

# Psalms 87

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## **Glorious Things of You Are Spoken**

- <sup>1</sup> His foundation is in the holy mountains.
  - <sup>2</sup> The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
  - <sup>3</sup> Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.
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- <sup>4</sup> I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.
  - <sup>5</sup> And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.
  - <sup>6</sup> The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah.
  - <sup>7</sup> As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

### Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

### Holy — קָדוֹשׁ (Qadosh)

Holy, set apart

The Hebrew **qadosh** (קָדוֹשׁ) means holy or set apart—separated from common use for God's purposes. God is 'the Holy One of Israel,' utterly distinct from creation in moral perfection.

### Love — אַהֲבָה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אַהֲבָה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

## CROSS REFERENCES

### Psalms 87:1

**Holy:** Isaiah 56:7; Zechariah 8:3; 2 Peter 1:18. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 68:16; 2 Chronicles 3:1; Isaiah 28:16; Matthew 16:18

**Psalms 87:2**    **References Lord:** Deuteronomy 12:5; Joel 2:32

**Psalms 87:3**    **Parallel theme:** Revelation 14:1

**Psalms 87:4**    **Parallel theme:** Psalms 45:12; 68:31; 89:10; Job 9:13

**Psalms 87:5**    **Parallel theme:** Psalms 48:8; Ezekiel 48:35; Matthew 16:18; Romans 8:31

### Psalms 87:6

**Parallel theme:** Psalms 69:28; Isaiah 4:3; Jeremiah 3:19; Luke 10:20; Philippians 4:3; Revelation 13:8; 20:15. **References Lord:** Psalms 22:30; Ezekiel 13:9

## **Psalms 87:7**

**Parallel theme:** Psalms 36:9; 2 Samuel 6:14; 1 Chronicles 23:5; Isaiah 12:3; John 1:16; 4:10; 4:14; Revelation 21:6; 22:1; 22:17

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