

# Psalms 106:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.

## Analysis

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This verse specifies the first generation's failure. 'Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt' shows intellectual and spiritual blindness—they saw miracles but failed to comprehend their meaning. 'Understood not' (sakal, לָכַח) means they didn't act wisely or gain insight. 'Remembered not the multitude of thy mercies' indicates forgetfulness despite abundant evidence. 'Provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea' refers to Israel's fear when trapped between Pharaoh's army and the sea (Exodus 14:10-12). Despite witnessing all ten plagues, they panicked at the first post-exodus challenge. This teaches that seeing miracles doesn't guarantee faith—spiritual understanding requires God's illuminating work.

## Historical Context

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At the Red Sea, Israel complained bitterly, preferring Egyptian slavery to trusting God's deliverance (Exodus 14:11-12). This occurred mere days after witnessing the death of Egypt's firstborn and their own miraculous preservation. The psalm identifies this as the pattern for all subsequent rebellion: seeing God's power but failing to trust His ongoing provision.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How can people witness God's work yet fail to trust Him?
2. What is the difference between seeing miracles and having spiritual understanding?
3. In what ways do believers 'forget' God's past mercies during present trials?

## Interlinear Text

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לֹא	נִפְלְאוֹתַיִךְ	הַשֵּׁכַּלִּי	לֹא	בְּמִצְרַיִם	אָבֹתַיִם
	not thy wonders	understood		in Egypt	Our fathers
	H6381	H7919		H4714	H1
עַל	וַיִּמְרוּ	חֲסֵדְךָ	רַב	אֶת	זָכוֹר
	but provoked	of thy mercies	not the multitude		they remembered
	H4784	H2617	H7230	H853	H2142
				בַּיָּם	בַּיָּם
				him at the sea	him at the sea
				H3220	H3220
			קִיּוֹף		
			even at the Red		
			H5488		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 78:42** (Parallel theme): They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.