PSALM 107.... O THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THE LORD!!

Psalm 107:1-9 (KJV)

- ¹O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.
- ² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;
- ³ And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. ⁴ They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.
- ⁵ Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.
- ⁶ Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.
- ⁷ And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.
- ⁸ Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! ⁹ For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

THE FIRST STANZA.. IS ISRAELS WILDERNESS JOURNEY.

- V.1 O give thanks—Here is a duty prescribed; and the reasons of it are immediately laid down.

 1. He is good. This is his nature. 2. His mercy endureth for ever. This is the stream that flows from the fountain of his goodness.
- V.2 LET THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD SAY SO!! "THEY WANDERED IN THE WILDERNESS." IT EASY TO GET LOST IN THE WILDERNESS!! THEIR SOUL FAINTED WITHIN THEM... IT HAPPENS... WE COME TO THE END OF OUR STRENGTH. WHAT TO DO??
 - 6 THEN THEY CRIED UNTO THE LORD IN THEIR TROUBLE!!

O THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS GOODNESS... AND HIS WONDERFUL WORKS TOWARD MEN.... WONDERFUL pawlaw... hard, hidden, things too high, (be, do, do a, shew) marvelous (-ly, -els, things, work), miracles,

The longing soul, nephesh shokekah, the soul that pushes forward in eager desire after salvation.

Psalm 107:10-16 (KJV)

- ¹⁰ Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;
- 11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:
- 12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help.
- ¹³ Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.
- ¹⁴ He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.
- ¹⁵ Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men! ¹⁶ For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

THE SECOND STANZA IS ISRAELS CAPTIVITY IN BABYLON!!

V. 10-12 BECAUSE OF THEIR REJECTION OF GODS' WORD IT LED THEM INTO CAPTIVITY!! WHEN THERE WAS NONE TO HELP.... THEN THEY CRIED TO THE LORD.. AND HE BROKE THEIR BANDS AND OPENED THE PRISON DOORS!! O THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS GOODNESS!!

Psalm 107:17-22 (KJV)

- ¹⁷ Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.
- 18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.
- ¹⁹ Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.
- ²⁰ He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions.
- ²¹ Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men! ²² And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

THE THIRD STANZA IS AFFLICTION FOR PERSONAL TRANSGRESSION (pasha'); a revolt (national, moral or religious):- rebellion, sin, transgression, JONAH WAS CARRIED DOWN TO THE GATES OF DEATH!!

Jonah 2:1-2 ¹ Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, ² And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, *and* thou heardest my voice.

JONAH 2:3-9 DON'T WAIT TILL YOUR AT THE GATES OF HELL TO CRY OUT TO GOD!! BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS!!

V. 20 HE SENT HIS WORD AND HEALED THEM!! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL EXPRESSION!! OH THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THE LORD FOR HI WONDERFUL WORKS!!

Psalm 107:23-32 (KJV)

- 23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;
- ²⁴ These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.
- ²⁵ For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.
- ²⁶ They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.
- ²⁷ They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.
- ²⁸ Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.
- ²⁹ He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.
- ³⁰ Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.
- ³¹ Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men! ³² Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

THE FOURTH STANZA WHEN THE STORM COMPLETELY OVERWHELMS US!!

YOU CAN SEE THE PATTERN ... MEN WAIT UNTIL THEIR LOST... IMPRISONED... SICK AND DYING ... IN THE MIDST OF A RAGING STORM AND THEN THEY CRY OUT TO GOD! HOW MUCH BETTER TO LIVE A LIFE OF PRAYER AND PRAISE AND SPARE OURSELVES FROM MANY OF THE AFFLICTIONS THAT BEFALL OTHERS!! YET BECAUSE OF GOD'S LOVINGKINDNESS AND TENDERMERCIES.. HE ANSWERS MAN IN EVERY TYPE OF CIRCUMSTANCE!! O THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS GOODNESS AND HIS WONDERFUL WORKS TO THE CHILDREN OF MEN!!