

## The First And Last Song

The first mention of a song in scripture is in: **Ex 15:1 ¶ "Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. 2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him."** I would point out that this first song is a song of salvation, by God's grace and power, which salvation was completely orchestrated and performed by God's power. It tells of the power, glory, majesty, and the completeness of God's deliverance.

A song is comprised of many notes, from a scale of music, arranged to create the sound that the composer intends. To sing a song; the people's voices match the defined notes to bring forth harmony and melody. People need the set tones for the notes to sing without disharmony, because all sounds are not harmonious together.

The last mention of a song in scripture is: **Re 15:3; 1 ¶ "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. 2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. 3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints."** I point out: this last song mentioned in scripture is the same as the first, a song of salvation by God's grace completely orchestrated and performed by God's power. This song tells of the grandeur, power, glory, and completeness of God deliverance. Thus, we see the picture of the bible, as a book which is speaking of the grandeur, power, glory, majesty, and completeness of Jesus's work of the salvation of God's people, and this work of salvation by grace being revealed to them. Jesus tells us that the scriptures are a testimony of him; whereby, we see the scriptures as a song of the salvation of God's people. What was the sole purpose of Jesus? To save God's people, and to make them acceptable to God the Father. Wherefore, we sing the praise of Christ for salvation by grace.

The center of the bible is found in the book of Psalms. Psalm is from the Hebrew word "mizmor," which means **a poem set to notes**. Mizmor is from the Hebrew word "zamar," which means **to celebrate in song and music, give praise, sing forth praises**. It also means **to cut off, because, in singing the Psalms, each word was separated into its component syllables, and each syllable answers to a note in the music**. Herein lies a great mystery, and prophetic picture, which is applied to all of God's people. A music composer has first in their mind the song to be composed. Next, the notes of the song are arranged into a composition, and the lyrics are added, which gives the people a song to be sung.

Jesus Christ is the Master Composer of the song of salvation by the grace of God. Understand, before the world was, Jesus had in mind the song of salvation by grace that is still being manifested on earth. If you are a child of God you were in the mind of Christ before the world was as seen in: **Eph 1:4 "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."** Understand: the composer of the song can choose any note he wants and arrange them in the order he chooses. Wherefore, Jesus has the right to choose whom he will to be saved, and to put them where he will in his song.

We declare: Jesus had in mind a song of salvation by grace before the world was, and he has chosen the notes to be sung. Just as the Psalm is divided, by its individual syllables, and a note assigned to each syllable, each child of God is one note in this song of salvation by the grace of God. They are placed together on the pages of the song, and we see them in scripture recorded in the total composition in the Lamb's Book Of Life. Because the composer of this song is the Master Composer: they are all the right notes, placed in the right place in the composition, and they are melodious and harmonious. They each sound out the praise of salvation by the grace of God. This song is pleasing to the ears of God the Father. After all, it is the composition of God the Son.

Thus, we understand why the first and last songs, mentioned in scripture, are the same song of salvation. Why? Because we are told Jesus is the only way of salvation, seen in: **Ac 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."** What a wonderful thought: at the end of time; in the eternal resurrection of the dead in Christ, we shall see the complete song of Salvation by the Grace of God displayed in its total and final composition. This song, which is finally seen in the completeness of its composition, will be sung with perfect harmony throughout the ages of eternity. Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!