

Recap

But Pharaoh because of his pride and rebellion loses his own son ...

- And he is compelled to finally let the Israelites go free.

And so the Israelite slaves make their Exodus from Egypt ...

- But they barely left when Pharaoh changes his mind ...
- He gathers his army and chases after the Israelites for a final showdown.

The Israelites pass through the Reed Sea safely ...

- While Pharaoh charges towards his own destruction.

In one act with **Water – Judgment + Salvation**

The salvation of Israel and the judgment of Egypt ...

- Becomes a theatre for God's glory ...
- A place in which his character and his name are displayed to the world.

The Exodus Story concludes with the first song of praise in the bible.

- It is called **"The Song of the Sea."**
- And the final line declares that ...
- **"The Lord reigns forever and ever." Ex. 15:18**

It describes YHWH as

- A Warrior who fight for Israel.
- A divine Shepherd.

The song retells in poetry what the story of God's kingdom ^[His Rule & Reign] is all about.

- Describes YHWH as ...
1. **WARRIOR**: How God is on a mission **God confront evil**

It is in this poem where the word salvation is used for the 1st time when Moses said ...

Exodus 15:2 ² “YHWH is my strength and my defense; he has become my **SALVATION**. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

1. **WARRIOR**: How God is on a mission **God confront evil**
2. **SHEPHERD**: **Redeems those who are Enslaved**

Exodus 15:13 ¹³ In your **unfailing love** ^[he-sed] you will lead the people you have **redeemed**. In your strength you will guide them to your **holy dwelling**.

Drawing

Taken them out of **slavery** → Taking them somewhere **..... (?)**

Exodus 15:17 ¹⁷ You will bring them in and plant them on **the mountain of your inheritance— the place, Lord, you made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, Lord, your hands established.**

God is going to **lead** his **people into the Promised Land** ... **[prentjie]**

- Where is **divine presence will live among them.**

That is what it would look like when God becomes king over his people ...

- And reigns forever and ever.
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Ex. 15:22-18 – So, after the Israelites sings their song ...

- The story takes a quick turn as the **Israelites are trekking** ...
- **Through the wilderness on their way to Mount Sinai.**

There are two sections too this.

1. **God “allowed” or “orchestrated:” Ex. 15:22-18 (+- 6 weeks)**

- Get to **Sinai** that they stay **1 year.**

2. **Self-Inflicted: & 14-36 (40 years)**

SELF-INFLICTED: Numbers 14-36 (40 years)

- Do not trust him, spend 40 years in desert.

What does that look like for us today?

- Lack of Humility or Lack of self-control or Lack Discipline → Poor Decision → Desert Wandering

GOD "ALLOWED" OR "ORCHESTRATED:" Ex. 15:22-18 (+- 6 weeks)

Came to a place called Marah [Bitter] ...

- And they were thirsty – GIVE US WATER!
- God told Moses to throw piece of wood in water ...
- And it turned sweet.
- Follow his instruction and it will go well.

From Marah → Elim

Exodus 15:27²⁷ ... they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

From Elim → Sinai

They are hungry and thirsty ...

- And they start criticizing Moses and God for rescuing them.
- Are you trying to kill us?
- They long for the good old days in Egypt ...
- Better off in Egypt

So God graciously provide food and water for Israel in the wilderness ...

What do we learn here?

- What is the purpose of the God allowed ... [prentjie]
- Or God Orchestrated Desert Wanderings? [prentjie]

1. TRANSFORMATION

- Got Israel out of Egypt ... [prentjie]
- Now had to get Egypt out of Israel. [prentjie]

BAPTISMS

- Got us out of Egypt. Prentjie Egipte en ons uit dit deur baptism.

Where are we heading? → → → New Creation

Now needs to get Egypt out of us. Prentjie: Dude met Egipte wat uit hom gehaal word.

- That is painful and can get ugly.

Romans 8:28–29 ²⁸ And we know that in all things **God works** for the **good** of those who love him, who have been **called according to his purpose**.

²⁹ For those God foreknew he also **predestined ...???** (volgende click) to be **conformed to the IMAGE** of his Son ...

2. TESTING

- Will you Trust?
- Thirsty - Water
- Hungry - Food
- Vulnerable – Protection

3. REVELATION

- Show you what is in your heart.

Do not let your time in the desert go wasted.

That brings us to the end of the Rescue & Desert Wanderings

What do we learn?

- Something seriously wrong with Hearts
- Israel's Heart = Pharaoh's Heart

What do we wonder?

1. What are they saved for?
2. Where is all of this going?