

Sing to Adonai, All the Earth

BaYam Ramah Verochebo Sus Ga-ah Ga-oh Ki. LaShem (Hazot) HaShira
(ת)אֲשִׁירָה (תִּזְאֵת) לַיהוָה כִּי־גָאָה גָאָה סוּס וְרֹכְבוֹ רָמָה בַיָּם:
Va-Arommenhu Avi Elohei VeAnvehu Eli Zeh Lishuah Li-Vayehi Yah VeZimrat Ozi
[ב] עָזִי וְזִמְרַת יְהוָה נִהְיֶי־לִי לְיִשׁוּעָה זֶה אֱלֹהֵי אֲבִי נֶאֱרַמְּנָהוּ:

“¹Then Moses & the people of Israel sang this song to Adonai: ‘I will sing to Adonai, for he is highly exalted: the horse & its rider he threw in the sea. ²Yah is my strength and my song & he has become my salvation. This is my God: I will glorify him; my father’s God: I will exalt him. ³Adonai is a warrior; Adonai is his name. ⁴Pharaoh’s chariots & his army he hurled into the sea. His elite commanders were drowned in the Sea of Reeds” (Ex. 15:1-4)

Parashat Beshalach (After {Pharaoh} had let go), is full of valuable history. It forms much of the basis for Israel’s identity for centuries to come and for our Jewish identity as well. In Exodus 14:3-12 Scripture describes the situation that ensued following the Children of Israel’s departure from Egypt. The Lord specifically allows Pharaoh to be hardhearted after they leave so that “I will win glory for Myself at the expense of Pharaoh and all his army” (Vv. 4). This occurred through the destruction of his forces at the Red Sea. Because of this judgment everyone knew that Adonai is the Holy One of Israel.

There are strong parallels between the story of the Egyptian scrutiny of the Israelites at the bank of the Red Sea and the situation in America. Many have staunchly believed that prior to the beginning of difficult times all Christians will be given a pre-tribulation rapture to Heaven while the Jews are left to experience the Tribulation. Well, if we look at what happened back in the Exodus as a model (Eccl. 3:15-16), Adonai protected His people during the time of difficulty as a testimony to His greatness. The people shuddered but they were delivered through this impending tribulation. Their example shows us to trust Him and not be escapists and afraid, as many who claim faith in Messiah are. Let us not cower and instead let us desire to witness Adonai being glorified in the Earth as He was before the Egyptians. Scripture states: “when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness” (Isaiah 26:9, KJV). When the Children of Israel beheld this event Moses sang & Miriam danced. Therefore, we should also sing & dance unto Adonai, for He is highly exalted: “the horse and its rider (our and His enemy) he threw into the sea (sheol)!”

♪ Sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth. (x2)
For God is great & greatly to be praised! (x2)♪ (Psalm 96:1, 4)

♪ I will sing unto the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously, the horse and rider fell into the sea. (x2)
The Lord my God my strength my song has now become my victory. (x2)
The Lord is God and I will praise Him. My Father’s God and I will exalt him. (x2)♪ (Exodus 15:1-2)

♪ Hashirah La-Lashem Ki Ga-oh Ga-ah Sus Verochebo Ramah BaYam.
Ozi VeZimrat Yah, Veyechi Li Lishuah, Zeh Eli Ve-An-vehu, Elohei Avi Va-Arommenhu ♪ (Exodus 15:1-2)

♪ Mi chamocha baelim Adonai. Mi chamocha nehdaht ba-kodesh. Nora t’hilot oseh feleh.
Who is like Thee O Lord among the Gods? Who is like Thee glorious in holiness?
You are awesome in praise, doing wonders O Lord, who is like Thee O Lord? ♪ (Exodus 15:11)

♪ Mi chamocha baelim, baelim Hashem. Mi chamocha baelim, nehdaht ba-kodesh. Nora t’hilot oseh feleh. ♪

At the end of chapter 15 the Lord proclaims, “I am Adonai Rophecha!” – I am Adonai Your Healer!

♪ I am the God, that healeth thee. I am the Lord your healer.
I sent my Word and healed your disease. I am the Lord your healer ♪ (Exodus 15:26)

When our people were hungry and complained to *Adonai* in *Exodus 16*, He gave them “*bread that rained from heaven.*” Since they did not know what to call it, they called it *Man-Hu* literally, from (*of Him, out of Him*). We also have *Bread* that came from heaven (*John 6:24-59*). We note that *Bread* is necessary for life (*the staff of life*) & *Bread* is to be eaten daily (*not by bread alone but by every word*) & that *Bread* yields growth.

♪ *I am the Bread of Life, He who comes to me shall not hunger. He who believes in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me, unless the Father draw him.*
And I will raise him up, And I will raise him up. And I will raise him up on the last day.
The bread that I will give, is my flesh for the life of the world.
And he who eats of this bread. He shall live forever ♪ (John 6:24-59)

Near the end of today’s reading the people had great thirst. Moses was instructed to strike the rock: “*I will stand in front of you there on the rock in Horev. You are to strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so the people can drink.*” *Moshe did this in the sight of the leaders of Israel. (Exod. 17:6).* *Yeshua* is the rock! When Rabbi Paul shared a *Midrash* in *1 Cor. 10:1-12*, do Believers see a Jewish rabbi saying what was common for him to say? I think not! Rabbi Paul is often quite misunderstood. Let me say it again *Yeshua is the rock at Horeb!* The children of Israel were aware that *something* or *someone* accompanied them in their journey in the wilderness. It was *The Messenger (The Angel) of Adonai*, that is *Yeshua!* The representation of *Adonai* as a solid rock is used often in the *TNK* (See *Deut. 32, Ps 18, 19, 29,31,42,62, etc.*) Our Jewish people sing the Shabbat song *Tzur Mishelo (Rock of Ages)* in their homes on Shabbat. Similarly, we in *Kol Simcha* sing:

♪ *I will call upon the Lord! Who is worthy to be praised.*
So shall I be saved from my enemies. I Will call upon the Lord!
The Lord liveth and blessed be the rock! And let the God of my salvation be exalted!! ♪ (Psalm 18:3)

♪ *I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.*
My meditation of Him shall be sweet: I will be glad, I will be glad in the Lord.
Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Praise ye the Lord! (x4) ♪ (Psalm 104:33-34)

Shouldn’t we sing to *Adonai*? You bet we should. He is worthy and highly exalted. He is my God, and I will praise Him, my Father’s God and I’ll exalt Him! *Shabbat Shalom!*

♪ *I love You Lord, and I lift my voice. To worship You, O my soul rejoice.*
Take joy my King in what You hear. May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear. ♪ (Psalm 81:1-4)