Morning Sermon / 1/30/2022 / "Singing the Songs of Moses and the Lamb" Revelation 15:2-4

- I. The Song of Moses: the singing of it comes after a long struggle -
- 1. We can look back to promises given to Abram (Abraham), and honestly even before that to Genesis 3, but we will start with Abram -
- A. God's revealingly Himself and His promises to Abram -

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward." Genesis 15:1 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. Genesis 15:5–6 (NKJV)

B. The part about Israel (Abram's descendants) being slaves in Egypt -

<sup>13</sup> Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is* not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them <u>four hundred years</u>. Genesis 15:13 (NKJV)

This is a hard part, they must have prayed, but during their lifetimes, prayers continued unanswered!

- 2. We read of the fulfillment of this in Genesis and Exodus -
- A. Joseph is a slave in Egypt, sold by his own brothers Genesis 37:26-28

B. Joseph, through the blessings of God's providence is successful both as a slave and as a prisoner, and eventually because his interpreting of Pharaoh's dreams he is a ruler over Egypt – Genesis 41:39–41 (NKJV)

C. Joseph is eventually FORGOTTEN in Egypt and God's people are enslaved -

<sup>8</sup> Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup> And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel *are* more and mightier than we; <sup>10</sup> come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and *so* go up out of the land." <sup>11</sup> Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. Exodus 1:8-11 (NKJV)

- Struggles are sanctifying, fire a sea of glass mingled with fire Revelation 15:2 / Job 23:10
- 3. God's people were slaves in Egypt for four hundred years ... see Genesis 15:13 1 B above ↑
- 4. Even before this Abram / Abraham and Sarai / Sarah were without child for a long time –

<sup>5</sup>Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Genesis 21:5 (NKJV)

II. The Song of Moses: victory was not automatic, even when it gets closer, it only happens after many miracles / plagues upon Egypt, and even lapses of faith –

1. After the <u>ninth</u> plague, darkness -

<sup>27</sup> But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. Exodus 10:27 (NKJV)

2. Even after seeming freedom Pharaoh still came after them, and they were fearful of man – <sup>10</sup> And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup> Then they said to Moses,

"Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup> *Is* this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For *it would have been* better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness." Exodus 14:10–12 (NKJV)

- 3. There were struggles & lapses of faith, even in Abram / Abraham Genesis 16:1-4
- 4. Yet, there was joy in this life for Abraham & Sarah Genesis 21:1-4
- 5. Finally, the Song of Moses is glorious Exodus 15

- III. The Song of the Lamb, had its role, even in the Song of Moses, and its beginnings were even before John 8:58; Revelation 13:8
- 1. The Passover was all about the Lamb -

*A.* They were to eat  $it - {}^{5}$  Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year... Exodus 12:5 A  ${}^{11}$  And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. Exodus 12:11

B. They were to put its blood on their doorposts -

<sup>7</sup> And they shall take *some* of the blood and put *it* on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. Exodus 12:7 (NKJV)

- 2. Abraham offered up his son Isaac, and yet God provided a lamb Genesis 22:1-14
- 3. Abel offered a sacrifice from his flock Genesis 4:4
- 4. All of these point to Jesus Who is the Lamb John 1:29

<sup>8</sup> All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of <u>the Lamb</u> <u>slain from the foundation of the world</u>. Revelation 13:8 (NKJV)

In context, understand what Revelation 13:8 is teaching, people either worship the Beast / or they are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, they worship the Lamb, according to Revelation 15, they sing His song – Revelation 5:8–14 (NKJV)

## *IV.* The song of the Lamb, at least part of it is here in this Book of Revelation –

<sup>8</sup> Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, <sup>10</sup> And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." <sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup> And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup> Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever. Revelation 5:8–14 (NKJV)

- The fact that the Lamb opens the seals, which open into trumpets, which finally open into bowls of Judgment, one of which is pour directly upon the throne of the beast – Revelation 16:10-11 – shows us that THE LAMB, our Lord Jesus, ultimately controls both history and the future and the beast does NOT!
- 2. Our Lord's Supper is the non-bloody sign corresponding to the Passover, Jesus is our Passover, He is our Redemption, He is our Redemption from the beginning, He is the Redeemer even of Abraham ... –

<sup>7</sup> Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. <sup>8</sup> Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth. 1 Corinthians 5:7–8 (NKJV) / John 8:58 (NKJV)

3. Let us remember Him, that we might not lapse in our faith -

<sup>24</sup> and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 1 Corinthians 11:24 (NKJV)

4. Eat not only the symbol, spiritually eat Him, let the Lamb be your LIFE – John 6:35 / John 10:10-11

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