


**BREAKING THROUGH THE  
GATES OF BRONZE  
PSALM 107:10-16**



**Isaiah 8:21** Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. **22** Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

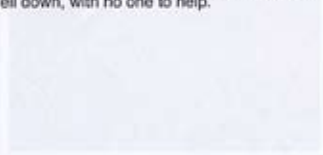
## **1. THE DARKNESS OF REBELLION**

**Psalms 107:10** Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in misery and in irons, **11** for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High.



## **2. THE HEAVY HEART**

**Psalms 107:12** Their hearts were bowed down with hard labor; they fell down, with no one to help.



**Isaiah 9:4** For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

**Isaiah 9:6** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **7** Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

**Micah 2:12** "I will surely gather all of you, O Jacob; I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel. I will bring them together like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture; the place will throng with people. **13** One who breaks open the way will go up before them; they will break through the gate and go out. Their king will pass through before them, the LORD at their head."

### **3. THE CRY FOR HELP**

**Psalms 107:13** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

### **4. THE HAND OF GOD**

**Psalms 107:14** he brought them out of darkness and gloom, and broke their bonds asunder. **15** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. **16** For he shatters the doors of bronze, and cuts in two the bars of iron.

**Isaiah 9:1** Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan — **2** The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.