

## LEARNING TO SING THE SONG OF MOSES AND OF THE LAMB

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Based on the chronological order of biblical events the Bible gives us in the book of Revelation 14, 15 and 16, we see:

- 144,000 standing for God (verse 1 − 5);
- In due time, they tell the world to fear God, for the time of His judgment has come (verse 6 7), to flee Babylon (verse 8), to avoid the mark of the beast, less they drink the cup of God's anger (verse 9 12). (\*These people symbolize three angels or messengers having three distinct consecutives messages for the world in a time when God's law will be officially trampled to the ground (the Greek word used for angel is the word "angelos" which is interchangeably used for message and messenger).

- The three messages are followed by the statement: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus".
- Revelation 14: 14-16 is followed with Jesus harvesting the earth;
- Revelation 14: 16-29 is followed with the end the harvest.
- Revelation 15 follows with the song of Moses and of the Lamb sung by those who have preached the three messages of God to the world, who have survived the 7 plagues of Revelation 16 (or Revelation 14:6), and gotten the victory over the beast. The song is said to be the song of their experience. The words of this song explain the terrible time they have gone through, yet demonstrating the patience of the saints, and faithfulness to the commandments of God (Revelation 14:12). The words of the song are as follows:
  - Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty;
  - o just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.
  - Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name?
  - o for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.(Revelation 15:3-4)

To understand why the song is called the song of Moses and of the Lamb, we need to go back to the experience of Moses and of the Jesus-Christ the Lamb in the Bible.

Left alone during 40 years in the desolated mountains of Midian, while training stubborn animals who have no intelligence, Moses learned the lessons of self-denial, hardship, patience, in order to wisely govern God's people. He went through the purification process of God and became a godly man "very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth" (Numbers 12:3). The song of Moses is the song of his experience: Moses was as meek as His Savior, as patiently enduring in suffering as his Master. After surviving the plagues or judgments of Egypt Moses and Israel on the other side of the Red Sea sung the song of the experience of deliverance found in (Exodus 15: 1-18).

The song of the Lamb is the experience of Jesus Himself, who for the joy set before Him, patiently went through the suffering of the cross to welcome us home. Isaiah 53, and Psalm 22 give us an idea of what Jesus went through for our sake.

If we want to sing the song of Moses and of the Lamb, Jesus through trial and test, will refine and polish us under His refining fire in order to develop in us His divine character. Paul said that through this trial we develop the character needed for our ultimate hope, the heavenly city of God promised to us. The word patience comes from the word "pati" which means to suffer, to endure hardship, and to survive. Patience is the quality of willing to bear adversities; it is the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, problems, without becoming angry or anxious.

The Bible looked at the 144000 at said; here is the patience of the saints; here are they who patiently endure the test of faith; after surviving the plagues, they will sing the song of Moses and the Lamb.

Do you want to sing the sing of Moses and of the Lamb? If yes, then be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer, for your redemption draw near (Romans 12:12 ). "Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming for the kingdom of God is at hand" (James 5: 7-12).

"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him". (James 1:12).

When our trials are over, we shall behold the King in His beauty!! Hold on a little longer, we are almost home. Amen!!

Yours in the blessed hope.

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