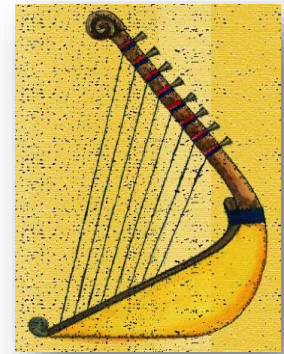


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This historical Psalm was evidently composed by King David, for the first fifteen verses of it were used as a hymn at the carrying up of the ark from the house of Obededom – 1 Chronicles 16:7 “Then on that day David delivered first this Psalm, to thank the Lord, into the hand of Asaph and his brethren”. Such a song was suitable for the occasion. Our last psalm sang of the opening chapters of Genesis, and this takes up the closing chapters and conducts us into Exodus and Numbers.



The first verses are full of praise, and call upon the people to extol YHWH (1-7); then the earliest days of the nation (8-15); going into Egypt (16-23); journeying through the wilderness, and the entrance into Canaan (those cursed by Noah) (24-38). We are now among the long Psalms, as at other times we were among the short ones, teaching us not to lay down any law either of brevity or verbosity in prayer or praise – Charles Spurgeon.

¹ O give thanks to the LORD; call on His name: make known His deeds among the nation.

² Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him: talk of all His wondrous works.

³ Glory in His holy name: let the heart of them rejoice who seek the LORD.

⁴ Seek the LORD, and His strength: seek His face forevermore.

⁵ Remember His marvelous works He did; His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth;

⁶ O seed of Abraham His servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

⁷ He is the LORD our God: His judgments are in all the earth.

Think about it: It is the duty of His people, to take the great name of our God to the ends of the earth; that His justice is available throughout the earth.

⁸ He remembered His covenant forever, the word He commanded to a thousand generations;

⁹ which covenant He made with Abraham, and His promise to Isaac;

¹⁰ and confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant:

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¹¹ **Saying, To you I give the land of Canaan / those cursed by Noah, the lot of your inheritance:**

¹² **when they were few men in number; yes, very few, and strangers in it;**

¹³ **wandering from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people;**

¹⁴ **He permitted no man to do them wrong: yes, he reproved kings for their sake;**

¹⁵ **Saying, do not touch my anointed, and do my prophets no harm.**

Think about it: We in the church should take note: why have we been told the OT does not matter? Is the Lord no longer our Shepherd? Have we forgotten what God will not forget -- His covenant of a long life on earth with His people. Though some might object, the Psalmist gives us detailed history lesson so we know why he is so excited to sing; starting with Egypt, the land of Ham. In Egypt father Israel said, gather around, and I will tell you what will befall you in the last days – and he blessed two of the sons of Joseph, and told us about a great commonwealth of nations and a great nation at the center of earth.

¹⁶ **Moreover He called for a famine on the land: He broke their whole staff of bread**

¹⁷ **He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold as a slave:**

¹⁸ **his feet they hurt with shackles: until iron entered his soul:**

¹⁹ **until the time that His word came: the word of the LORD tried him.**

²⁰ **The king sent and released him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free.**

²¹ **He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:**

²² **to imprison his princes at will; and to teach his elders wisdom.**

Israel in Egypt, fast-forward,

²³ **Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.**

Think about it: God uses His tools; all creation is at His command to work His purposes. Man's feeble life cannot stand without its staff – if bread fails him, he fails. From beginning to end, God leads His children along. He meant His people to go down to Egypt, and the scarcity of food was His method of leading them there, “they heard there was corn in Egypt”. Joseph was the advance guard for the whole clan. His brethren sold him, but God sent him. Where the hand of the wicked is visible; God's hand is invisibly at work, overruling. No one was more fit to lead the family than Joseph, an interpreter of dreams was needed.

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His brothers did not know, **and sold him for a slave**. God sent a man – his free passage was provided by the Midianites, who secured his introduction to an officer of state, handing him over as a slave. Isn't it interesting that it was the 7th African American president (see: [6 other Black presidents](#)) destabilized Libya and in doing so, created the greatest slave-trade nation in centuries.

Joseph with a slave market and prison, was directed the surest, wisest and shortest way. Yet it seemed not so. In the prayer book we read: **the iron entered his soul...** God has His times and His children must wait until His times are fulfilled. Joseph was tried in a furnace until the Lord's assaying work was complete.

God needed Joseph to toughen up; iron shackles prepared him to wear chains of gold, and make his feet ready to stand on high places. He was thrown into a prison by an officer, but was released by the monarch; he was called from prison to palace. He interpreted the dreams of prisoners, to interpret for a king. The monarch, lifted him from the dunghill to sit among princes; Only in the throne will he be greater. He enabled him to manage the store of **the seven plentiful harvests, and to dispense provisions in the days of scarcity**. All the treasures of Egypt were under his lock and key. Thus he was in the best position to preserve the house of **Israel** -- **those ruled by God** with whom the covenant was made.

24 And He increased His people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

Fast-forward many years after Joseph (Ay) died, [How long was Israel in Egypt?](#)

[Joseph and the Hyksos Pharaohs](#) the north, lower Egypt (where Joseph and all his family lived)

And the south, upper Egypt who years later did not know Joseph,

[The Exodus Discovered](#)

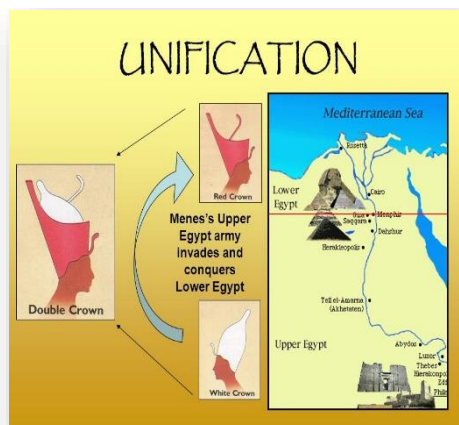
25 He turned their hearts to hate his people, to deal subtly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses His servant; and Aaron whom He had chosen.

27 They showed His signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.

29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.



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³⁰ Their land brought forth **frogs in abundance**, in the chambers of their kings.

³¹ He spoke, and there came **all sorts of flies, and lice** in all their coasts.

³² He gave them **hail for rain**, and flaming fire in their land.

³³ He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and broke the trees of their coasts.

³⁴ He spoke, **and the locusts came, and caterpillars, and that without number**,

³⁵ And ate up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

³⁶ He **struck also all the firstborn in their land**, the chief of all their strength.

Fast-forward to 1174 BC,

³⁷ He brought them forth also with silver and gold:
and there was not one feeble person among their tribes. / they were all healed for the journey.

³⁸ Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of **Israel** fell on them.

Think about it: 215 years later, God raised a ruler in the south, in upper Egypt, their Egyptian masters; after all the plagues that soften up their hard heads, until pharaoh finally capitulated and let God's people go... **the Papyrus Ipuwer** describes in the words of Egypt this disastrous time; and the Lord brought them out of Egypt; upwards of 2,000,000 people.

³⁹ He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.

⁴⁰ The people asked, and he brought quail, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

⁴¹ He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river.



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⁴² For He remembered His holy promise, and **Abraham his servant.**

⁴³ **And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness:**

⁴⁴ And gave them the lands of the nations: and they inherited the labor of the people;

⁴⁵ **that they might keep His statutes, and keep His laws.**

Praise the Lord. Think about it: A mixed group left Egypt, not just the Children of Israel, There was not a feeble person among the millions who left Egypt; they came out all in good health; and brought with them none of the diseases of Egypt – John Sheffield, 1654. God healed them!

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Exodus and Moses at the Red Sea (part 6 of 6)

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