THE SONG OF MOSES AND MIRIAM

Exodus 13:17 - 15:21

One of the best known events of this period of Israel's history is that which took place just as they were leaving the land of Egypt after the Ten Plagues had spoiled the Egyptians. Review briefly this event, and study the song which grew out of it:

A. The Crossing of the Red Sea: Read Exodus 13:17 - 14:31

- 1. On the map on page 18, trace the journey of the Israelites from the land of Goshen in Egypt to the edge of the Red Sea. See Exodus 13:20, 14:2 for the names of the places they passed through.
- 2. Who followed the Israelites to this point? Exodus 14:5-9
- 3. How did the Israelites feel when they saw these people? Exodus 14:10
- 4. What was Moses' answer to them? Exodus 14:13-14
- 5. What were the people of Israel then able to do? Exodus 14:16, 21-22, 29
- 6. What happened to the Egyptians when they tried to follow them? Exodus 14:23-28
- 7. What effect did this event have upon the people of Israel? Exodus 14:30-31
- 8. If you had seen what the Israelites saw, what would you feel like doing?
- 9. What did the Israelites do? Exodus 15:1a

B. The Song of Moses and the Children of Israel: Read Exodus 15:1-21

- 1. To whom did the people give the credit for this great victory? Exodus 15:1b
- 2. What had the Lord been to Israel before this time? Exodus 15:2a
- 3. What had He become to them through this experience? Exodus 15:2b
- 4. What new concept of God did they have now, that they had not had before? Exodus 15:3
- 5. Notice how verses 4 10 summarize the whole event briefly. To what two things were the armies of Pharaoh compared as they sank into the sea? Exodus 15:5, 10

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- 6. Notice the questions in verse 11. What is the answer to them?
- 7. Do you think this experience taught the Israelites anything about their God? What?
- 8. What nations would hear about this event? Exodus 15:14-15 (Locate these on the maps, pages 12 and 18.)
- 9. How would they feel as a result? Exodus 15:14-16
- 10. What did the Israelites confidently expect as a result of this? Exodus 15-17
- 11. Notice the climax of the song in verses 18-19. After this, who joined in the song? Exodus 15:20-21
- 12. Notice their words in verse 21. What verse contains these same words?
- 13. Which two underlined words on page 10 describe these words? (THINK!)

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

- 1. Do you think God was pleased with this song which was sung to Him?
- 2. What do I do after God has done some great thing for me? Psalm 107:1, 2, 8