HANDEL: Israel in Egypt (Aradia Ensemble)

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CD 1
Part I: The Lamentation of the Israelites for the Death of Joseph

[1] Symphony

[2] Chorus
The sons of Israel do mourn, and they are in bitterness; all the people sigh, and hang down their heads to the ground.
(Lamentations 1:4, 11; 2:10)

[3] Chorus
How is the mighty fall’n! He that was great among the princes, and ruler of the provinces!
(2 Samuel 1:19; Lamentations 1:1)

[4] Chorus
He put on righteousness, and it clothed him: his judgement was a robe and a diadem.
(Job 29:14)

[5] Quartet
When the ear heard him, then it blessed him; and when the eye saw him, it gave witness of him.
(Job 29:11)

[6] Chorus
How is the mighty fall’n! He that was great among the princes, and ruler of the provinces!
(2 Samuel 1:19; Lamentations 1:1)

[7] Chorus and Duet (Soprano I & II)
He deliver’d the poor that cried, the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. Kindness, meekness and comfort were in his tongue. If there was any virtue, and if there was any praise, he thought on those things.
(Job 29:12; Ecclesiasticus 36:23; Philippians 4:8)

[8] Chorus
How is the mighty fall’n! He that was great among the princes, and ruler of the provinces!
(2 Samuel 1:19; Lamentations 1:1)

[9] Quartet and Chorus
The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance, and the wise will shine as the brightness of the firmament.
(Psalm 112:6; Daniel 12:3)

[10] Chorus
Their bodies are buried in peace: but their name liveth evermore.
(Ecclesiasticus 44:14)

The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will show forth their praise. Their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the most high.
(Ecclesiasticus 44:15; Wisdom 5:15)
Quartet
They shall receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord’s hand.
(Wisdom 5:16)

Chorus
The merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever on them that fear him, and his righteousness on children’s children.
(Psalm 103:17)

Part II: The Exodus

Recitative (Tenor)
Now there arose a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph; and he set over Israel taskmasters to afflict them with burdens, and they made them serve with rigour.
(Exodus 1:8,11,13)

Alto solo and Chorus
And the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and their cry came up unto God. They oppressed them with burthens, and made them serve with rigour; and their cry came up unto God.
(Exodus 2:23; 1:11,13)

Recitative (Tenor)
Then sent he Moses, his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen; these shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham. He turned their waters into blood.
(Psalm 105:26,27,29)

Chorus
They loathed to drink of the river. He turned their waters into blood.
(Exodus 7:18; Psalm 105:29)

Air (Alto)
Their land brought forth frogs, yea, even in their kings’ chambers. He gave their cattle over to the pestilence; blotches and blains broke forth on man and beast.
(Psalm 105:30; Exodus 9:9)

Chorus
He spake the word, and there came all manner of flies, and lice in all their quarters. He spake; and the locusts came without number, and devoured the fruits of their ground.
(Psalms 105:31,34,35)

Chorus
He gave them hailstones for rain; fire mingled with the hail ran along upon the ground.
(Psalm 105:32; Exodus 9:23,24)

Chorus
He sent a thick darkness over all the land, even darkness which might be felt.
(Exodus 10:21,22)

Chorus
He smote all the first-born of Egypt, the chief of all their strength.
(Psalm 105:36)

[23] **Chorus**
But as for his people, he led them forth like sheep: he brought them out with silver and gold; there was not one feeble person among their tribes.
(Psalm 78:52; 105:37)

[24] **Chorus**
Egypt was glad when they departed, for the fear of them fell upon them.
(Psalm 105:38)

[25] **Chorus**
He rebuked the Red Sea, and it was dried up.
(Psalm 106:9)

[26] **Chorus**
He led them through the deep as through a wilderness.
(Psalm 106:9)

[27] **Chorus**
But the waters overwhelmed their enemies, there was not one of them left.
(Psalm 106:11)

[28] **Chorus**
And Israel saw that great work that the Lord did upon the Egyptians; and the people feared the Lord,

[29] **Chorus**
And believed the Lord, and his servant Moses.
(Exodus 14:31)

**CD 2**
**Part III: Moses’ Song**

[1] **Introitus** (Chorus)
Moses and the children of Israel sung this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying:

[2] **Chorus**
I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

[3] **Duet** (Soprano I & II)
The Lord is my strength and my song; he is become my salvation.

[4] **Chorus**
He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation: my father’s God,

[5] **Chorus**
and I will exalt him.

[6] **Duet** (Bass I & II)
The Lord is a man of war: Lord is his name. Pharaoh’s chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea; his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.
[7] Chorus
The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.

[8] Chorus
Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power; thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

[9] Chorus
And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee.

[10] Chorus
Thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

[12] Air (Tenor)
The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.

[13] Air (Soprano)
Thou didst blow with the wind, the sea covered them; they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

[14] Chorus
Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? Thou stretchest out thy right hand,

[15] Chorus
the earth swallowed them.

[16] Duet (Alto, Tenor)
Thou in thy mercy hast led forth thy people which thou hast redeemed; thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

[17] Chorus
The people shall hear, and be afraid; sorrow shall take hold on them: all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away: by the greatness of thy arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O Lord, which thou hast purchased.

[18] Air (Alto)
Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

[19] Chorus
The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

Recitative (Tenor)
For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

Chorus
The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

[20] **Recitative** (Tenor)
And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them:

**Solo Soprano & Chorus**
Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The Lord shall reign for ever and ever. I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

*(Exodus 15:1-21)*