

Psalms 87

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Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

- 1** His foundation is in the holy mountains.
- 2** The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- 3** Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

- 4** I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.
- 5** And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.
- 6** The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah.
- 7** As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee.

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God — אלֹהִים (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.

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.

Lord — אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

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

Love — אֶחֱדָה / צְדָקָה (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אֶחֱדָה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (צְדָקָה) 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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