

SONG OF MOSES IS ABOUT GOD'S JUSTICE

- Justice = *mishpat*
- Yeshua satisfied a certain aspect of God's justice system
- Satisfied does NOT mean ended or abolished!
- God's justice system is still in operation



Judgment
and
Forgiveness



ALL WILL BE JUDGED BASED ON GOD'S JUSTICE SYSTEM



- 1Peter 4:17 *“...judgment to begin with the household of God...”*
- By what standard will we be judged?
- God's justice system is the standard
- No Believer will suffer destruction
- Rewards given based on righteous deeds and fruit
- *All good fruit is the result of obedience!*

“JUDGMENT” IS NOT SYNONYMOUS WITH “WRATH”



- NO assumption of guilt when one is put before God's *mishpat* (justice system)
- When a Believer is judged we are declared “innocent” based on the work of Yeshua
- The remainder of the Believer's verdict involves “rewards” (or lack of)

“...how can 10 warriors defeat 10,000?”

- How can a smaller enemy force defeat a larger?
- Israel's enemies warned NOT to credit themselves for victory
- It is the LORD who has turned Israel over to them for punishment
- God will now use what was a punishment, for salvation!



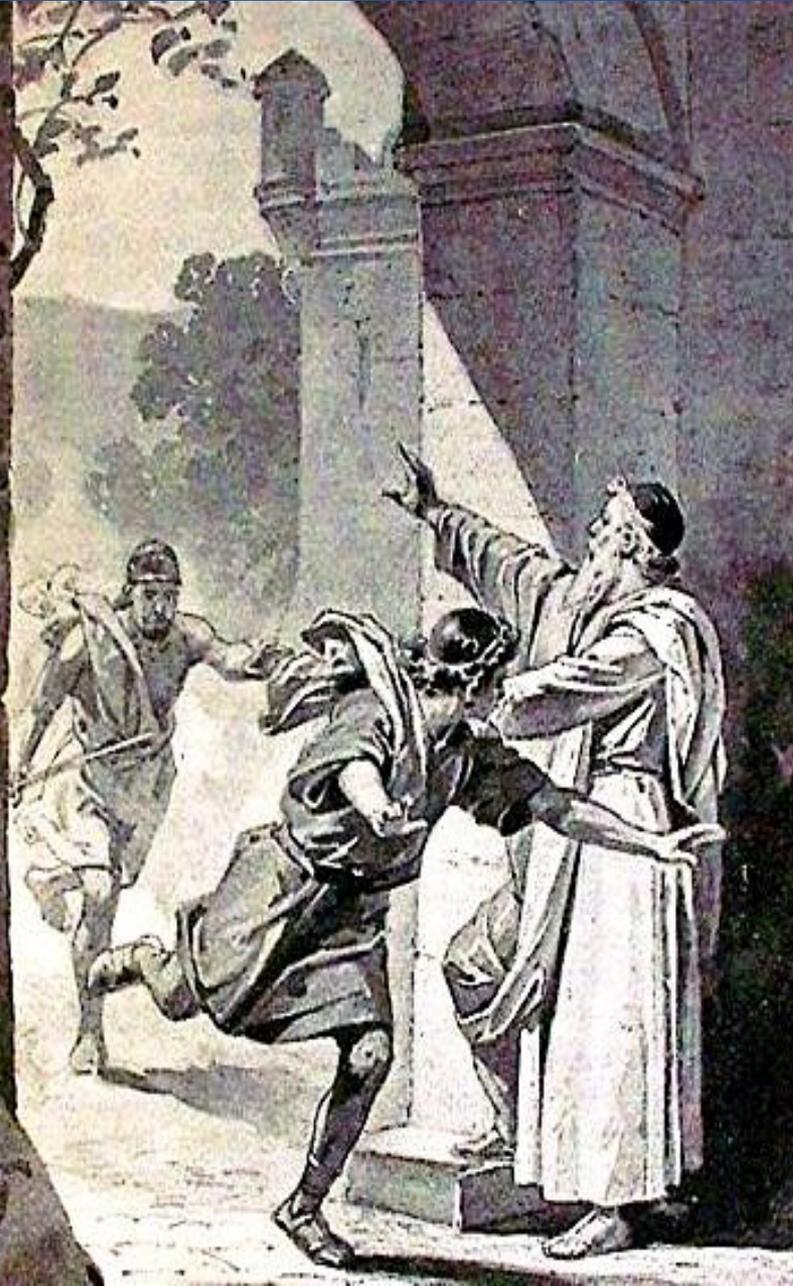
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STOREHOUSE SEAL OF KING HEZEKIAH

- The scenario is guaranteed to happen
- The OUTCOME will be as prophesied
- Only the Lord has the authority to open His sealed storehouse of wrath



VENGEANCE



- ***Nakah*** in Hebrew
- “Vengeance is mine saith the Lord”
- Vengeance as “payback”
- Concept of revenge was tribal and pagan Blood feuds
- God’s character does NOT approve of revenge
- ***Nakah = the executive exercise of power by the highest legitimate authority for the protection of his own subjects***

GOD'S JUSTICE IS TO PROTECT HIS OWN FROM THE WICKED

- God gets NO JOY from destroying the wicked.....but.....
- He WILL do so if necessary to protect His people!
- *Din* = to judge, to plead a case
- “God will JUDGE His people, taking PITY on His servants.....”



WHEN WILL GOD TURN HIS WRATH FROM ISRAEL, TOWARDS THE ENEMY?

➤ The sequence of events:

- 1) Israel abandons God
- 2) God punishes Israel by means of an enemy
- 3) Exile
- 4) When the divine punishment has turned the people back to God to reclaim redemption.....
- 5) The enemy is now punished in order to put a halt to their punishment of Israel!

THE FORTUNATE RETURNED TO GOD'S WAITING ARMS



- Those who died in exile with their redemption canceled were lost
- Those who returned to God returned to their redemption
- James 5 Story of a brother who wandered away from Christ, will be lost unless rescued

MASORETIC TEXT VS. SEPTUAGINT VS. DEAD SEA SCROLLS

- Masoretic text about 900 A.D.
- Septuagint about 250 B.C.
- Dead Sea Scrolls about 100 B.C.
- Last verse of the Song of Moses as in the Septuagint AND Dead Sea Scrolls:
“.....bow to Him all sons of the divine...”
- Sons of the divine = *benei elohim*
- Jewish scholars who wrote the Masoretic Text greatly feared any mention of “other gods” for concern Hebrews would return to idolatry

BENEI ELOHIM ASSIGNED TO THE NATIONS BY GOD

- These are REAL
- These spiritual “princes” allowed themselves to be worshipped as “gods”
- DSS and Septuagint give a listing at end of Song of Moses of all created things that should bow down to God:
- The Heavens, *benei elohim*, angels, nations (gentiles), and Israel



MOSES & JOSHUA TOGETHER SPEAK THE WORDS



- All these words means Deuteronomy
- ***Dabar*** = words = commands of God
- Moses says these words are not trivial, they are LIFE!!
- Church has turned away from God's commands in favor of men's doctrines
- To obey God is now called "legalism" !??

MOSES TO DIE ON MT. NEBO

- Aaron died 6 months earlier on Mt. Hor
- Mountains (high places) thought to be the habitation of the gods
- To be called up to a high place to die and be buried was a great honor
- Moses was given an opportunity to SEE Canaan, but he could not go in



MOSES COULD NOT ENTER THE LAND, BECAUSE HE “BROKE FAITH”

- Moses struck the rock instead of speaking to it
- Rather, Moses SPOKE to the people and struck the rock
- Wide disagreement over the nature of the offense
- Seems like a VERY harsh punishment, not proportional to the crime



2 MEDIATORS: ONLY 1 WAS PERFECT!!

- Though High Priests and Joshua called “mediators”, they were nowhere near the status of Moses and Yeshua
- Perhaps the point of Moses’ infraction is that IT WAS TINY
- But even the tiniest sin disqualifies from being God’s Savior
- Jesus followed the Law WITH PERFECTION in the spirit it was intended!

