

# 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

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, 'שָׁׁבַע) 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

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

**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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ל	א	נִפְלָאוֹת	יב	הַשְׁכִּים	ילו	לֹא	בְּמִצְבָּה	יכֹּן	אָב	וְתַּיְתֵּן
Our fathers	in Egypt		H3808	understood	not thy wonders		H3808			
H1	H4714			H7919		H6381				
they remembered		H853	not the multitude		of thy mercies	but provoked			על	יעמַר אֵת צְדָקָה יְבָרֵךְ
H2142			H7230		H2617	H4784				H5921
him at the sea	him at the sea			סְמִינָה:						
H3220	H3220			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.