

## Psalm 107

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We cannot look into the Psalms without thinking of David. But the “sweet Psalmist” of Israel is known to have written only 75 of the 150 Psalms, or exactly half. Seventy-three are attributed to him in the Psalms and two in the New Testament (Psalm 2 in Acts 2:45 and Psalm 95 in Hebrews 4:7). It is possible that David wrote some of the 48 anonymous Psalms but if so we are not told.

Other known authors are Asaph and family (12), the sons of Korah (11), Heman (1) Solomon (2), Moses (1), and Ethan the Ezrahite (1).

When were the Psalms written? Moses wrote Psalm 90, making it the earliest entry. The Psalm we are studying, number 107, is believed to have been written after the Babylonian captivity (why?). This magnificent hymn book therefore spans over 1000 years of the children of Israel praising, beseeching, thanking, and contending with their God.

### Questions for study and discussion:

1. Who are the “redeemed” of verse 2 and how are they redeemed? How are we redeemed and how do we “say so”?
  
2. This Psalm describes four groups. Try to link each group to a specific time in the history (or prophetic future) of Israel, and also to people of our time.

#### **Verses 4-9: Desert wanderers**

Children of Israel:

Today:

#### **Verses 10-16: Prisoners**

Children of Israel (see Isaiah 45:2):

Today:

#### **Verses 17-22: Afflicted through sin**

Children of Israel:

Today:

#### **Verses 23-32: Sailors in a storm**

Children of Israel (hint: The sea is often a symbol of the Gentile nations, e.g. Revelation 13:1):

Today:

3. How are the suffering people delivered from their troubles?

4. What should be their response?

5. What do verses 33-42 tell us about the Lord?

6. What advice is given in verse 43? How can we benefit from following it?