

Exodus 15:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

Analysis

Moses and Israel's immediate response to deliverance is worship—"Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD." Salvation provokes song. The content 'I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously' celebrates divine victory. The phrase 'triumphed gloriously' translates 'gaoh gaah' (גָהָהּ גָהָהּ—exalted He is exalted), using Hebrew intensive form for emphasis. The specific victory: 'the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea' recounts the visible triumph.

Historical Context

This is Scripture's first recorded song and became a model for Hebrew poetry. The Song of Moses appears again in Deuteronomy 32 (different song) and Revelation 15:3 where martyrs sing 'the song of Moses.'

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How quickly does salvation produce worship in your life, or do you delay gratitude?
2. What 'horse and rider' (source of enemy power) has God overthrown in your experience?

Interlinear Text

בָּשַׁיבְתִּי הַזֹּאת יִשְׁרָאֵל מִשְׁמָה וּבְנֵי יִשְׁרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר יְרַבָּה אֵלֶיךָ
H227 I will sing Moses and the children of Israel this song
H7891 H4872 H1121 H3478 H853 H7892

לְיִהְוָה לְיִהְוָה אֲשֶׁר יְרַבָּה לְאָמֵר לְאָמֵר רַבָּה לְיִהְוָה
H2063 unto the LORD and spake and spake I will sing unto the LORD
H3068 H3068 H559 H559 H7891 H3588

וְרֹכֶב בָּנָא הַבָּנָא סִים בְּנֵי הַבָּנָא
for he hath triumphed for he hath triumphed the horse and his rider
H1342 H1342 H5483 H7392

בְּמִים הַמְּתָמֵן
hath he thrown into the sea
H7411 H3220

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 15:3 (Sin): And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Exodus 15:21 (Glory): And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

Psalms 106:12 (Parallel theme): Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

Psalms 107:8 (References Lord): Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Colossians 2:15 (Parallel theme): And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Psalms 107:15 (References Lord): Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Exodus 18:11 (References Lord): Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them.

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