

Psalm 107:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

Analysis

This verse describes God's deliverance method. 'And he led them forth by the right way' emphasizes divine guidance. 'Led' (darak, דָּרַךְ) means to tread, march, or guide. 'Right way' (derek yesharah, דֶּרֶךְ יְשָׁרָה) means straight, direct path—contrasted with the crooked, confused wandering of verse 4. God doesn't just rescue randomly but guides purposefully toward a destination. 'That they might go to a city of habitation' indicates God's goal: bringing them home to security and rest. This prefigures Christ as 'the way' (John 14:6) and the Spirit's guidance into truth. God not only saves but directs our path toward our eternal dwelling.

Historical Context

God led Israel through the wilderness by cloud and fire (Exodus 13:21-22; Psalm 105:39). He led exiles back from Babylon, making 'a way in the wilderness' (Isaiah 43:19). Ezra 8:21-23, 31 recounts seeking God's guidance for safe journey and finding 'the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us.' God's guidance brings His people to their intended destination—ultimately the heavenly city.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does God lead by 'the right way' even when circumstances seem confusing?
2. What is the 'city of habitation' God is leading His people toward?
3. How do believers today experience God's guidance toward their eternal home?

Interlinear Text

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And he led them forth	way	by the right	way	dwelt			
H1869	H1870	H3477	H1980	H413		to a city	
						H5892	
מָוֹשֵׁב:							
of habitation							
H4186							

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 12:22 (Parallel theme): But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Psalms 77:20 (Parallel theme): Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Jeremiah 31:9 (Parallel theme): They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hebrews 11:16 (Parallel theme): But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Isaiah 30:21 (Parallel theme): And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Psalms 107:36 (Parallel theme): And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

Psalms 78:52 (Parallel theme): But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

Psalms 107:4 (Parallel theme): They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

2 Peter 2:15 (Parallel theme): Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

Nehemiah 11:3 (Parallel theme): Now these are the chief of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants.