

Out of Bondage onto Promise

Exodus 15:1-27

- It took multiple plagues, a pillar of fire, extreme darkness, the sea parting, before Moses and the children of Israel are free to enter into the promise land. Now after witnessing the Lord supernaturally defeat Pharaoh and dispose of the mighty Egyptian army, Israel who were once sighing in despair because of their bondage is now singing to the Lord for His deliverance.

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- **V1-3** Israel is now on the other side of the shore with their enemies drowned and their freedom secure, and its going to produce instantaneous joy as we're introduced to the very first song of scripture called "**the song of Moses**" and it tells the story of how the Lord redeemed Israel by power. As its going to describe The Lord > "**what He is**", "**what He has done**", "**what He will do**".
- **1ST "What He is" V2-3** - strength, song, salvation, The Lord no matter how formidable someone or something seems to be God is greater and stronger, there was no military force on earth greater than the Egyptians, and yet God thoroughly and easily defeated them and threw them into the sea as if they were a piece of lint. Because of this He has shown that He is Israel's salvation, for He is their God, and they will praise Him, for He is "**a Man of war**" wow!
- **2nd "What He has done" V4-13** – Victory, in this song we see Israel giving the Lord all the praise for defeating Pharaoh and Egypt, we need to always remember that it is God who fights our enemies and its Him who defeats our enemies, therefore we should give Him all the glory. Man is always trying to get us to take credit for something that God alone has done in our lives, you watch an interview the interviewer is trying to get the person to take credit for anything good that has happened > sports- trust in the work I put in, rescue- trust my training, animals credit.
- **V6-10** we see some of the Lord's weapons He used and they are not conventional weaponry, using human characteristics to describe divine attributes, the singers declare that His Right Hand is glorious in power, His majesty throws His opponents down, His anger consumes them like fire eats up stubble, His breath from His nostrils blew back the waters and made them stand up like a wall, until the Egyptian soldiers thought to catch up and God returned the waters into its natural position drowning Pharaoh's army proving what a Mighty God He is.
- **V11-13** this goes back to "**what He is**" as the song asks the question: "**Who is like the Lord**" The Egyptians and the other nations have no shortage of gods, causing Pharaoh to ask Moses this very question in **Ex 5:2** "**Who is the Lord that I should obey Him and let Israel go**" but Jehovah God has shown Egypt, Pharaoh, and all the other nations that they are all false and counterfeits.
- For God not only operates in the miraculous, but also is merciful and Holy, listening to the praises of those who call out to Him, guiding, protecting and delivering, us with His strength to the place where He is. Folks to get to where God wants us to be it's a spiritual battle.

- One in which we cannot fight alone, Israel couldn't defeat Pharaoh or the Egyptians by themselves, God on the other hand didn't need any help from Israel or anyone else, He simply did it. Egypt called on Pharaoh and their gods to help they couldn't, Pharaoh in his anger sent his army after Israel they were destroyed, which caused Israel to ask "**Who is like You**" (no One).
- **3rd "what He will do V14-18** – Inheritance, upon receiving the victory over the Egyptians came the expectation of going into the promise land and claiming the "**promise**" God made to Abraham all those years ago. The song says the people will hear of this and fear, from the philistines, to the Moabites, and all the Canaanites, not of Israel the people, but of their God Who leads and guides them, fighting for them, causing no one to be able to stand against them.
- **V19-21** this is the first mention of Miriam by name, remember this is the little girl who saw her mom place Moses in that little makeshift ark in the Nile river with the crocs and other things that easily could have killed him as a baby, and then follow to see what would happen good or bad, and Pharaoh's sister found him and it motivated her to go and ask if she could get a Jewish mother to nurse him which of course was their own mother and the rest is history.
- She's survived slavery, the lost of hope, and the return of her lost long brother, now at this time she is about **90yrs** old, and yet the ladies are following her as she dances around with timbrels. This little girl who watched Moses as a baby launched into the Nile River, and see God supernaturally preserve his life, the little girl who arranged the hiring of Moses mother as his nurse to teach him all about his heritage, and future, this little girl has grown up to be a Prophetess, one in which the Lord speaks to and through, leading women in praise to God.
- **V22-24** the singing is over and now the journey begins and it starts with hardship, three days they've gone without finding water. Three days after witnessing the victory over Pharaoh and the Egyptians, singing of the strength, power, and salvation of the Lord, they come to a place that seemingly will refresh them and its bitter, so they call the place "**Marah**" meaning bitter.
- Imagine the first day without water God will provide, second day a little harder but still remembering God's goodness and mercy, the third day now their thinking come on this has gone on long enough, and finally they come to a place that they expect will satisfy them and it doesn't. Now its Moses has brought us through the Red Sea to kill us in the wilderness.
- **2** million people complaining is more like a rumble than a murmur, its hard being a leader, as their problems become your problem, and they expect you to give them the solution or they will turn on you. So one minute people are singing about the goodness, Holiness, mercy of God, and now they are complaining that Gd is not moving fast enough and blaming Moses for it.
- **V25-27** Moses goes to the Lord for answers, every bitter experience folks we need to take it to the Lord and not to man for the answer, stop looking to complain and blame someone, look to God and wait on Him to guide you. God answers Moses and tells him to take that tree and put it into the water and it will make it sweet, this were told was a testing of Israel and they failed.

- The tree is representative of the cross and when life's bitter waters seem to make everything dissatisfying then look to the cross, and things will become sweet again. Afterward God makes a promise to Israel if they are obedient that the diseases and calamities that fell upon the Egyptians won't plague them, "**for I Am The Lord, Who heals you**". Then they traveled further and God brought them to a place that had twelve wells of water and **70** palm trees, this was just a prelude to what the Lord was going to do for them if they obeyed and trusted Him.