

B'shalach

("When he let go")

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In this week's Parasha teaching we will see the children of Yisra'el (Israel) sing what is called the song of Moses. They have been set free and this is cause for praise and worship. Redemption will come to those who follow God. God will lead Yisra'el (Israel) with a cloud by day and fire by night on their journey. He will split the Red Sea to protect them, and He will provide bread that rains down from heaven to provide for their needs. These mighty acts of God are done so that the children of Yisra'el will see the glory of God and know that He is their God.

Then Moshe and the sons of Yisra'el sang this song to the Lord, and said, "I will sing to the Lord for He is highly exalted: The horses and its rider He has hurled into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation: This is my God and I will praise Him; My fathers God, and I will will exalt Him.

Exodus 15:1-2

Focus Passage of Scripture

Exodus 13:7 - 15:27

In Exodus 13:17 through 22 we see the redemption of God's people. God will lead the Yisra'elites out of Egypt. Exodus 13:21 says that God went ahead of them in a column of cloud by day and a column of fire at night. This was so they could travel by day or night. The cloud and the fire never left them. In Exodus 14:1-5 we learn that Pharaoh and his people have a change of heart. They no longer want the Yisra'elites to leave Egypt. They want them to return to Egypt. Exodus 14:6-8 says that Pharaoh prepared his chariots and took his people with him. Because of

Pray First

Father God,
We praise You today because
you are our Redeemer. Your
mighty works are worthy of our
praise. We thank you because
you redeemed Your people.
Please teach us to submit to
Your authority and help us to
be led by the Holy Spirit as we
study the Scriptures.

In Yeshua's name we pray,
Amen

Read Next

Exodus 13:17-17:16



Pharaoh's refusal to respond obediently to the revelation that God showed him, this resulted in God hardening his heart. Pharaoh was going to retrieve what he perceived as his.

Pharaoh was confident in his own abilities and refused to acknowledge all that God had done. Pharaoh was looking only at what he could see. The Egyptians and Pharaoh surround the people of Yisra'el. The people are in fear and Moshe cries out to God. In Exodus 14:15-18 we see God saying to Moshe, "Why are you crying to Me? Tell the people of Yisra'el to go forward! Lift your staff, reach out with your hand over the sea, and divide it in two. The people of Yisra'el will advance into the sea on dry ground. As for Me, I will make the Egyptians hard hearted; and they will march in after them; thus I will win glory for Myself at the expense of Pharaoh and all of his army, chariots, and calvary."

Moshe reaches out his hand over the sea and does as he was told by God. The Egyptians continue in pursuit of the Yisra'elites and follow them in to the sea. Exodus 14:25 says that God caused the wheels of their chariots to break off, so that they could move only with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "God is fighting for Yisra'el against the Egyptians! Let us get away from them." We see in Exodus 14:26-30 that they could not, and once the Yisra'lites were on the other side, the water came back and covered the Egyptians. Not even one of them was left.



The redemption of Yisra'el brought a spirit of Worship. In Exodus chapter 15 the entire chapter is called the Song of Moshe. Moshe and the people of Yisra'el sing to God that He is highly exalted. In Exodus 15:2 Moshe and the people sing "God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation." Exodus 15:1-5 show us that we praise God for who He is and we praise God for what He has done. In Exodus 15:6 it says "Your right hand, God, is sublimely powerful; Your right hand, God, shatters the foe." Exodus 15:8 says "With a blast of Your nostrils the waters piled up; the waters stood up like a wall."



The Bread of Life

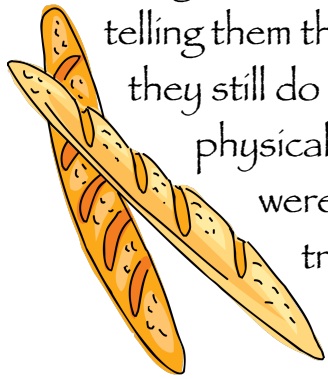
Bread is important! In this Torah portion we learn that bread, Biblically speaking, is correlated to life. Yeshua teaches that it is only He who satisfies us. The crowd had been looking for Yeshua and when they found Him they asked Him in John 6:30, "What miraculous signs will You do for us, so that we may see it and trust in You?" The signs that the people are referring to are in our Torah portion this week.

Exodus 16 tells us that the people are hungry and they go to God for provision. Exodus 16:4 says God said to Moshe "Here, I will cause bread to rain down from heaven for you. The people are to go out and collect a day's ration every day." Fast forward to the New

Testament: When the people asked Yeshua what miracle HE would perform He knew that they were referring to this. John 6:33 says that Yeshua told them He is the bread from heaven

which gives life to the world. Yeshua is

Yeshua answered, "I am the bread which is life! Whoever comes to Me will never go hungry and who trusts in Me will never be thirsty."
-John 6:35

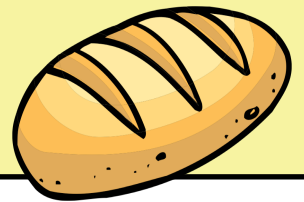


telling them that they have seen directly and heard the stories of God's provision but they still do not trust Him. They were worshipping Him because of what He could physically provide not for the promises of the kingdom or who He is. The people were not interested in a spiritual satisfaction. They did not have a spiritual trust. Yeshua tells them in John 6:35 "I am the Bread of Life! Whoever comes to me will never go hungry and whoever trusts in me will never be thirsty." A question we need to ask while we are reading these portions

is: 'Am I worshipping God for what He will physically provide or am I worshipping God for who He is and for what He has done?' When we focus on God and His purposes, and His plans, God is going to provide our every need or put us in a position to overcome that shortage.

Pray

Father God,
We thank you today because you are the Bread of Life. Help us to look to You and not the things of this world. May we be satisfied in You and You alone.
In Yeshua's name we pray,
Amen



The provision that God has given us for eternal life is Yeshua and if we believe in God's provision of Yeshua and the debt that HE paid for us we will have eternal life. We need to do more than know that Yeshua died and rose again for our sins; we need to know HE is the I Am and put our trust in Him. Then and only then will we be satisfied. It is so easy to focus on what the world has to offer. The world is our Egypt, but we see as we learn these Scripture portions that the only satisfaction that we can have is with the Bread of Life.

I Am the Bread of Life

Find these words from John 6:35-40.

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Believe
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Father

Hunger
Life
LivingWater
Provision
Son

Thirst
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Yeshua

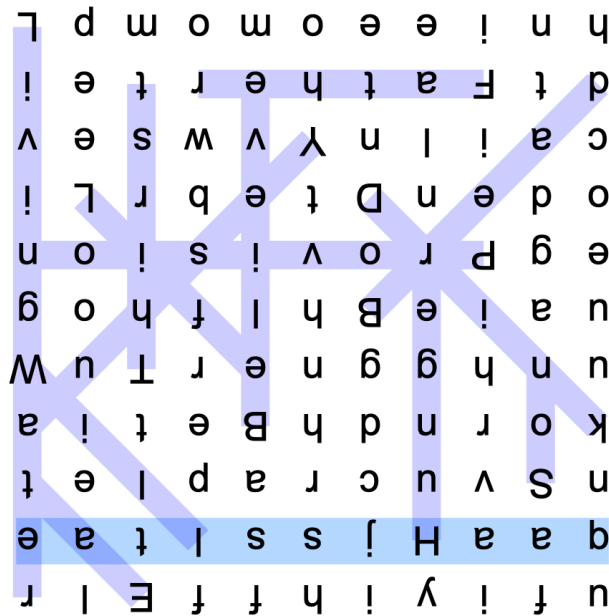
Judges 4:4- 5:31

This portion of scripture tells us of another incredible victory that only God could provide for Yisra'el. God will deliver Yisra'el. D'vorah (Deborah), a woman and a prophetess was judging over Yisra'el. God told her He would hand over Sisra to Yisra'el. D'vorah then tells this information to Barak who in Judges 4:8 says "If you go with me I will go; but if you do not go with me I will not go." This portion of Scripture tells us that Barak did not trust God. He thought he needed D'vorah to ensure the victory. God would win the fight against Sisra.

In Judges 4:21 we see that Ya'el took a tent peg and a hammer, and quietly slipped into the tent and drove that tent peg into Sisra 's temple, right through to the ground, so that Sisra died without even waking up. Only God could do these things and HE will use anyone who is willing to submit to Him and trust Him to accomplish His will. We end this portion of Scripture by reading Judges 5, a song of praise from D'vorah and Barak. They praised Him for Who HE was and what He had done. Just like God redeemed the people of Yisra'el He has redeemed those who trust in Him. We should take the time and praise Him for who He is and for what HE has done.



Answer Key



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The Song of Moshe

