD’S COVENANT

- Abraham to “be the father of a multitude of nations” (Gen. 17:4), including kings (17:6)
- Circumcision required as the sign of the covenant (Gen. 17:11)
- “In your [Abraham’s] seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed” (Gen. 22:18; 12:3)—through Jesus.

TIME OF THE PATRIARCHS (12-15)

- Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob
- They weren’t yet numerous (12).
- The land wasn’t theirs; they were nomads (12-13).
- God protected them (14-15).

TIME OF JOSEPH (16-23)

- God caused the famine (16).
- God sent Joseph to Egypt (17).
- God tested Joseph (19).
- God elevated him from the prison to the palace (20).
- God used Joseph to preserve his whole family (23).

TIME OF MOSES (24-43)

- The Egyptians feared the large number of Israelites in their midst (25; Ex.1:9-10).
- The Egyptians enslaved God’s people (25; Ex.1:11).
- God sent Moses & Aaron to perform miraculous signs to show both the Egyptians and the Israelites His power (26-27).

PLAGUES—SIGNS & MIRACLES

EXODUS 7-12:

1. Blood
2. Frogs
3. Gnats
4. Flies
5. Death of Livestock
6. Boils [5 & 6 omitted]
7. Hail
8. Locusts
9. Darkness
10. Death of Firstborn

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1. Darkness (#9)
2. Blood (#1)
3. Frogs (#2)
4. Flies (#4)
5. Gnats (#3)
6. Hail (#7)
7. Locusts (#8)
8. Death of Firstborn (#10)

TIME OF MOSES (24-43)

- God brought His people out of Egypt “with silver and gold”! (37).
- “Not one . . . stumbled” (37)—remarkable! Moving over a million people smoothly was miraculous.
- His cloud not only led them but also provided relief from the sun (39).

TIME OF MOSES (24-43)

- The pillar of cloud and fire was a visible reminder of God’s presence (39).
- God provided food (quail, manna) and water (40-41).
- He remembered His promise to Abraham— See v.8.
- He delivered his chosen people from bondage with rejoicing (43).

TIME OF JOSHUA (44-45)

- Psalm 105 skips over the 40 years of wilderness wandering.
- God gave them the land He had promised to Abraham and his descendants (44).
- He expected them to obey His laws and be a light to lead other nations to God (45).
- His faithfulness to keep His word is their example for how to behave.

PSALM 106 ISRAEL'S UNFAITHFULNESS

- The Psalm begins and ends with praise to God—for God's amazing longsuffering with His disobedient people (1-3, 47-48).
- It also begins and ends with a prayer of petition (4-5, 47).
- Most of the Psalm is a record of the failure of the Israelites to be faithful to God.

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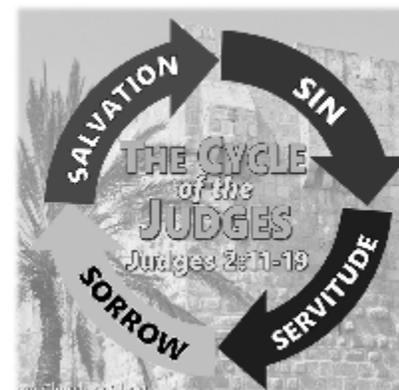
- Unbelief at the Red Sea (6-12; Ex.14)
- Discontentment & Disease in the Desert (13-15; Num. 11)
- Jealousy & Judgment in the Camp (16-18; Num. 16)
- Idolatry & Near Destruction at Sinai (Horeb) (19-23; Ex. 32; Deut. 9)

PSALM 106 ISRAEL'S UNFAITHFULNESS

- Balking & Condemnation to Die in the Wilderness at Kadesh Barnea (24-27; Num. 13-14)
- Idolatry & Plague at Mount Peor (28-31; Num. 25)
- Provocation of God & Bitterness for Moses at Meribah (32-33)

PSALM 106 ISRAEL'S UNFAITHFULNESS

- Paganism & Judgment in Canaan (34-46)



Psalm 106:45

*He remembered His covenant for their sake,
And relented according to the greatness of His lovingkindness.*

LEARNING FROM THE PAST

- “Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction” (1Corinthians 10:11).
- Take God’s holiness and His commands seriously. Learn from others’ mistakes.
- Praise Him for His longsuffering and steadfast love.

LEARNING FROM THE PAST

- Teach these stories to our children, and don’t skip over the difficult parts. They need to learn what God is really like and to develop the right kind of fear of the Lord.
- Don’t be a complainer like the Israelites in the wilderness.
- Remember what God has done for you personally and rejoice in Him.