

# Psalms 106:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.

## Analysis

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This verse transitions to God's merciful response. 'Many times did he deliver them' emphasizes repeated rescue despite repeated rebellion. God's covenant faithfulness outlasted Israel's unfaithfulness. 'But they provoked him with their counsel' shows that after each deliverance, they returned to rebellion. 'Provoked' again uses marah (מָרָה), meaning to be rebellious or bitter. 'With their counsel' (etsah, עֵצָה) means with their plans or decisions—they chose rebellion. 'Were brought low for their iniquity' shows that their lowly state resulted from their own sin. The cycle repeats: deliverance → rebellion → judgment → deliverance. Only God's covenant faithfulness explains why He didn't utterly destroy them.

## Historical Context

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The Book of Judges explicitly describes this cycle: 'And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them...And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers' (Judges 2:18-19). Despite experiencing God's deliverance repeatedly, each generation returned to idolatry. God's patience endured this cycle for centuries before bringing exile. Even after exile, the pattern continued in lesser forms.

## Related Passages

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

### Study Questions

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1. Why does God continue delivering those who repeatedly rebel after each rescue?
2. What does the rebellion-judgment-deliverance cycle teach about human nature?
3. How should God's repeated deliverances affect our response to His grace?

### Interlinear Text

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יָמַר וְ	אֵל הַמָּה יָצַל מְ	רַב וְתָ פָעַמָּ יָמִ	
<b>them but they provoked</b>	<b>did he deliver</b>	<b>Many</b>	<b>times</b>
H4784	H1992	H7227	H6471
בְּעֲוֹנָם:	וַיֵּמְלֵכוּ	בְּעֵצָתָם	
<b>for their iniquity</b>	<b>and were brought low</b>	<b>him with their counsel</b>	
H5771	H4355	H6098	

### Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 81:12** (Parallel theme): So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

**Psalms 1:1** (Sin): Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.