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### PSALMS 103–105

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- 103 Bless `Yahweh, O my soul,  
And all within me, bless `His holy Name!
- 2 Bless `Yahweh, O my soul,  
And do not 'forget any of His well-dealings,
- 3 'Who is pardoning › all your depravity,  
'Who is healing › all your ailments,
- 4 'Who is redeeming your life from ruin,  
'Who is crowning you with benignity and compassion,
- 5 'Who is satisfying your ~future~ 'with good,  
So your youth is 'renewed like the vulture's.
- 6 Yahweh is the One <sup>d</sup>executing acts of righteousness  
And right judgments for all those being exploited.
- 7 He 'made His ways 'known to Moses,  
His activities to the sons of Israel.
- 8 Compassionate and gracious is Yahweh,  
Slow to anger and with much benignity.
- 9 He shall not contend › permanently,  
And He shall not hold resentment for the eon.
- 10 He has neither done to us according to our sins,  
Nor has He requited <sup>on</sup> us  
according to our depravities.
- 11 For as the heavens are lofty~ over the earth,  
So is His benignity masterful over those fearing Him.
- 12 As far~ as the east is from the west,  
So He 'removes `our transgressions far from us.

103:5 --- future: Hb ornament.

- 13 **As a father <sup>m</sup>shows compassion<sup>-</sup> over his sons,  
So Yahweh <sup>m</sup>shows compassion  
over those fearing Him.**
- 14 **For He' knows our formation,  
Remembering that we are soil.**
- 15 **As for mortal man, his days are like grass,  
Like a blossom of the field, so is he blossoming.**
- 16 **For the wind, it passes <sup>i</sup>over him, and he is no more,  
And his place shall not recognize him any <sup>fr</sup>longer.**
- 17 **+Yet the benignity of Yahweh is from eon <sup>+</sup> unto eon  
over those fearing Him,  
And His righteousness continues for the sons of sons,  
To those keeping His covenant  
And to those remembering His precepts,  
to <sup>d</sup>obey them.**
- 19 **Yahweh has established His throne in the heavens,  
And His kingdom rules <sup>i</sup>among all.**
- 20 **Bless Yahweh, <sup>7</sup>all<sup>s</sup> His messengers,  
Masters of valor, doing His word,  
So as to hearken <sup>i</sup>to the voice of His word!**
- 21 **Bless Yahweh, all His hosts,  
Who are ministering to Him,  
Doing what is acceptable to Him!**
- 22 **Bless Yahweh, all His <sup>d</sup>works,  
In all places of His dominion!  
Bless `Yahweh, O my soul!**

#### 104 Bless `Yahweh, O my soul!

- O Yahweh, my Elohim, You are exceedingly great.  
You are clothed with splendor and honor;
- 2 You are muffled<sup>l</sup> with light as a garment.  
Stretching out the heavens like a sheet,
- 3 The One Who is <sup>m</sup>laying the rafters  
of His upper chambers <sup>i</sup>on their waters,  
Who is <sup>pl</sup>making the thick clouds His chariot,  
Who is going on the wings of the wind,

- 4 **Making His messengers winds,  
His ministers a flaming fire,**
- 5 **He has founded the earth on its bases.  
It shall never slip <sup>7</sup>for<sup>s</sup> the eon and further.**
- 6 **You covered it with the abyss as clothing;  
The waters <sup>l</sup>stood <sup>on</sup>above the mountains,**
- 7 **Yet from Your rebuke they <sup>l</sup>fled;  
From the sound of Your thunder they <sup>l</sup>hurried away.**
- 8 **They <sup>l</sup>ascended over the mountains;  
They <sup>l</sup>descended to the valleys,  
To the place that You had founded for them.**
- 9 **You placed a boundary that they would never <sup>l</sup>pass;  
They shall never return to cover the earth.**
- 10 **You are the One sending springs into the wadis;  
Between the mountains are they going.**
- 11 **They <sup>c</sup>give <sup>l</sup>drink to all the field life;  
Onagers <sup>l</sup>break their thirst.**
- 12 **The flyers of the heavens <sup>l</sup>roost <sup>on</sup>by them;  
From <sup>bt</sup>among the thick-foliage  
they <sup>l</sup>give out their sound.**
- 13 **You are the One irrigating the mountains  
from His upper chambers;  
From the fruit of Your <sup>d</sup>works the earth is <sup>l</sup>satisfied:**
- 14 **You are the One <sup>c</sup>making grass sprout<sup>l</sup> for the beasts  
And herbage for the service of <sup>l</sup>humanity,  
To <sup>c</sup>bring forth<sup>-</sup> bread from the earth**
- 15 **And wine that makes the heart of a mortal <sup>l</sup>rejoice,  
To <sup>c</sup>make the face <sup>~</sup>lustrous<sup>~</sup> <sup>f</sup>with oil,  
And bread that <sup>l</sup>braces the heart of mortal man.**
- 16 **The trees of Yahweh are satisfied,  
The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,**
- 17 **Where the birds are nesting,  
Firs where the stork has her home.**
- 18 **The lofty mountains are for the ibexes;  
The crags are a refuge for the coneys.**

- 19 **He** <sup>d</sup>made the moon for appointed times,  
The sun that knows its setting.
- 20 **You** 'impose darkness, and it 'becomes night;  
All the life of the wildwood 'move about in it,
- 21 **The** sheltered lions roaring for prey  
And <sup>></sup> seeking<sup>~</sup> their food from El.
- 22 When the sun is 'radiant again, they 'gather away,  
And they 'recline <sup>></sup>in their habitations.
- 23 Then humanity goes 'forth to its deeds  
And to its service until evening.
- 24 <sup>w</sup>**How** numerous are Your <sup>d</sup>works, O Yahweh!  
You have <sup>d</sup>made all of them in wisdom;  
The earth is filled with Your achievements:
- 25 **This** 'sea, great and wide on all hands;  
The creeper is there, and it is numberless,  
Animals, both small <sup>w</sup><sup>i</sup>and great;
- 26 The ~sea monsters~ are going there,  
The dragon that You have formed to gambol in it.
- 27 All of them 'look forward to You  
To <sup>g</sup>supply their food in its season;
- 28 **You** 'g<sup>g</sup>supply it to them; they 'pick it up.  
You 'open Your hand; they are well 'satisfied.
- 29 **You** 'conceal Your face; they are filled with 'panic.  
You 'gather away their spirit; they 'breathe their last  
And 'return to their soil.
- 30 **You** 'send forth Your spirit; they are 'created,  
And You 'renew the face of the ground.
- 31 May the glory of Yahweh <sup>b</sup>remain for the eon.  
May Yahweh rejoice in His <sup>d</sup>works.
- 32 'He is looking <sup>></sup>at the earth, and it 'quivers;  
He is touching <sup>i</sup> the mountains, and they 'smoke.
- 33 **I** will 'sing to Yahweh <sup>i</sup>throughout my life;  
I will make 'melody to my Elohim  
<sup>i</sup>throughout my future.

104:26 --- sea monsters: Hb ships.

- 34 **May** my meditation be congenial <sup>on</sup>to Him;  
**I** 'shall rejoice in Yahweh.
- 35 **May** sinners be completely removed from the earth,  
And the wicked—let them be no <sup>f</sup>more.  
Bless 'Yahweh, O my soul!  
Praise Yah!
- 105 Acclaim** <sup>></sup> Yahweh! Call <sup>i</sup>on His Name!  
<sup>c</sup>Make known His actions <sup>i</sup>among the peoples!
- 2 **Sing** to Him! Make melody to Him!  
Meditate <sup>i</sup>on all His marvelous<sup>l</sup> works!
- 3 **Boast** in His holy Name!  
Let the heart of those seeking Yahweh rejoice.
- 4 **Seek** after Yahweh and His strength;  
Seek His face continually.
- 5 **Remember** His marvelous<sup>l</sup> works <sup>w</sup>that He has done,  
His miracles and the judgments of His mouth,
- 6 O seed of <sup>M</sup>Israel<sup>s</sup>, His <sup>7</sup>servants<sup>~Q</sup>,  
Sons of Jacob, His chosen ones.
- 7 **He** is Yahweh, our Elohim;  
His judgments are in all the earth.
- 8 **He** remembers His covenant for the eon,  
The word He enjoined <sup>></sup>on a thousand generations,
- 9 <sup>w</sup>**That** He contracted <sup>></sup>with Abraham,  
And by His oath to Isaac.
- 10 + **He** 'ratified it to Jacob <sup>></sup>as a statute,  
To Israel as a covenant eonian.
- 11 <sup>></sup> **Saying**<sup>~</sup>, To you shall I give <sup>></sup>the land of Canaan,  
The region of your allotment.
- 12 <sup>i</sup>**When** they became<sup>~</sup> few adult males in number,  
<sup>as</sup>**Only** a few, and sojourners<sup>l</sup> in it,
- 13 + **Then** they 'walked from nation to nation,  
From one kingdom to another people.

105:6 M-s Israel: Hb Abraham; 7--Q servants: Hb servant.

- 14 **He would not permit** any <sup>h</sup>man to exploit them,  
**And on their behalf He** <sup>l</sup>reproved kings:  
15 **Saying, You must not** <sup>l</sup>touch <sup>i</sup>My anointed ones,  
**And to My prophets you must not** <sup>e</sup>do <sup>l</sup>evil!  
16 + **He** <sup>l</sup>called forth a famine on the earth;  
**He broke off the entire stock of bread.**  
17 **He sent a man before them,**  
**Joseph, who was sold** <sup>l</sup>as a slave.  
18 **They humbled his feet in fetters;**  
**His soul was inserted in iron**  
19 **Until the era when His word came** <sup>e</sup>to pass,  
**When the saying of Yahweh had refined him.**  
20 **The king sent and** <sup>e</sup>let him <sup>l</sup>loose;  
**The ruler<sup>l</sup> of the peoples** + <sup>l</sup>opened his way.  
21 **He** <sup>p</sup>constituted him lord <sup>l</sup>over his house  
**And ruler<sup>l</sup> among all his acquisitions,**  
22 **To** <sup>7</sup>discipline<sup>~</sup> his chiefs <sup>i</sup>at his soul's desire,  
**So** + **that he should make his elders wise.**  
23 + **Then Israel** <sup>l</sup>came down to Egypt,  
**And Jacob sojourned in the country of Ham.**  
24 + **Then He** <sup>e</sup>made <sup>l</sup>His people exceedingly <sup>l</sup>fruitful  
**And** <sup>e</sup>made them more <sup>l</sup>plentiful <sup>f</sup>than their foes.  
25 **He turned their heart to hate His people,**  
**To plot** <sup>i</sup>against His servants.  
26 **He sent Moses, His servant,**  
**And Aaron** <sup>i</sup>whom He had chosen.  
27 <sup>7</sup>**He** <sup>e</sup>placed the words of His signs <sup>i</sup>before them,  
**And His miracles** <sup>i</sup>before the country of Ham.  
28 **He sent darkness, and it** <sup>e</sup>became very <sup>l</sup>dark,  
**And they could not defy** <sup>l</sup>His words.  
29 **He turned** <sup>l</sup>their waters to blood,  
**And He** <sup>e</sup>put <sup>l</sup>their fish to <sup>l</sup>death.

105:22 7~ discipline: Hb bind.

105:27 7~e He: Hb They.

- 30 **Their country swarmed with frogs,**  
**Into the chambers of their kings.**  
31 **He** <sup>sa</sup>spoke, and there <sup>l</sup>came a mixture of flies,  
**Lice in all their territory.**  
32 **He** <sup>g</sup>turned their downpours to hail,  
**With fiery bolts blazing in their country.**  
33 + **He** <sup>l</sup>smote their vines and their fig trees,  
**And He broke down the trees of their territory.**  
34 **He** <sup>sa</sup>spoke, and the locust <sup>l</sup>came,  
**And the young-locust and they were without number.**  
35 + **It** <sup>l</sup>devoured all the herbage in their country  
**And** <sup>l</sup>devoured the fruit of their ground.  
36 + **Then He** <sup>l</sup>smote all the firstborn in their country,  
**The beginning** <sup>l</sup>of all their virility.  
37 + **Thus He** <sup>e</sup>brought <sup>7</sup>His people<sup>Q</sup> <sup>l</sup>forth  
<sup>i</sup>with silver and gold,  
**And there was no one stumbling** <sup>i</sup>among their tribes.  
38 **Egypt rejoiced** <sup>i</sup>at their going forth<sup>~</sup>,  
**For alarm over them had fallen upon them.**  
39 **He spread a cloud** <sup>l</sup>as a blanket,  
**And a fire to light up the night.**  
40 <sup>7</sup>**They** <sup>e</sup>asked, and He <sup>l</sup>brought forth quail,  
**And He** <sup>l</sup>satisfied them with bread <sup>M</sup>from<sup>s</sup> the heavens.  
41 **He opened a rock, and waters** <sup>l</sup>gushed out;  
**They** <sup>g</sup>flowed into the arid places as a stream.  
42 **For He was mindful** <sup>l</sup>of His holy word  
<sup>l</sup>With Abraham, His servant,  
43 **And He** <sup>e</sup>brought His people <sup>l</sup>forth <sup>i</sup>with elation,  
<sup>l</sup>His chosen ones <sup>i</sup>with jubilant song.  
44 + **He** <sup>l</sup>gave the countries of the nations to them,  
**And they** <sup>l</sup>took over the toil of the national groups,  
45 **In order that they should keep His statutes**  
**And should preserve His laws.**

105:37 7-Q His people: Hb them.

105:40 7~e They: Hb He.