

Exodus 25 – Jewish History in a Song – Still Unrealized

Exodus (Names) - Changing the World

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Exodus 15:1-21

Fact from Fiction

- Nowhere does the text state Pharaoh died
- Pharaoh's army got drowned (Folk song)
- Most of the chariots and bodies would float to the surface, evidence of defeat



Jewish History in a Song

- Commonly called, "The Song of Moses", due to his authorship, a more accurate title would be, "The Unrealized Jewish History in a Song"
- Probably inspired some time after the events, Moses places it in close proximity to this event for continuity
- Song transitions from Egyptian sojourn to wilderness journey

Pinnacle of Jewish Realization of God

- This is the “mountaintop” experience and mirrors the salvation experience of many Christians
 - This is the “joy of salvation” many first experience
 - This joy is soon lost due to reality of continuing sin (8.6-7)
- Immediately the Bible details the failure of the Jews to live their faith, losing the “joy of their salvation” (9.1-10.12)

Song Divided into Three Verses

- Men sang the verses
- Women sang the chorus (refrain)
- Possibly an annual performance
 - Reminding the people of God’s deliverance
 - Instructing them in three aspects of God’s plan for them

Jewish History in a Song

- Verse One (1-5) - Salvation of the people
- Verse Two (6-10) - Defeat of Pharaoh
- Verse Three (11-18) - God’s plan for them
- Refrain (1, 19-21) - Emphasizing God’s deliverance - now and later

Faith Based on Results, Not Belief

- The Jews believe in God based on His power (sign) rather than by faith, this reliance will *plague* them
 - Jews always demand "signs" (Mt 12:38-39, Jc 1:22-24)
 - Jews reminded, God is a *small voice*, not power (1K 19:9-14, 18)
 - Jesus gave Jews enough signs to believe Him (Jc 3:1-2)
 - Jesus did not come in *power* Jews expected (Jc 9:9, Mt 11:27-32)
 - Jews crucified the author of their salvation (1C 2:6-8)

Logical Error of Correlation

- Jews did not understand God's use of nature; thus, they over emphasized its importance to God's Plan
 - God used waters to remind man of the Cataclysm
 - God designed this event for sending His message of His truth to all kingdoms preparing them for His Son (cross)
 - This event mirrors the final deliverance of His people at the end of the Great Tribulation - preparing for the Millennial Kingdom - and at the end of this earth

If Egypt, Then You Also

- The second verse shows the might of man (Egypt) against the almost insignificant shrug of nature, God
- 600 Chariot force is a significant investment in money and demonstration of power
- Near total destruction of the chariots destroys Egypt's ability to project power but does allow for her defense

Essence of Sin – I Will...

- Satan - I will be as God (Ex 14:13-14)
- Pharaoh - I will...
 - Divide the spoil and expend my lust on them
 - Draw my sword and destroy them
- Man - We will be as gods (and goddesses) (Ex 1:46)
- Jews - We will not have Him rule over us (Ex 19:11-14)

The Right Message

- God judges those who will annihilate His people
 - Foreshadows coming Great Tribulation when God judges Antichrist who directly challenges Him
 - God uses nature reshaping the earth demonstrating man's utter powerlessness and God's power
- Millennial Kingdom opens with praise to God, ends in near utter rebellion against God - man's sinfulness

Last Verse – Jews Future

- Begins with two essential truths
 - No gods (Satan, Pharaoh, man or Jews (chosen people)) are like God AEB ability to control natural forces at will
 - God's majesty rests on His holiness which the Jews, and man, will spend the rest of the Pentateuch learning
- Fear of the Lord begins with knowing God's holiness AEB by demonstration of His creatorship (Ex 1:7, 24:10)

God Addresses the Nations

- God leads His people, and the nations will respect them, but not until the Millennial Kingdom
 - Addresses nations local to Israel
 - Philistia
 - Edom
 - Moab
 - Canaan

God Lies or Future Envisioned

- Either God lied or time is the essential element
 - Moab - Hired Balaam to curse the Jews
 - Edom - Resisted the Jews
 - Canaan did not fear the Jews - Resisted their invasion
 - Philistia - Fought the Jews for centuries until David defeated them

Lord Will Reign Forever

- Song envisions God planting the Jews on His mountain and worshiping Him as God forever
 - This only partially fulfilled in the Old Testament
 - Temple built on God's mountain
 - People kind of worshiped God
 - When Jesus came as King, they killed Him
 - Thus, they did not worship God but themselves as gods

When Christ Returns

- Then shall the words of this song be fulfilled (Is. 12:10-14:21)
 - The Jews will see Him and mourn bitterly
 - The Jews will worship Him as God
 - He will strike the nations with one blast
 - The Jews shall be holy to God before all nations
- This demonstration on Pharaoh serves as example to Satan when lost man will seek to destroy God's people

The Refrain of Victory

- The women punctuated each verse with this reminder of the coming day(s) of defeat for Satan
 - God will overthrow him just as He overthrew Pharaoh
 - In an instant
 - With great power
 - Men and all their implements of power
 - This times God used water, next He will use His word (breath) (Is. 19:11-16, 21), and finally He will use fire (Is. 20:7-8)

Rebuke of Replacement Theology

- If God intended to replace Israel with Gentiles (Church), then God was dishonest
 - He said the Jews and His promises were to the Jews
 - If He meant "spiritual" or "allegorized" Jews then He lied to them or misrepresented the truth at best
 - If He could do that to them, can we believe that we have promises He must honor to us; could He not also have us replaced by future people? (Slippery slope fallacy)

What I Did Not Say

- I did not say that God will protect the current nation disguised as God's people, Israel
 - The development of this nation is predicated on the Zionist movement which is avowedly <http://www.zionism33.org>
 - Atheistic with Judaistic religious elements
 - Socialistic, with democratic elements
 - Anti-Christ and His gospel with Gnostic elements

Even Jews are Aware of This

- There are bodies of Jews who reject the modern nation of Israel as being not of God www.muslims.com www.ahimsa.org/ahimsa.htm
- However, all of these groups reject the Gospel of God fulfilling the Scriptures [Is. 6:10, 29:20](#)
- God has hidden His people away the time for their true return during the Great Tribulation [Is. 12:56, 13:17](#)

Exodus is Prophecy

- We began our study of Exodus discussing how it prepared the world for the coming of Christ
- We now add to those statements how this section of Exodus describes the history of the Jews even to the end of this earth and of their oppressor, Satan, and those who do his bidding in his power