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Psalm 105:26-45 (NKJV)

“God’s Faithfulness to Israel – Part Two”

Psalm 105 and 106 are companion Psalms, with Psalm 105 emphasizing God’s faithfulness to Israel in keeping with the Abrahamic Covenant and with Psalm 106 emphasizing Israel’s unfaithfulness and God’s preservation of them in spite of themselves.

The first 15 verses of Psalm 105 are also found in 1 Chronicles 16:8-22 as penned by David, leading many to believe that David, in fact, wrote the entirety of Psalm 105, which is probable.

Psalm 105 is a review of God’s working to make Israel what she became. She is a God-made nation – a testimony to God’s power and faithfulness. When God wants to teach us about Himself, a KEY way He does this is through Israel.

Truly, our faith is a HISTORICAL faith as God has revealed Himself in history in conjunction with these historical people, with many historical events.

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Psalm 105

“God’s Faithfulness to Israel”

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vv. 37-41 God’s Preservation of Israel in the Wilderness

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The Psalm starts out with a strong call to worship and praise to God for what He has done for His people. The rest of the Psalm reviews how God, in fact, has worked. After the introductory call to worship, we see how God called the patriarchs, entered into a covenant relationship with them, and protected them. We see how God sovereignly preserved them as a people in Egypt through a man named Joseph.

Tonight we pick up our study at verse 26.

Psalm 105:26–45 (NKJV)

26 He sent Moses His servant, And Aaron whom He had chosen.

In verse 17 we saw that God “**sent a man before them**” named Joseph. Here we find God “**sent Moses,**” who is esteemed as God’s “servant.” Moses so faithfully served the purposes of God that he is simply referred to by God as “My servant.” (Josh. 1:2, 7; Mal. 4:4). And Aaron, his brother, served alongside him as his assistant.

Both were chosen by God for this role. There are no self-appointed people in God’s service! God puts people into this position. By way of application, in the church, “God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.” (1 Cor. 12:18)

I have seen people who try to be “self-made” people in the work of the Lord. This is always a DISASTER! Moses and Aaron had a special calling – just ask Korah and company, who challenged this and found out the hard way by being swallowed up alive as they made their way down to the pit (Num. 16:32-33).

27 They performed His signs among them, And wonders in the land of Ham.

In the Bible, those who performed signs and wonders always had a special calling. These signs and wonders always served as confirming evidence that they were sent by God. And those giving signs and wonders consistently gave forth new revelation, which was confirmed by miraculous signs and wonders.

The land of Ham. Ham was the youngest son of Noah, who settled in a certain region in Egypt. So, in view here are the signs especially associated with the Exodus that happened in the land of Egypt.

The Exodus is considered to be the most defining event in the OT. The Exodus is the most frequently mentioned event in the Old Testament, being referred to **over 120 times**. Constantly, the writers of Scripture refer back to it, and progressive revelation builds on it. It was uniquely marked by special signs and wonders miracles performed at the hands of Moses and Aaron.

Understand the miracles done in relation to the Exodus were not simply done in a vacuum! They had special meaning related to the false gods of Egypt. They are dealt with in Exodus 7-12.

Egypt had over 80 different gods and goddesses and the KEY ones were singled out in the miracles done by Moses and Aaron to show that their God YHWH was truly the superior God over all others.

Slide # 2

Exodus 12:12 (NKJV)

12 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; **and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment**: I am the LORD.

Eight of the ten plagues are now dealt with, the 5th (death of livestock – Ex. 9:1-7), and 6th (boils – Ex. 9:8-12) not mentioned. And the plagues listed here in Psalm 105 are not listed in chronological order.

28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; And they did not rebel against His word.

In sending darkness God showed Himself to be greater than *Ra* (the sun God and *Nut* (the sky goddess). This was the 9th plague (Ex. 10:21-29).

He sent darkness, “And they did not rebel against His word” probably means they were powerless to resist or do anything about it. I mean when God puts out the light what are you going to do about it? God is in charge of LIGHT!

29 He turned their waters into blood, And killed their fish.

This was the 1st plague where the Nile was turned into blood (Ex. 7:14-24). This showed YHWH to be greater than *Osiris*, who was thought to be god of the Nile, and *Khnum*, the guardian of the Nile. Obviously, they could do nothing to protect the Nile in this situation.

30 Their land abounded with frogs, Even in the chambers of their kings.

Anyone for a pet frog?

This was the second plague in reference to the frog-goddess of fertility called "Hekt." He could have been better called the goddess of futility! It was so bad that they could not even keep the frogs out of the inner chambers of the palace. "What is this frog doing in my bed?"

31 He spoke, and there came swarms of flies, And lice in all their territory.

Flies made up the 4th plague (Ex. 8:20-32), and lice the 3rd plague (Ex. 8:16-19). The fly god was called Uatchit.

Interestingly Beelzebub was a Philistine deity which actually meant "Lord of the Flies". This name was later adopted by the Jews as a name for Satan.

32 He gave them hail for rain, And flaming fire in their land.

33 He struck their vines also, and their fig trees, And splintered the trees of their territory.

In view here is the 7th plague (Exodus 9:13-35). *Geb* was the god of the earth; *Nepri* the goddess of grain; and *Anuibus* the guardian of fields.

In spite of all their gods, the one true God (YHWH) just kept showing that all their gods were powerless against His power. In truth, they were not gods at all.

34 He spoke, and locusts came, Young locusts without number,

35 And ate up all the vegetation in their land, And devoured the fruit of their ground.

This was the 8th plague (Ex. 10:1-20). This related to the god *Shu* considered to be the god of the atmosphere and *Min* the god of the harvest.

Obviously, "Shu" was no shoe-in for the god of year, and "Min" was not nearly big enough for the job. Consequently he was renamed "Mini" (sarcasm). It was embarrassing! YHWH the God of the Jews was just trouncing them all over the place.

36 He also destroyed all the firstborn in their land, The first of all their strength.

This was the 10th plague (Ex. 11-12). It was the last and most severe, where the firstborn of every family in the land died.

Note that this is a judgment against all the gods of Egypt. We have noted the correlation between the previous plagues and the gods of Egypt. They had many gods. Pharaoh and his firstborn son were also considered to be gods mediating between the gods and humanity ensuring that the cosmic order remained undisturbed. They were gods that supposedly watched over and protected their animals and human life. They were gods that supposedly protected the children. All of these gods on this night will be shown to be put down by the God of Israel – YHWH Who alone has power over life!

Slide # 3

Numbers 33:4 (NKJV)

4 For the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom the LORD had killed among them. **Also on their gods** the Lord had executed judgments.

Pharaoh had to learn the hard way, but it's not like God hadn't told him.

Slide # 4

Exodus 4:22–23 (NKJV)

22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "**Israel is My son, My firstborn.**

23 So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed **I will kill your son, your firstborn.**" ' ' "

The challenge was on over the "firstborns," and God clearly won out! God's firstborn (Israel) lived and went out freely after this plague, while Pharaoh's firstborn died!

37 He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was none feeble among His tribes.

The Jews did not go out of Egypt empty-handed!

Slide # 5

Exodus 12:35–36 (NKJV)

35 Now the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, and they had **asked from the Egyptians articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing.**

36 And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they **granted them what they requested**. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

Amazingly God had prophesied of this very thing 400 years before to Abraham.

Slide # 6

Genesis 15:13–14 (NKJV)

13 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 **four hundred years**.

14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; **afterward they shall come out with great possessions**.

One of the things we learn in this account is that God is all-knowing, knowing what is going to happen before it happens, as well as being sovereignly all-powerful in bringing it to pass exactly as prophesied.

There is no other god in the world that can even lay claim to anything like this. There are no other people, no other specific prophesies, no historical documentation for any such claims. YHWH is shown to be in a category all His own as He ALONE is God!

And then verse 37 says, “And there was none feeble among His tribes.” God brought His people out well-bodied. Nobody was on crutches. Nobody is hobbling along. Think about this. Exodus 12:37 says there were 600,000 men on foot, not counting children. Counting women and children, it is estimated that there may well have been 2-3 million Jews involved in the Exodus. That is a lot of people without anybody feeble or limping along! This was a total God-thing!

38 Egypt was glad when they departed, For the fear of them had fallen upon them.

Yeah, after the 10 plagues, they were very glad to be rid of the Jews (cf. Ex. 12:33-36), and then Pharaoh had one more “***bright idea***” let’s go after them – let’s follow them into the sea. Now, on top of all the other losses, he had no more army! Interestingly, we are not told that Pharaoh followed his army into the sea. “*Go get 'em, boys. I will wait right here and watch.*”

39 He spread a cloud for a covering, And fire to give light in the night.

As the Jews proceeded on their journey, God provided a cloud to lead them by day and a pillar of fire to lead them by night.

This cloud and pillar of fire was emblematic of God's presence and care in leading them on their journey. They never moved unless the cloud moved (cf. Ex. 13:21-22; 14:19-20; Num. 9:15-23; Deut. 1:33).

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Exodus 40:36–38 (NKJV)

36 Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys.

37 But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up.

38 **For the cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.**

They never had to wonder: "Is God still with us?" His visible presence in the cloud/pillar of fire was always there. They never had to wonder: "Is God still leading us?" They moved regularly or didn't in keeping with the movement of the cloud. What a near picture of God is ever-present presence and the reality of leading His people.

40 The people asked, and He brought quail, And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

God miraculously provided nourishment in the wilderness in the form of quail and "the bread of heaven," otherwise known as "manna" which literally means "What is it?"

Slide # 8

Exodus 16:13–15 (NKJV)

13 So it was that **quails** came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp.

14 And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a **small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground.**

15 So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "This is **the bread which the LORD has given you to eat.**

41 He opened the rock, and water gushed out; It ran in the dry places like a river.

When they needed water, God miraculously provided it.

Slide # 9

Exodus 17:6 (NKJV)

6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

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This is called "The Split Rock of Horeb" located in the northwest region of Saudi Arabia. Many think this is where Mose struck the rock and it opened up and provided water. Perhaps God left this visible reminder behind but we cannot be sure this is it. This boulder is 60 feet tall and 50 feet wide. It is split right down the middle!

- It shows signs of water erosion, with polished, rounded areas at the split and paths leading down as if from a massive, sudden release of water.
- It stands on a rocky hill, and the surrounding area has room for the large population described in the biblical account, say the explorers who documented the site. (AI info)

You can see why many think this may be the Rock that God split? Maybe?

42 For He remembered His holy promise, And Abraham His servant.

God always carries out His holy promise. It is as sure as God is God! Earlier in the Psalm it was noted that the KEY driving thing in terms of the history of Israel is God's covenant promise to Abraham (vv. 8-11).

All of redemptive history revolves around this covenant!

Slide # 11

Genesis 15:18–21 (NKJV)

18 On the same day the **LORD made a covenant with Abram**, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—

19 the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites,

20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,

21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”

43 He brought out His people with joy, His chosen ones with gladness.

God brought His chosen people out with joy, and He did so to bring them into the land of promise.

44 He gave them the lands of the Gentiles, And they inherited the labor of the nations,

God in His sovereignty gave them the lands of the Gentiles as a divine gift (inheritance). The Gentile nations had labored over the land, but God gave it to His chosen people – the Jews (cf. Deut. 4:37-38; 6:10-11; Josh. 24:13). If you say that is not fair then I want to refer you to God. Take it up with Him! He is sovereign. “The earth is the LORD’s, and all its fullness.” (Ps. 24:1) He can do with it what He wants! Remember He is GOD!

Slide # 12

Joshua 24:13 (NKJV)

13 I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.’

Note that this is all God’s doing! Israel is not a self-made people, but rather a God-made people.

Slide # 13

v. 26 He sent Moses...

v. 28 He sent darkness...

- v. 29 He turned their waters into blood...
- v. 31 He spoke...
- v. 32 He gave them hail...
- v. 33 He struck their vines...
- v. 34 He spoke...
- v. 36 He also destroyed their firstborn...
- v. 37 He also brought them out...
- v. 39 He spread a cloud for a covering...
- v. 41 He opened the rock...
- v. 42 He remembered His holy promise...
- v. 43 He brought out His people...
- v. 44 He gave them the lands...

Just one question: “Who is the HE?” Of course, this was God, this was YHWH, the covenant God of the Jews. They are a God-made people from A to Z.

David gave a distinctly *positive* remembrance of Israel in the wilderness, not mentioning their many sins, rebellions, and examples of unbelief. His purpose here is to remember the great works of God, and not to focus on the failings of man. – **David Guzik**

The next Psalm will deal with Israel’s failings, but this Psalm focuses singularly on the God side of things and how He faithfully carries through on His covenant promises.

45 That they might observe His statutes And keep His laws. Praise the LORD!

And God did this so that they might observe His statutes and keep His laws. Statutes are God’s ordained rules or decrees, and His laws are His commandments. God intended this to be a LORDSHIP relationship. They would show He is their God by keeping His commands and He in turn would bless them beyond measure.

Over and over in the OT, we have the refrain, “I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” To be God’s people is to follow Him as God! Nobody follows God perfectly but those that are truly His people follow Him! It is the defining reality of conversion. Believers are followers!

Psalm 105 ends just as the previous psalm, with the Hebrew word *Hallelujah* [Praise the LORD!]. It is right and worthy for God’s people to remember His marvelous works and to praise Him for all He has done. – **David Guzik**

The Psalm ends in the same vein it began, only that it ends with the climactic praise word “Hallelujah!”

For all eternity, we will have the opportunity to praise God for all the ways He led His people to accomplish all His sovereign purposes. Then we will know fully the meaning that all things work together for good for those who love God (Rom. 8:28).

Then we will fully realize it truly is all about Him in all that He has done for His people!

Psalm 105 started out with...

Psalm 105:1 (NKJV)

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Psalm 105 ends with...

Psalm 105:45 (NKJV)

45 ...Praise the LORD!

And in between is a shorthand record of all that God did for His people!

Indeed, Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!