

A person with a backpack stands on the peak of a rocky mountain, arms raised in triumph. The background shows a vast valley with green fields and a small town, surrounded by more mountains under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds.

*"Praise the Lord,
oh my soul"*
Psalms

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Historical Psalms

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"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"



Objectives

1. Types of historical psalms
2. Main historical psalms
3. Relevance of the historical psalms
4. Studying historical psalms
5. **Select portions of Psalm 78**
6. Personal application

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1. Types of Historical Psalms

- ❖ Personal - reflection on personal past events; usually intersects with other types of psalms
- ❖ Corporate - reflects back on Israel's corporate history

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2. Common Historical Psalms

Which Psalms are the historical psalms and why?

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Book 3 - Exile and Promise of Messianic Kingdom

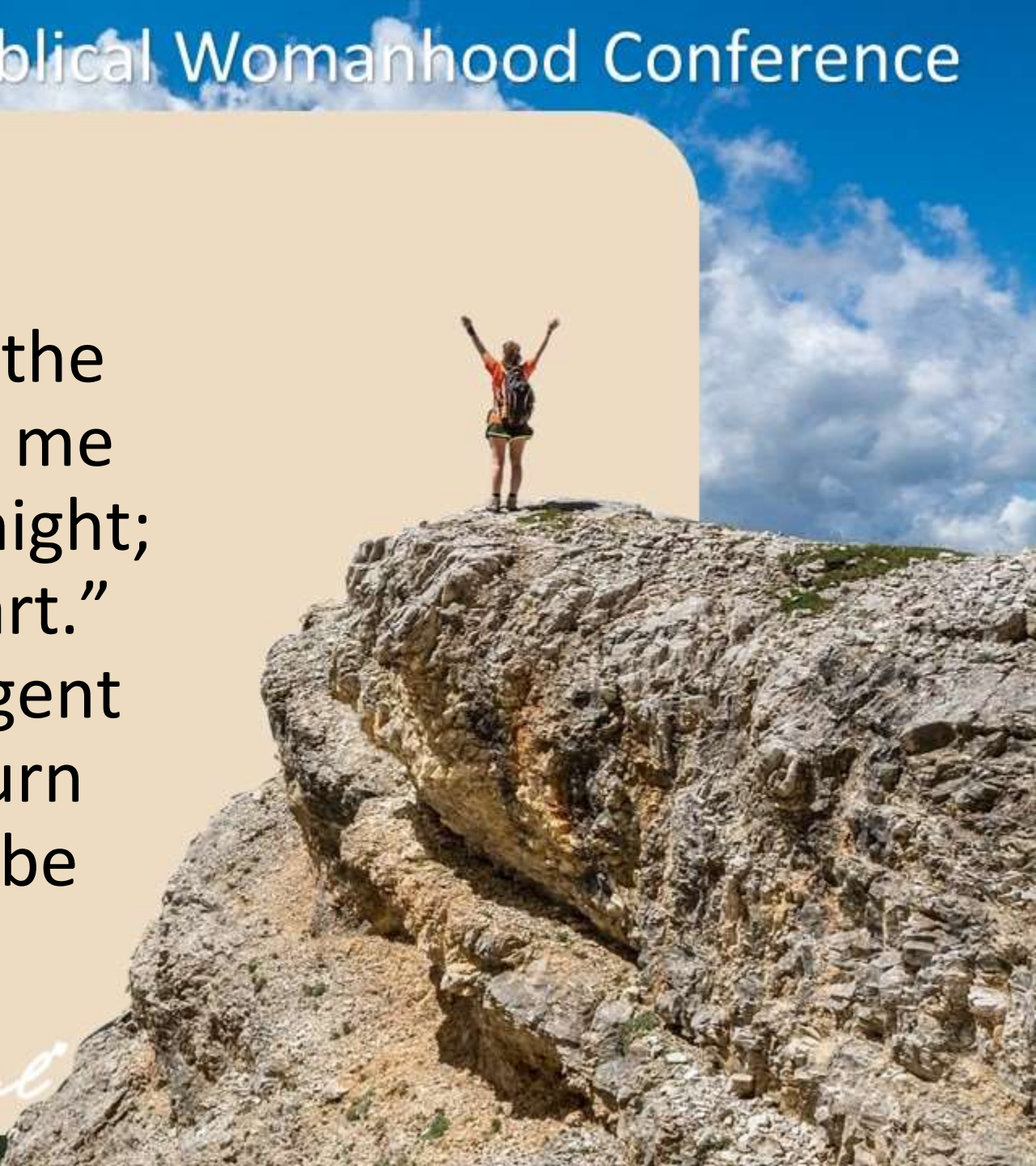
- ❖ Psalm 77 - a plea for help during troubled times
- ❖ Psalm 78 - recognizing God's providence
 - Future generations are to remember God
 - The reader is to personally be faithful
- ❖ Psalm 79 - Yahweh's mercy holds back His anger

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Psalm 77:5-7

I consider the days of old, the years long ago. I said, "Let me remember my song in the night; let me meditate in my heart." Then my spirit made a diligent search: "Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable?"

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Psalm 78:4, 7

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.....so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

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Psalm 79:8-9

Do not remember against us our former iniquities; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!

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Book 4 - God is King

- ❖ Psalm 105 - Israel given the promised land
- ❖ Psalm 106 - dispersion from the land
- ❖ Psalm 107 - a re-gathering to the land

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Psalm 105:8-11

He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

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Psalm 106:42-43

Their enemies oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their power.

Many times he delivered them, but they were rebellious in their purposes and were brought low through their iniquity.

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Psalm 107:1-3

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

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Book 5 - The Messiah and His Kingdom

- ❖ Psalm 135 - a hymn of faith and gratitude
- ❖ Psalm 136 - likely a well-loved song with repeating chorus

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Psalm 135:13-14

Your name, O Lord, endures forever, your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages. For the Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants.

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Psalm 136

His steadfast love endures forever.



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3. Relevance of Historical Psalms

How does the Israelites' history intersect with my present reality?

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7 Realities

1. Confession
2. Hope
3. Renewed faith
4. God's involvement
5. Metanarrative
6. Teaching
7. Sets Expectations



4. Studying Historical Psalms

How can I get the most out of it?

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4 Steps

1. Look around
2. Reread
3. Cross-reference
4. Meditate



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5. Close-up of Psalm 78

Where do I run forwards and backwards in finding Jesus?

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Read

Psalm 78

- 1-8, intro
- 9-10, Israel vs Judah
- 65-72, height of David's kingdom



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1. Pericope #1: vs. 1-8
2. What passages are before and after?
 - a. 77 - confidence in God
 - b. 79 - Yahweh's mercy
3. What is the theme?
 - a. 1-4, pay attention
 - b. 5-8, teach the next generation
4. What study tools are helpful?
 - a. Cross-references
 - i. "law in Israel" Deut. 6
 - ii. "rebellious" Deut. 31:7
 - b. Interlinear/dictionaries
 - i. mysteries
 - ii. paradox
 - c. Using AI/internet
 - i. historical
 - ii. resources
 - iii. study sheets
 - iv. Holy Spirit
5. Application
 - a. Personal assessment
 - b. Corporate (family, church, community)

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Read

Psalm 78

➤ 9-16

➤ I Corinthians 10



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1. Pericope #2: vs. 9-16
2. What passages are before and after?
 - a. 1-8, intro
 - b. 17-31, water, meat, manna
3. What is the theme?
 - a. 9, "Ephraim" rebelled
 - b. 10-14, Exodus
 - c. 15-16, water
4. What study tools are helpful?
 - a. Cross-references
 - i. vs. 13-15, Ex. 14:19-20
 - ii. vs. 16, Ex. 17, Rev. 22:17
 - iii. vs. 17-31, Ex. 16, Num. 11
 - iv. vs. 36, Deut. 5:28-29
 - b. Interlinear/dictionaries
 - i. practical application of cloud and fire
 - c. Using AI/internet
 - i. Ephraim, Zoan
 - ii. samples
 - d. New Testament passages
I Corinthians 10
5. Application
 - a. personal - recognizing and reflecting on God's goodness
 - b. corporate - using songs and stories to teach the next generation

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5 Applications

1. Learn
2. Journal
3. Notes and Dates
4. Share
5. Instruct



6. Personal Application

What part do I play in history?

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