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A Song. A Psalm by David.

PSALM 108: 1 My heart is steadfast, God. I will sing and I will make music with my soul.

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The psalmist encourages himself to praise the Lord for mercies he had received, Psa 108:1-5. He prays for the Divine succor, Psa 108:6; and encourages the people to expect their restoration, and the enjoyment of all their former privileges and possessions, Psa 108:7-13.

This Psalm is compounded of two Psalms which we have had already under review. The Psa 108:1, Psa 108:2, Psa 108:3, Psa 108:4, and Psa 108:5, are the same with the Psa 57:7, Psa 57:8, Psa 57:9, Psa 57:10, and Psa 57:11 of Psa 57:1-11 : And the Psa 108:6, Psa 108:7, Psa 108:8, Psa 108:9, Psa 108:10, Psa 108:11, Psa 108:12, and Psa 108:13, are the same with the Psa 60:5, Psa 60:6, Psa 60:7, Psa 60:8, Psa 60:9, Psa 60:10, Psa 60:11, and Psa 60:12 of Psa 60:1-12 : The variations are few, and of little moment, and the explanation may be seen in the notes on the preceding Psalms, which need not be repeated here. That the Pssalms referred to were made by David, and were applicable to the then state of his affairs, has been the opinion of many; and it is probable that the captives in Babylon composed this out of two above, and applied it to the state of their affairs. Their captivity being now ended, or nearly at an end they look and pray for their restoration to their own land, as amply as it was possessed in the most prosperous days of David. The Syriac considers it as a prophecy of the vocation of the Gentiles. The Hebrew and all the Versions attribute it to David.

Verse 1

Even with my glory - My greatest glory shall be in publishing thy praise. Some make the glory here to mean the Lord himself; some, the Ark of the covenant; some, the Soul of the psalmist; others, his Tongue; some, the Gift of Prophecy; and some, the psalmist's Spirit or Vein of poetry. See the notes on Psa 57:8.

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PSALM 108: 2 Wake up, harp and lyre! I will wake up the dawn.

PSALM 108: 3 I will give thanks to you, LORD, among the nations. I will sing praises to you among the peoples.

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Verse 3

Among the people - The Jews.

Among the nations - The Gentiles. Wherever this Psalm is sung or read, either among Jews or Gentiles, David may be said to sing praise to God.

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PSALM 108: 4 For your loving kindness is great above the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

PSALM 108: 5 Be exalted, God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth.

PSALM 108: 6 That your beloved may be delivered, save with your right hand, and answer us.

PSALM 108: 7 God has spoken from his sanctuary: "In triumph, I will divide Shechem, and measure out the valley of Succoth.

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Verse 7

God hath spoken in his holiness - **בְּקֹדֶשׁוֹ** bekodsho; some think this means in his Holy One, referring to the Prophet Jeremiah, who predicted the captivity, its duration of seventy years, and the deliverance from it.

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PSALM 108: 8 Gilead is mine. Manasseh is mine. Ephraim also is my helmet. Judah is my sceptre.

PSALM 108: 9 Moab is my wash pot. I will toss my sandal on Edom. I will shout over Philistia."

PSALM 108: 10 Who will bring me into the fortified city? Who has led me to Edom?

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Verse 10

The strong city - The possession of the metropolis is a sure proof of the subjugation of the country.

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PSALM 108: 11 Haven't you rejected us, God? You don't go out, God, with our armies.

PSALM 108: 12 Give us help against the enemy, for the help of man is vain.

PSALM 108: 13 Through God, we will do valiantly. For it is he who will tread down our enemies.

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Verse 13

Through God we shall do valiantly - From him we derive our courage, from him our strength, and by him our success. [For the Analysis, see the Psa 57:1-11 (note) and Psa 60:1-12 (note). Also see introduction to Psa 108:1-13 (note)]