

Torah Portion #16: Beshalach (בשלה) "when he sent away"

Torah ~ Exo. 13:17-17:16 | Prophets ~ Jdg. 4:4-5:31; Psalm 105:26-37 | New Covenant ~ Jn. 6:15-71; Rev. 15:1-8

The End from the Beginning

In this weeks Torah Portion the children of Israel cross over the Red Sea, escaping the wrath of God that was poured out onto the Egyptians. Once they was safe on the other side they praised the Lord with a prophetic song called "The Song of Moses" (*Exodus 15:1-20 & Revelation 15:3-4*).

There are many parallels like this between the books of Exodus and Revelation. The Song of Moses in the book of Exodus looks far into the future, even envisioning the bowls of God's wrath and the return of the Messiah.

Isaiah 46:9-10 (9) Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, (10) Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure' NASB

The Tribulation

John 16:33 "In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." NASB

The time frame of the tribulation comes from the final seven years of Daniel's prophecy in *Daniel 9:24-27* that has not yet occurred. The tribulation will start when the Antichrist makes a seven year peace treaty (*Daniel 9:27*) with Israel. As a part of this peace treaty, Israel will be allowed to build a Third Temple (*Daniel 9:26-27 & Rev. 11:1-2*). In the middle of the seven years, the Antichrist will break the peace treaty by stopping the Temple sacrifices (*Daniel 9:27*).

The Rapture

At the end of the tribulation, but before the bowls of wrath, all followers of Yeshua will be caught up to meet Him in the clouds, fulfilling Rosh Hashanah (*Matt. 24:29-31, 1 Cor. 15:51-52, 1 Thess. 4:16-18, & Rev. 11:15-19*).

A picture of this is when the Israelites was still in Egypt with Pharaoh (Antichrist) during the plagues (tribulation), but crossed over (rapture) the Red Sea before it collapsed (God's wrath) on the Egyptians. But just as the children of Israel was protected during the plagues, we will also be protected during the tribulation.

The Bowls of Wrath

After the Feast of Trumpets are the Ten Days of Awe in which the Bowls of Wrath (*Rev. 16:1-21*) will be poured out. Israel remained in Egypt during the plagues, but the Lord protected them. It was only when God poured out His wrath onto the Egyptians at the Red Sea (*Ex. 14:26*) that the Israelites was removed. So will it be with us during the last days.

1 Thessalonians 5:9a "For God has not destined us for wrath" NASB

During the bowls of wrath, believers will be at the Judgement Seat of Messiah in Heaven (*2 Cor. 5:10 & Rev. 19:1-6*).

The Second Coming

Yeshua's second coming will be on Yom Kippur at the battle of Jerusalem in *Zechariah 14:1-5*. Then the Jewish people will "look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son" (*Zech. 12:10 NASB*) and "all Israel will be saved" (*Rom. 11:26 NASB*).

It is at this time that the man of sin (Satan) will be defeated and will be cast into the bottomless pit (*Rev. 19:11-20:3*).

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb (*Revelation 19:7-9*) will be fulfilled on the Feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles). In ancient times, the wedding and marriage supper (reception) of a Jewish couple would last seven days. It took place in a section of the groom's fathers house called a chuppah (sukkah).

Revelation 19:7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." NASB

After Yeshua's second coming, we will go with Him to His Father's house, to a place that He has prepared for us (chuppah) for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Then we will dwell (Tabernacle) with Him forever.