

Psalm 108 (A Psalm of David)

Assurance of God's Victory over our Enemies

This Psalm is a combination of two Psalms put together.

1. Psalm 57 – prayer for safety from enemies
 - a. Verses 7-11 = Psalm 108:1-5
2. Psalm 60 – urgent prayer for restored favor from God
 - a. Verses 5-17 = Psalm 108:6-13
 - b. Verse 4 says; God gives a banner (flag) to those that fear Him

Please read Psalm 108 in the Message Bible version. It adds so much life to it and makes you want to get up and shout your praise unto God! (*Scripture used for these notes is taken from the NKJV*)

Psalm 108:1

O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

- My glory in this verse means = my soul, my being (a poetic term)
- We see the 1st thing established in this Psalm is our full dedication to God (my glory)

This Psalm was sung and accompanied with instruments. I found out through my studies that not all Psalms were sung with instruments, some were spoken. Here are some Hebrew terms for this.

- *Mizmor* = (Strong #H4210) to play or make music while singing forth praises
- *Shirim* = sing a song with no instruments (acappella)
- *Tehillim* = speak phrases, songs without music (canticles)



A Lute

Psalm 108:2

Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn.

- Awake or Awaken: (Strong #H5782) to stir yourself up; open your eyes, to be alert, watchful. *Awaken* from idleness, insight, watcher, lift up.
 - (Root word – Strong #H5783) to be exposed, laid bare, naked.
- Dawn: (Strong #H7836) in calamity there is hope. For the end of a dark night is the *dawn*. Early morning or light. Isn't the Hebrew beautiful? It gives us a picture of the *dawn*.

Psalm 108:5

- I will give God glory & praise to the highest heaven, outside of time (eternally my praise will be heard)
 - Outside of time = the 3rd Heaven, the place where God dwells, eternity

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Psalm 108:6-9 (meanings in Hebrew)

- Right hand: someone with greater authority can help or aid us (verse 6)
- Shechem = diligence, back, shoulder (verse 7)
- Succoth = tabernacles (verse 7)
- Gilead = perpetual fountain, witness, testimony (verse 8)
- Manasseh = He makes me forget (verse 8)
- Ephraim = double fruitful (verse 8)
- Judah = <https://ancient-hebrew.org/names/Judah.htm> take some time to check out this page. It brings the word “praise = Judah” to a higher level! (verse 8)
 - Means in the ancient Hebrew to “throw your hands out” (it’s a function and an action)
 - Praise = Psalm 108:1-4
 - I will give God *praise* with all that I am
 - My *praise* will be heard when I wake up at dawn
 - My *praise* will be heard among people
 - My *praise* will be outside under an open heaven
- Moab = waste, nothingness, from Father (incest) (verse 9)
- Edom = Red, red earth (verse 9)
- Philistia = rolled in dust, wallowing (verse 9)

Psalm 108:6

That Your beloved may be delivered, Save with Your right hand, and hear me.

- God’s MISHPAT & TZEDAKAH
- The word “hear” in this verse actually means; God answers us. He saves us, He delivers us. Can you see that looking at this from the Hebraic perspective the word “hear” takes on a new meaning and it becomes action? God does something. He is not just listening to us; He takes action and answers us. HALLELUJAH to the Lamb!!

Psalm 108:7-9

- Take a look back at the above meanings of the names in this portion of the Psalm. They either convey things that we triumph over or God has given to us for the taking through His favor. Names are very important in scripture and always have a deeper meaning under the surface. Now-a-days in our culture it’s just a name but not in the scriptures and when we can study out their meanings the Bible comes to life in so many ways.

Psalm 108: 12

Give us help from trouble, for the help of man is useless.

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- Interesting! Man's help can be useless at times. If we take a look at David's life, the scriptures say he was a man after God's own heart. Why? Because he looked to God in almost every instance for help, not man. I desire to be a woman after God's heart, don't you?

Psalm 108:13

Through God we will do valiantly, for it is **He who shall tread down our enemies.**

- Valiantly = (Strong's #H2428) strong, war-like, army, wealth, ability, power, might, uprightness, integrity, a force (to reckon with), company of warriors, soldiers, valor and virtuous

Each one of these terms for valiant is us! With God in us, all things are possible. Beloved, do you have faith to believe it?



The Sword represents the Word of God

In a nutshell, Psalm 108 is about us valiantly ruling over (having the victory) our enemies because God says right here in verse 13, He shall tread down our enemies.

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