

PSALM 108

God Praised and Supplicated to Give Victory.

INTRODUCTION.

- A. From Roy H. Enoch (5-22-96).
- B. A Song. A Psalm of David.
- C. We do not know the reason or the time, but this psalm has been put together from Psa. 57:7-11 and Psa. 60:5-12. It is suggested that these sections of those psalms may have been selected for some worship service or specific occasion. Since we studied these sections in those psalms, we will not comment on them further at this time.
- D. This organization has been suggested by Leupold for this psalm:
 - I. Resolution to Praise God for Deliverance (108:1-6).
 - II. The Recalling of God's Ancient Promises (108:7-9).
 - III. Looking to the Conquest of Edom (108:10-13).

THE TEXT.

- 108:1** My heart is steadfast, O God;
I will sing, I will sing praises, even with my soul.
- 2** Awake, harp and lyre;
I will awaken the dawn!
- 3** I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples,
And I will sing praises to You among the nations.
- 4** For Your lovingkindness is great above the heavens,
And Your truth *reaches* to the skies.
- 5** Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
And Your glory above all the earth.
- 6** That Your beloved may be delivered,
Save with Your right hand, and answer me!
- 7** God has spoken in His holiness:
"I will exult, I will portion out Shechem
And measure out the valley of Succoth.
- 8** "Gilead is Mine, Manasseh is Mine;
Ephraim also is the helmet of My head;
Judah is My scepter.
- 9** "Moab is My washbowl;
Over Edom I shall throw My shoe;
Over Philistia I will shout aloud."
- 10** Who will bring me into the besieged city?
Who will lead me to Edom?
- 11** Have not You Yourself, O God, rejected us?
And will You not go forth with our armies, O God?
- 12** Oh give us help against the adversary,
For deliverance by man is in vain.
- 13** Through God we will do valiantly,
And it is He who shall tread down our adversaries.

COMMENTS.

- A. As Dummelow suggested in the quotation at the beginning of the previous chapter, this psalm was evidently put together for some type of liturgical use in one of the various Temple services of the Jews.
- B. Nothing whatever is known about who arranged this psalm or actually for what purpose.
- C. The variations here are of such a slight nature that we consider them absolutely insignificant.
- D. As we have already commented fully upon the passages united to form this psalm, we are content to refer the reader to those passages without further elaboration here.

