16. B’SHALACH (בִּשַּׁלַח) (When He Sent)

Exodus 13:17-17:16, Judges 4:4-5:31, Revelation 19:1 – 20:6

Pharaoh finally relented in letting the Israelites go free. However, he changed his mind and came racing after them to bring the Israelites back into bondage in Egypt.

Pharaoh, along with his army, pursued the Israelites into the desert; but YHWH did a miracle and split the Red Sea so that His people passed through on dry land to safety, while the Egyptians were drowned in the sea.

In thankfulness to YHWH for this amazing victory, Miriam, Moses and the Israelites sang and danced a song of deliverance and thankfulness.

Those who feel the anguish of bitterness also have the capacity for great joy. Even when going through difficulties and challenges, we need to keep our musical instruments ready and at hand to sing songs of praise in anticipation of the surely coming victory. Music is a beautiful, YAH-given gift to His people. Whereas there are some in the world who misuse this gift to glorify the powers of darkness with vulgarity or the promotion of violence and death, we can use the gift of song to praise Adonai for His goodness and mercy.

Our response to the victories that YHWH brings us in our lives should be one of rejoicing with singing and dancing, just as did Miriam and Deborah. (Judges 5:12)

We experience Israel’s escape from Egypt, Moses parting the Red Sea, bringing water out of a rock, and YHWH reinstituting the Sabbath and sending manna from Heaven.

The overall theme is that of trusting in YHWH, and being still before Him, confident in seeing the Salvation He will bring; rather than succumbing to fear, doubt, and even panic.

We need His help to trust Him all the time, not just when the news is good.

It is HE who will fight our battles for us.

We need only be still and trust Him. Holding our peace, refusing to get all upset and singing praise YAH rather than complaining.

HE WILL MAKE A WAY IN THE DESERT AND RIVERS IN THE WILDERNESS – TRUST YHWH! BARUCH HASHEM YESHUA!