

Hello! This is Dorothy-

We have been thinking about the five prophetesses found in Scripture, such as Noadiah and Huldah. Today we are now going to think about Miriam. You say, “Oh, I know something about Miriam. I think I have heard her name. In fact, I might have a cousin called Miriam. I know that name, at least. These others names I am afraid pass me when it comes to spelling them!” We read in Scripture, she was **Miriam, the prophetess**. That is what we are talking about: what Scripture says; not what people think. People often say, “I have this gift of that or the other,” but I am talking about what Scripture declares.

In **Exodus chapter 15, verse 20**, we read -

20 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrel and with dances.

21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. When that is mentioned, it means that often they would sing in a way that one would sing one thing and one would sing another. It is like singing as a chorus over to each other. It is like a conversation in song. In **Exodus chapter 15:20- 21**, which we have just read, we

also see there is a little section in which she took part. I want you to notice this followed the large section that her brother had sung. I think it is important to see this. From **chapter 15:1** right on through where Miriam starts to sing, we read these glorious things.

2 The Lord is my strength and my song. . . - you know that, don't you? . . . and he is become my salvation . . . I hope you know that, too - . . . he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3 The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name.

Then he goes on to describe what happened when the children of Israel were stuck and there was no where to go. The mountains were beside them and they had Pharoah's chariots chasing behind them to bring them back into bondage in Egypt. Before them was this area they could not get across, the Red Sea; there was no way over. But God had a way and and He brought them through in a most miraculous deliverance, when they came over on dry ground. We discussed at one time there is this amazing elevation that is found under that sea like a mountain of dry sand, when the waves had been blown back. It was dry; easy for the little children's feet; easy for the old people's feet. They came across the Red Sea and those in the chariots thought, "We will do the same - we will chase them!" But as they chased them — you might remember that amazing story — God let all the waters come and destroy this great army of Pharaoh. Therefore, they were on the other side; delivered, adoring and praising God. Oh, how we see our

own deliverance over and over as we read the Word of God and see what Jesus did for us at the Cross of Calvary. How He delivered us from Satan and how He delivered us from the tauntings of all that the evil one would try to do in our lives. As we are delivered by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, we are now free, free in Him! This is what the song is about: it is a song of great victory; a song of great triumph!

It is interesting to notice that when Miriam's name was mentioned, it was not mentioned with Moses. It goes on to say . . . **Miriam the prophetess**. . . and then it says she was . . . **the sister of Aaron**. There is a very big key in this. Now we know that the father was called Amram and Jochabed was the mother. Moses had a brother called Aaron and a sister called Miriam. We know that from Scripture. But notice that Miriam's authority, although she is being called a prophetess, was that she was subordinate to her brother. Now there is a younger brother, Moses. She was before the congregation to occupy the rank that she was with Aaron, and not as if she was as Moses. God did this to give her protection. In leadership, there is the covering from the ranks of heaven right on down here on earth that God gives a covering. For the single person, that covering is the Lord; for a married person, that covering is the husband. We must understand that the covering is against the satanic warfare, because Satan especially hates women! This is because out from the woman came that seed that

brought forth Jesus Christ one day, through the virgin Mary, whose body was used by a spotless, holy God when Jesus took upon Himself by His Spirit, man. He became the God-man to bring us to God. It is very important to see that for your life and for my life, we have to understand our line of covering and protection. I want to take you today to this place in your own life that you simply ask Jesus that you might understand the covering from any enemy that you have, and submit yourself to that covering in Jesus' name, and say, *Lord, I do not want to be in a place that exposes me to trouble. In Jesus' Name, I receive that covering and thank You for it.*

Amen.