

Psalm 106:1-48 **Praise Yaah – Declare the Mighty Acts of Yahweh**

*Joy in Forgiveness of Israel's Sins*

<sup>1</sup> Praise Yaah (the LORD)! Oh, give thanks to Yahweh (the LORD), for *He is* good! For His mercy *endures* forever.

<sup>2</sup> Who can utter the mighty acts of Yahweh (the LORD)? Who can declare all His praise?

<sup>3</sup> Blessed *are* those who keep justice, *And* he who does\* righteousness at all times!

<sup>4</sup> Remember me, O Yahweh (LORD), with the favor *You have toward* Your people. Oh, visit me with Your salvation,

<sup>5</sup> That I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, That I may glory with Your inheritance.

<sup>6</sup> We have sinned with our fathers, We have committed iniquity, We have done wickedly.

<sup>7</sup> Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies, But rebelled by the sea – the Red Sea.

<sup>8</sup> Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, That He might make His mighty power known.

<sup>9</sup> He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up; So He led them through the depths, As through the wilderness.

<sup>10</sup> He saved them from the hand of him who hated *them*, And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

<sup>11</sup> The waters covered their enemies; There was not one of them left.

<sup>12</sup> Then they believed His words; They sang His praise.

<sup>13</sup> They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel,

<sup>14</sup> But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, And tested 'Eel (God) in the desert.

<sup>15</sup> And He gave them their request, But sent leanness into their soul.

<sup>16</sup> When they envied Moses in the camp, *And* Aaron the saint of Yahweh (the LORD),

<sup>17</sup> The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan, And covered the faction of Abiram.

<sup>18</sup> A fire was kindled in their company; The flame burned up the wicked.

<sup>19</sup> They made a calf in Horeb, And worshiped the molded image.

<sup>20</sup> Thus they changed their glory Into the image of an ox that eats grass.

<sup>21</sup> They forgot 'Eel (God) their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt,

<sup>22</sup> Wondrous works in the land of Ham, Awesome things by the Red Sea.

<sup>23</sup> Therefore He said that He would destroy them, Had not Moses His chosen one stood before Him in the breach, To turn away His wrath, lest He destroy *them*.

<sup>24</sup> Then they despised the pleasant land; They did not believe His word,

<sup>25</sup> But complained in their tents, *And* did not heed the voice of Yahweh (the LORD).

26 Therefore He raised His hand *in an oath* against them, To overthrow them in the wilderness,  
27 To overthrow their descendants among the nations, And to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also to Baal of Peor, And ate sacrifices made to the dead.  
29 Thus they provoked *Him* to anger with their deeds, And the plague broke out among them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up and intervened, And the plague was stopped.  
31 And that was accounted to him for righteousness To all generations forevermore.

32 They angered *Him* also at the waters of strife,\* So that it went ill with Moses on account of them;

33 Because they rebelled against His Spirit, So that he spoke rashly with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples, Concerning whom Yahweh (the LORD) had commanded them,

35 But they mingled with the Gentiles And learned their works;

36 They served their idols, Which became a snare to them.

37 They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons,

38 And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus they were defiled by their own works, And played the harlot by their own deeds.

40 Therefore the wrath of Yahweh (the LORD) was kindled against His people, So that He abhorred His own inheritance.

41 And He gave them into the hand of the Gentiles, And those who hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them, And they were brought into subjection under their hand.

43 Many times He delivered them; But they rebelled in their counsel, And were brought low for their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, When He heard their cry;

45 And for their sake He remembered His covenant, And relented according to the multitude of His mercies.

46 He also made them to be pitied By all those who carried them away captive.

47 Save us, O Yahweh Eloheynuw (LORD our God), And gather us from among the Gentiles, To give thanks to Your holy name, To triumph in Your praise.

48 Blessed *be* Yahweh Elohey (the LORD God of) Israel From everlasting to everlasting!  
And let all the people say, "Amen!"  
Praise Yaah (the LORD)!

## Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Praise Yaah (the LORD)! Oh, give thanks to Yahweh (the LORD), for *He is good!* For His mercy *endures* forever.  
Who can utter the mighty acts of Yahweh (the LORD)? Who can declare all His praise? Blessed *are* those who keep justice, *And* he who does\* righteousness at all times!  
[Psalm 106:1-3]
  - ◇ The writer calls us to praise Yaah, giving thanks to Yahweh.
  - ◇ Yahweh is good and His mercy endures forever.
  - ◇ The writer considers the task he is about to begin and asked, “Who can utter the mighty acts of Yahweh or declare all His praise?”  
The greatness of God is far beyond man’s ability to fully declare it.
  - ◇ Still he realized that those who always keep justice and do righteousness are truly Blessed.
- ✧ Remember me, O Yahweh (LORD), with the favor *You have toward* Your people. Oh, visit me with Your salvation,  
That I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, That I may glory with Your inheritance. [Psalm 106:4-5]
  - ◇ The writer expressed his desire to personally experience the favor of Yahweh and His Salvation.
  - ◇ His reason is that he may see the benefit of Yahweh in His chosen people.
  - ◇ So he could rejoice in the gladness Yahweh intended for a righteous nation.
  - ◇ And glory in the chosen people, Yahweh’s inheritance. [Exodus 15:17, 34:9, Deuteronomy 4:20, 32:9, Joshua 1:6, 1 Samuel 10:1, 2 Samuel 20:19, 20:3, 1 Kings 8:51, 53]
- ✧ We have sinned with our fathers, We have committed iniquity, We have done wickedly.  
Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies, But rebelled by the sea – the Red Sea.  
Nevertheless He saved them for His name’s sake, That He might make His mighty power known.  
He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up; So He led them through the depths, As through the wilderness.  
He saved them from the hand of him who hated *them*, And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.  
The waters covered their enemies; There was not one of them left.  
Then they believed His words; They sang His praise. [Psalm 106:6-12]
  - ◇ As with the prophets of old, the writer identified himself with the sins of the nation.
  - ◇ He recounts their failure even after witnessing the works of Yahweh from Egypt through the Red Sea after which they sang His praises.
  - ◇ Yahweh saved them for His own name’s sake that they and the world might know His Power.
- ✧ They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel,  
But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, And tested ‘Eel (God) in the desert.  
And He gave them their request, But sent leanness into their soul. [Psalm 106:13-15]
  - ◇ They displayed human weakness and tested Yahweh in the wilderness.
  - ◇ Yahweh gave them their request giving them manna, quail, and water.
  - ◇ Even this did not turn their soul to righteousness and obedience.
- ✧ When they envied Moses in the camp, *And* Aaron the saint of Yahweh (the LORD),  
The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan, And covered the faction of Abiram.  
A fire was kindled in their company; The flame burned up the wicked. [Psalm 106:16-18]

- ✧ They tried to usurp the authority of Moses and Aaron at Korah's rebellion. [Numbers 16:1-40]
- ✧ Yahweh destroyed the rebels.
- ✧ They made a calf in Horeb, And worshiped the molded image.  
Thus they changed their glory Into the image of an ox that eats grass.  
They forgot 'Eel (God) their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt,  
Wondrous works in the land of Ham, Awesome things by the Red Sea.  
Therefore He said that He would destroy them, Had not Moses His chosen one stood  
before Him in the breach, To turn away His wrath, lest He destroy *them*. [Psalm 106:19-23]
- ✧ Golden calf at Horeb. [Exodus 32:1-35]
- ✧ Moses interceded for the people. [Exodus 32:31]
- ✧ Then they despised the pleasant land; They did not believe His word,  
But complained in their tents, *And* did not heed the voice of Yahweh (the LORD).  
Therefore He raised His hand *in an oath* against them, To overthrow them in the wilderness,  
To overthrow their descendants among the nations, And to scatter them in the lands. [Psalm 106:24-27]
- ✧ The people rebelled at the words of the spies returned from searching the Promised Land. [Numbers 13:1 through 14:38, Deuteronomy 1:19-36]
- ✧ They joined themselves also to Baal of Peor, And ate sacrifices made to the dead.  
Thus they provoked *Him* to anger with their deeds, And the plague broke out among them.  
Then Phinehas stood up and intervened, And the plague was stopped.  
And that was accounted to him for righteousness To all generations forevermore. [Psalm 106:28-31]
- ✧ Sin at Baal of Peor. [Numbers 25:1-15]
- ✧ They angered *Him* also at the waters of strife, \* So that it went ill with Moses on account of them;  
Because they rebelled against His Spirit, So that he spoke rashly with his lips. [Psalm 106:32-33]
- ✧ Complaint in wilderness of Zin at the waters of Meribah Moses lost the right to enter the Promised Land. [Numbers 20:1-13]
- ✧ They did not destroy the peoples, Concerning whom Yahweh (the LORD) had commanded them,  
But they mingled with the Gentiles And learned their works;  
They served their idols, Which became a snare to them.  
They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons,  
And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood.  
.Thus they were defiled by their own works, And played the harlot by their own deeds. [Psalm 106:34-39]
- ✧ Warning against joining with the people of the Promised Land. [Exodus 34:12-16, Deuteronomy 7:16]
- ✧ Failure to destroy them. [Judges 1:27-36, 3:1-5]
- ✧ Israel turned to idolatry. [Judges 2:11-13, 17, 1 Chronicles 5:25]
- ✧ Therefore the wrath of Yahweh (the LORD) was kindled against His people, So that He abhorred His own inheritance.  
And He gave them into the hand of the Gentiles, And those who hated them ruled over them.

Their enemies also oppressed them, And they were brought into subjection under their hand.

Many times He delivered them; But they rebelled in their counsel, And were brought low for their iniquity. [Psalm 106:40-43]

- ✧ The book of Judges tells of the times Yahweh delivered Israel into the hands of their enemies.
- ✧ Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, When He heard their cry; And for their sake He remembered His covenant, And relented according to the multitude of His mercies.  
He also made them to be pitied By all those who carried them away captive. [Psalm 106:44-46]
- ✧ The book of Judges tells of the many times Yahweh had delivered Israel into the hands of their enemies and in His mercy He sent judges to bring them back.
- ✧ Save us, O Yahweh Eloheynuw (LORD our God), And gather us from among the Gentiles, To give thanks to Your holy name, To triumph in Your praise.  
Blessed *be* Yahweh Elohey (the LORD God of) Israel From everlasting to everlasting!  
And let all the people say, "Amen!"  
Praise Yaah (the LORD)! [Psalm 106:47-48]
- ✧ After remembering the history of Israel and the mercies of Yahweh the writer turned to the present and asked Yahweh to save them again.
- ✧ Then he called for the people of God to give thankful praises to Yahweh Eloheynuw.
- ✧ Blessed *be* Yahweh Elohey Yisrael (the LORD God of Israel) From everlasting to everlasting!  
And let all the people say, "Amen!"
- ✧ Praise Yaah (the LORD)!