MARANATHA GLOBAL BIBLE STUDY THE RETURN OF JESUS // JOEL RICHARDSON

THE SONG OF DEBORAH

THE SONG OF DEBORAH IS A VICTORY HYMN THAT LOOKS BACK AND DRAWS FROM EXODUS LANGUAGE AND ALSO CONTAINS POWERFUL PROPHETIC FORESHADOWING OF THE RETURN OF JESUS. ONCE THE DEUTERONOMY 33 PROPHECY WAS GIVEN, ISRAEL UNDERSTOOD THAT THAT DAY IS COMING SO EVERY INTERIM VICTORY WAS LOOKED TO AS A FAINT FORESHADOW OF THE ULTIMATE VICTORY TO COME.

I. JUDGES 5

- A. vs 1 once the Deuteronomy 33 prophecy was given, Israel understood that the day is coming; and every interim victory was looked to as a faint foreshadow of the ultimate victory to come.
- B. vs 2-3 no one had to be forced to enter into rejoicing. It's interesting that the prophecy begins with a statement concerning the leaders of Israel giving themselves voluntarily to worship the Lord.
 - 1) Psalm 110:3 in that day, the church will be pure and spotless, in submission, volunteering to give ourselves to the cause of the Lord
- C. vs 4-5 this is the land the Israelites marched through during the exodus.
 - 1) when Jesus returns in the clouds, it will not be a sunny, carefree day (Nahum 1:5)

II. THE DAY OF THE LORD

- A. Exodus 19:16–19 is the prototype and foreshadow of when Jesus Himself will appear from heaven.
 - 1) all of this language is appropriated to Jesus in the New Testament
- B. In Psalm 18:9-12, David used the language of Sinai and applied it to his own life while looking forward to the Day of the Lord.
- C. Joel 2:1-2 the day of the Lord is a day of dark storm clouds
 - 1) Isaiah 66:15
- D. Zephaniah 1:14-16

III. THE RETURN OF JESUS

- A. Matthew 24:30–31 Jesus is just referring back to what all of the prophets and Moses previously said.
- B. Judges 5:24–27 Jael killing Sisera was a picture of when Jesus will crush His enemies.

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