

## ***Lessons From Egypt!***

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Do you realize that Christians are supposed to carefully observe the nation of ancient Israel as an example, ***"I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers (Ancient Israel) were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea (Red Sea)"*** (1 Cor 10:1). Paul made it clear that everything that happened to the nation of Israel as related to Egypt has some significance for us today! We need to consider everything!

But on which specific examples should we focus? What are the most significant examples concerning Israel and Egypt that



give us understanding of our time? The point is that everything that Israel experienced regarding Egypt should be considered! Nevertheless, we will limit our focus to four of Israel's experiences with Egypt. We will especially focus on those that have prophetic implications for our time.

During this study we obviously cannot consider every possible experience that has some prophetic significance. Instead, we will focus on four specific episodes regarding Israel and Egypt: (1) we will consider the circumstances surrounding how the whole family of Israel ended up in Egypt; (2) we will consider Joseph's dominion (*rulership*) over Egypt; (3) we will consider the events surrounding the supernatural salvation of Moses when he was a child; and finally (4) we will consider Israel's deliverance out of Egypt. Careful study of those episodes can certainly be useful as we attempt to establish signposts regarding our present placement on the prophetic calendar.

Finally, we will endeavor to get a good understanding of the specific blessings from God that Israel obtained by and through the exodus. Once we understand Israel's blessings, we will grow in revelation concerning our present application of those same blessings that Israel enjoyed in our own lives!



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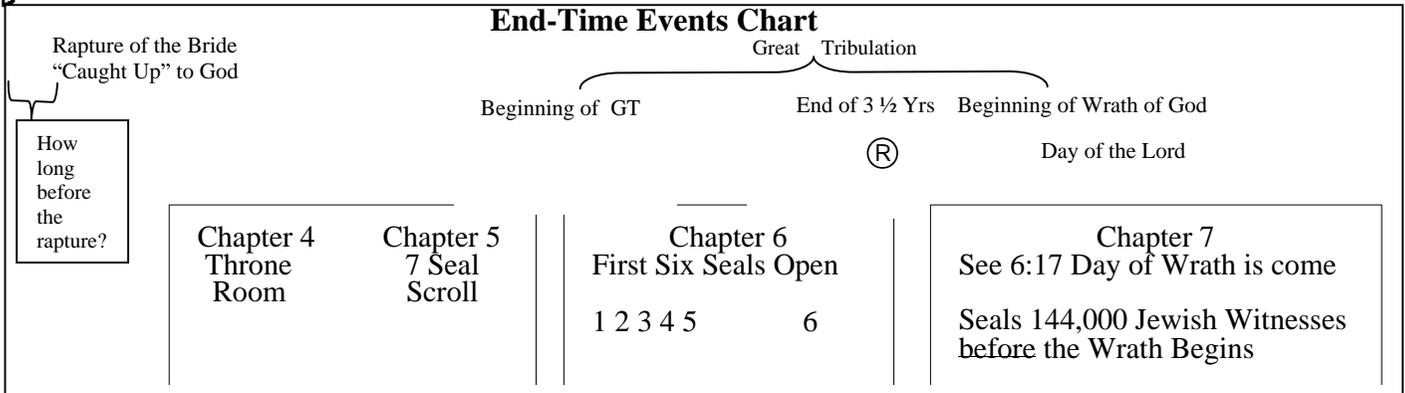


We have two primary goals that we hope to accomplish during this study. We will begin by taking a close look at the prophetic correlations of four episodes involving Israel and Egypt: (1) the circumstances regarding how the whole family of Israel ended up in Egypt; (2) Joseph's dominion over Egypt; (3) the events surrounding the supernatural salvation of Moses when he was a child; and finally (4) Israel's deliverance out of Egypt.

Next, we will carefully examine the specific blessings that Israel obtained as a result of their deliverance from Egypt. Through no effort on their part they attained blessings of a four-fold nature as a result of their deliverance: (a) they were saved from death; (b) they were supernaturally healed; (c) they acquired great wealth; (d) they were set free from every form of bondage.

**We are here!**

Every study of end-time events tries to arrange the various items in order to establish the proper sequence of events from the Book of Revelation. In reality, most really want to establish a Biblical concept for the length of time until the "rapture."



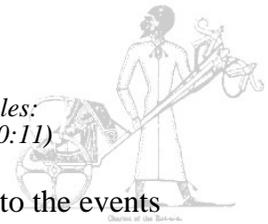
Paul preserved and dispatched through the pages of the New Testament the secret of a measuring stick useful for determining end-time positioning. We are the generation, "upon **whom the ends of the world** ( 'aion' – Gk word meaning age) **are come**" (1 Cor 10:11). The "church age" ( 'aion' ) and the "age of human government" ( 'aion' ) are both moving rapidly to a swift conclusion. As we consider the conclusion of those two separate ages, Paul admonishes the end-time church of the "last days" that it should not "be ignorant" of Israel's experience with Egypt, "**I would not that ye should be ignorant**, how that all our fathers (Ancient Israel) were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea (Red Sea)" (1 Cor 10:1). Clearly, the Holy Spirit intended for the Church to focus on Israel's Egyptian experience and carefully consider several episodes with regard to the end-time faith.

Lets investigate those four specific episodes which we earlier identified as part of Israel's experience with Egypt: (1) the circumstances regarding how the whole family of Israel ended up in Egypt; (2) Joseph's dominion ( *rulership* ) over Egypt; (3) the events surrounding the supernatural salvation of Moses when he was a child; and finally (4) Israel's deliverance out of Egypt. We will try to weave a tapestry, which will reveal a



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picture of our present placement with respect to the events of the end time scenario! Prophetic writers have tended to keep their focus on the Books of Daniel and Revelation.

However, Paul taught that Israel's experience as they had contact with Egypt is rich with information for us today. Israel's example is beneficial not only from an historical perspective but also from the prophetic; therefore, Genesis holds some key prophetic secrets, too! Lets investigate those secrets!

### (1) All of Israel ended up in Egypt:

Jacob's favorite son was a dreamer named Joseph. He had a specific dream that he shared with his brothers; in essence the dream revealed through bowing sheaves of grain and obeisance expressed in the sun moon and stars that Joseph would one day end up ruling over his family. When he informed his family of his destiny, "his father rebuked him, and said unto him, **What is this dream that thou hast dreamed?** Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? 11 And his brethren envied him; but **his father observed the saying**" (Gen 37:10-11). Jacob "observed" the dream because he himself had been a dreamer and had seen his own destiny in a dream involving angels and a stairway.

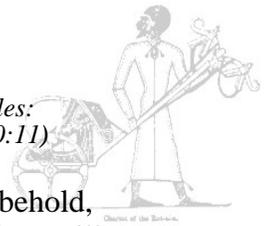


As a result of Joseph's dream his brothers became jealous and they began to plot against him. When his brothers saw him coming, "they said one to another, Behold, **this dreamer** cometh. 20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit" (Gen 37:19-20). Joseph's oldest brother, the not so gallant Ruben recognized that shedding innocent blood was out of the question. Instead he suggested, that they simply put him in a pit (*Actually, Ruben was hoping to come and rescue Joseph later.*) Yet another brother named Judah was even less charitable as he, "said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? 27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him" (Gen 37:26-27). The Ishmeelites took Joseph and subsequently sold him as a slave into Egypt. Joseph endured many difficult trials during his first fourteen years in Egypt; however, even though he ended up in a dungeon he always maintained his belief in and worship for God. Of necessity, we must omit most of this portion of Joseph's story.

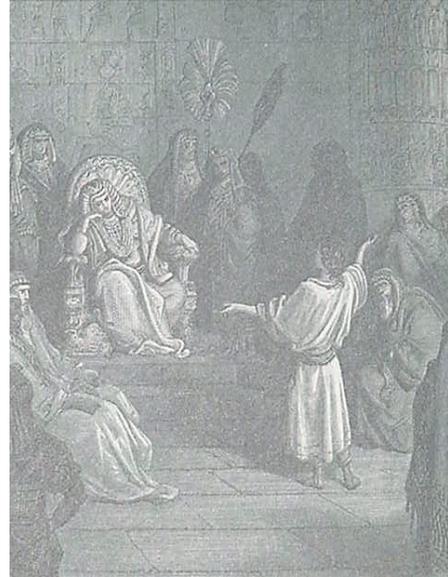
Ultimately, it was Joseph's gift of interpreting dreams that caused him to be brought to the very throne of Egypt, "Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. 15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, **I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it:** and I have heard say of thee, that **thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.** 16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: **God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace**" (Gen 41:14-16). Pharaoh felt comfortable with Joseph and shared his dream, "Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river: 18 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fatfleshed and well

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favoured; and they fed in a meadow: 19 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness: 20 And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine: 21 And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke. 22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good: 23 And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them: 24 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told this unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me. 25 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: **God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.** 26 The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one. 27 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine. 28 This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh. 29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: 30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land; 31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous" (Gen 41:17-31).



As a result of the dream, Joseph recommended to Pharaoh that he select a special advisor



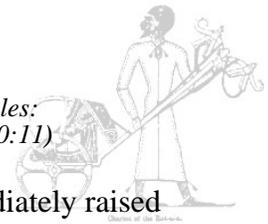
and appoint him over officers throughout the land. Joseph recommended that a 20% tax should be placed on all of the produce during the seven good years so that the seven years of famine would not consume the entire land. This advice was pleasing to Pharaoh and his advisors therefore, "Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, **a man in whom the Spirit of God is?** 39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: 40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. 41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. 42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put

it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about



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his neck" (Gen 41:38-42). Joseph was immediately raised to the position of second in command over all of Egypt, "Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt" (Gen 41:44).

The seven years of plenty came to pass as Joseph had interpreted; all the while he stored up grain in the land. Similarly, Joseph also saw seven years of tribulation, "the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. 55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do. 56 And **the famine was over all the face of the earth**" (Gen 41:54-56). So Joseph opened up his granaries, "the famine was over **all the face of the earth**: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians" (Gen 41:56). This famine was so severe that it affected the whole world, "**all countries came into Egypt** to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore **in all lands**" (Gen 41:57).

This famine obviously struck the land of Israel too and, "Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? 2 And he said, Behold, **I have heard that there is corn in Egypt**: get you down thither, and **buy for us from thence; that we may live**, and not die" (Gen 42:1-2). So Jacob's sons went down to Egypt, "And Joseph's brethren came, and **bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth**" (Gen 42:6). Joseph obviously recognized his brothers but they had no idea who he was.

After several episodes involving Joseph testing his brethren, he eventually broke down and revealed himself, "Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while **Joseph made himself known unto his brethren**. 2 And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. 3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. 4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. 5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: **for God did send me before you to preserve life**.

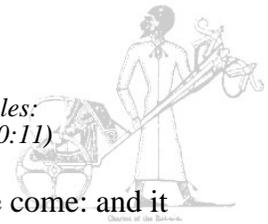


6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest. 7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. 9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not" (Gen 45:1-9). All of Joseph's servants began to talk about what had recently taken place in Joseph's palace and, "the fame thereof was heard in



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Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants. 17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan; 18 And **take your father and your households, and come unto me**: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land. 19 Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. 20 Also **regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours**. 21 And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way” (Gen 45:16-21).

So Joseph sent his brothers to fetch their father and all the family, “All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were threescore and six; 27 And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten” (Gen 46:26-27).

Prophetic images available through the episode of Israel going into Egypt:

- (1) The harvest has already begun of the latter day spiritual bread; however, let's put the harvest into the proper context as expressed in the words of the prophet Amos, “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD” (Amos 8:11). There are over 100 linkages between Jesus and Joseph. The Church is the body of Christ on the earth today. Allegorically speaking, we are Joseph; and, we must store up the word of God for the multitude of people that will be starving when the famine of the word comes!
- (2) How do we comprehend and believe that we are the latter day Joseph? Joseph was an interpreter of dreams; God speaks in dreams, “God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. 15 In a dream, in a vision of the night” (Job 33:14-15). Job teaches that interpreting dreams is equivalent to hearing from God! If we hear from God then we are the modern day Joseph and we need to store up for those who will have need during the coming famine!
- (3) Joseph gave all of the glory to God, “It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace” (Gen 41:16). So too, must we give God the glory for anything that we accomplish through the power of the Holy Spirit!
- (4) Joseph (*The Church*) will be promoted prior to the seven years of plenty! In the second of the lean/famine (*tribulation*) years Joseph will reveal himself to his brethren.
- (5) Joseph (*The Church*) will have stored up provision of the word of God for those in need during the famine of the word!

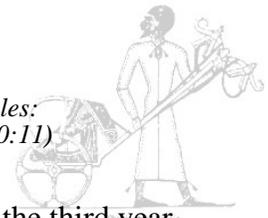
### (2) Joseph's Dominion in Egypt:

So now we observe Joseph along with the entire family of Israel living in Egypt. Without realizing it Pharaoh had earlier prophesied to Joseph, “**the good of all the land of Egypt is yours**” (Gen 45:20). Later in this Bible Study we will more clearly grasp the real power behind these prophetic words, spoken out of Pharaoh's mouth.



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All of Jacob's family came into Egypt during the third year of the famine; this means that there were still at least four years of famine to continue. Let's notice some of the conditions, which were extant during those first few years of famine in the land of Egypt, **“And Joseph gathered up all the money (say, “All the money!”) that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. 15 And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth (say, “the money faileth!”). 16 And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail. 17 And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: (They lost money, horses, flocks, cattle and asses; what else could they loose?) and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year. 18 When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands: 19 Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land say, “Next they sold their lands and themselves into salvery!”) for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate. 20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's. 21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof” (Gen 47:14-21). Joseph presided over all of the land of Egypt. Ultimately all the wealth of Egypt ended up in Pharaoh's hands!**

In time, Israel died and Joseph buried his father in the land of Canaan. After the period of the famine Joseph remained in Egypt for the next seventy-three years of his life, “Joseph lived an hundred and ten years. 23 And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees. 24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 25 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence” (Gen 50:22-25). The term “God will surely visit you” became a prophecy which the children of Israel clung to especially during hard times which were yet to come. That phrase will come up again.

Prophetic images of Joseph's experience of exercising Dominion in Egypt:

- (1) Egypt's money will fail during the years of famine (*tribulation*).
- (2) Joseph's anointing was powerful enough to eventually take-over everything in Egypt!
- (3) Under Joseph's rule, Pharaoh will gain control of all money, lands, and people. The Church's Pharaoh is Jesus Christ! We will actually take-over this world's riches through the power of the Holy Spirit and Jesus working in us!
- (4) Joseph will die or be removed (*raptured*) off of the scene!
- (5) Joseph will leave the people of Israel with the definite promise, “God will surely visit you!” This will be a positive message of a soon coming deliverer!

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### (3) The supernatural salvation of Moses as a child:

For many generations after Joseph's death, "the children of

Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them. 8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, **which knew not Joseph**" (Ex 1:7-8). This king was paranoid that Israel might actually join an opposing army against Egypt. The king therefore turned the entire nation of the Israelites into slaves, "they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. 12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. 13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour" (Ex 1:11-13).



Worse than slavery, Pharaoh ordered the midwives to destroy the male babies at birth. Instead of following those orders, the midwives protected the male babies. As a result of their obedience to God rather than Pharaoh, God blessed their lives with families of their own. Ultimately, "Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive. 2:1 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. 2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when **she saw him that he was a goodly child**, she hid him three months. 3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink" (Ex 1:22-2:3). So this special child was placed into the ark and set adrift upon the Nile. As the ark drifted, "the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. 6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. 7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? 8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. 9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it. 10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because **I drew him out of the water**" (Ex 2:5-10).

Joseph had earlier given the children of Israel a prophecy of returning to the land of Canaan, "**God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he swear to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.** 25 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, **God will surely visit you**, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence" (Gen 50:22-25). Because of this prophecy and because of what Joseph had earlier explained, "God sent me before you **to preserve you** a posterity in the earth, and **to save your lives** by



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a great **deliverance**" (Gen 45:7); the Israelites began to expect that God would send a "deliverer." Especially when their children were being drowned in the Nile the

Israelites asked God to send the deliverer. Indeed God did raise up a deliverer unto Israel, "God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them" (Ex 2:24-25). When Moses was forty years old he fled from Egypt into the land of Midian. Upon arrival he gave assistance to seven women who were drawing water but had been driven away from the well by shepherds, "when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon to day? 19 And they said, An Egyptian **delivered** us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water enough for us, and watered the flock. 20 And he said unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread. 21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter" (Ex 2:18-21).

Moses dwelt with his wife in Midian for forty years. One day when Moses went upon the mountain and had an encounter with a bush that was on fire but would not consume away. A voice came out of the bush and said, "I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God. 7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; 8 And **I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians**, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey" (Ex 3:6-8).

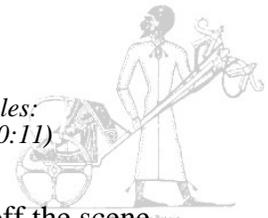
Prophetic images of Joseph's experience with Dominion in Egypt:

- (1) Whenever satan anticipates the appearance of a deliverer (*a powerful son of God who causes deliverance*), he begins to kill babies. There are two such instances in the Bible; in both accounts there is the imminent birth of powerful Sons of God! These stories include the births of both Moses and Jesus, "**Pharaoh** (*a governmental leader*) charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river" (Ex 1:22). Secondly, "Herod (*another governmental leader*), when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under" (Matt 2:16)! Satan works in patterns! Notice that whenever a powerful Son of God is about to be born, he becomes furious and moves through human **governments** to destroy children! Through (*another governmental function*), the Supreme Court decision of 1973, known as Roe v. Wade, 42,036,175 total abortions have occurred in the U.S. alone! This means that for every 1,000 live births, there have been 306 abortions! It is hard to comprehend but almost one in every four children conceived in the United States since 1973 has been destroyed by abortion! These satan inspired deaths have occurred once every 24 seconds! This accounts for more deaths than during the time of both Moses and Jesus combined. The only thing that we can conclude is that satan once again is aware of and fears the imminent birth of many powerful Sons of God! Get that concept. In other words, satan himself is telegraphing to us that the Sons of God are about to become deliverers (*as if we didn't already know*)!



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(2) After Joseph (*the church*) is taken off the scene, “there arose up a new **king** over Egypt, **which knew not Joseph**” (Ex 1:7-8). Thessalonians teaches us the same thing, “ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only **he who now letteth** (*restrainer*) **will let**, (*restrain*) until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that **Wicked** be revealed” (2 Thess 2:6-8).

(3) Just like Moses, God will provide a physical deliverer for the nation of Israel. The deliverer will be drawn out of water. (*We will see more about this deliverer to come in the next section.*)

### (4) Israel’s deliverance out of Egypt:

God now began to reveal to Moses just exactly how the children of Israel would be released out of Egypt, “Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. 11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?” (Ex 3:9-11).

God then revealed His Holy Name to Moses, “Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? 14 And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you” (Ex 3:13-14).

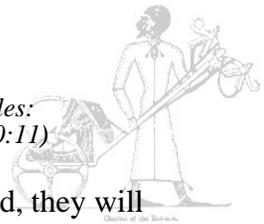
God next commissioned Moses saying, “6 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, **I have surely visited you**, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt: 17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey” (Ex 3:16-17).

God reassured Moses that He would be with him even though Pharaoh would remain obstinate, “I am sure that **the king of Egypt will not let you go**, no, not by a mighty hand. 20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and **after that he will let you go**” (Ex 3:19-20). Moses realized from the outset that God would have to perform all of the mighty wonders by the hand of Moses in the land of Egypt, “Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land. 2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD: 3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. 4 And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers” (Ex 6:1-4).

Moses timidly uttered a concern that nobody would believe him. The Lord then showed Moses the wonders that would be performed at the command, the hand, and the rod of

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Moses, "Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee. 2 And the

LORD said unto him, **What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.** 3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. 4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand" (Ex 4:1-4). God also showed Moses other signs such as turning Moses hand leprous and then restoring it to health once again.

Even though he experienced those miraculous signs, Moses still felt inadequate and incapable of speaking, "Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. 11 And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? 12 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. 13 And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. 14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. 15 And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. 16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God. 17 And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs" (Ex 4:10-17).



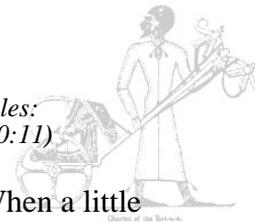
God finally revealed to Moses the final wonder which would be performed in the land of Egypt, "thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: 23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn" (Ex 4:22-23).

After he returned from his first meeting with Pharaoh Moses felt that he was a failure. He actually made things worse for the Israelites because they not only had to continue with their quota of bricks, they also had to obtain the straw on their own! Those old inadequate feelings began to come upon Moses once again, "the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, I am the LORD: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say unto thee. 30 And Moses said before the LORD, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?" (Ex 6:29-30). Moses mistakenly assumed that his words should be spoken in an attempt to convince Pharaoh! Moses did not realize that his and Aaron's words were actually containers of power that literally released God's power in the spirit realm, "the LORD said unto Moses, **See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh:** and Aaron



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thy brother shall be thy prophet.” (Ex 7:1). When a little “g,” god speaks under the authority and according to the will of GOD ALMIGHTY the miraculous takes place!

God re-commissioned Moses, “Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land. 3 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. 4 But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. 5 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them. 6 And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did they” (Ex 7:2-6). The effects of Moses’ and Aaron’s words follow:

<i>Number of Plague</i>	<i>Effects of Plague</i>	<i>Egyptian God Targeted</i>
First Plague (Exodus 7:14-24)	The water in Egypt - turned to blood. The fish died, causing a terrible stench.	Khnum--creator of water and life; Hapi--Nile god; Osiris--the Nile his bloodstream
Second Plague (Exodus 8:1-15)	Frogs miraculously multiplied and infested the land.	Heket--goddess of childbirth whose symbol was the frog
Third Plague (Exodus 8:16-19)	Vast swarms of gnats tormented Egypt.	
Fourth Plague (Exodus 8:20-32)	Vast swarms of flies spreading disease filled Egypt.	<i>(Jesus was called Beelzebub meaning “Lord of the Flies”)</i>
Fifth Plague (Exodus 9:1-7)	Disease on the livestock - but those of the Israelites were unharmed.	Hathor--mother and sky goddess whose symbol was the cow Apis--bull god
Sixth Plague (Exodus 9:8-12)	Festering boils on people and animals through the land.	
Seventh Plague (Exodus 9:13-35)	Powerful hail storms destroyed the standing crops in Egypt.	Seth--god of wind and storm
Eighth Plague (Exodus 10:1-20)	Locusts covered ground throughout Egypt. They devoured everything that was left.	Isis--goddess of life Min--goddess of fertility and vegetation, protector of crops
Ninth Plague (Exodus 10:21-29)	Darkness over Egypt for three days - but the Israelites had light in Goshen.	Amon-Re, Atum, Horus--sun deities
Tenth Plague (Exodus 11:1-10, 12:1-42)	Death of the firstborn. The Passover. <b>Pharaoh let the Israelites go!</b>	Osiris--judge of the dead and patron deity of the pharaoh

When Moses took the children of Israel out of Egypt he remembered Joseph’s request concerning his bones, “And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you” (Ex 13:19).

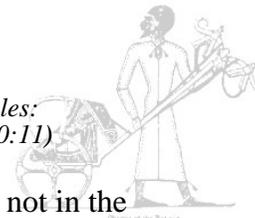
Prophetic images of Israel’s deliverance out of Egypt:

- (1) God will supernaturally visit and then reveal His name to His selected deliverer.
- (2) God will equip His deliverer and send a prophet along with him. These two witnesses will perform many mighty wonders and miracles, “These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. 5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. 6 These



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have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and **have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with**

**all plagues**, as often as they will" (Rev 11:4-6).

- (3) The deliverer and his prophet will perform mighty wonders in an effort to separate the Israelites from the Egyptians

### The blessings obtained as a result of Israel's deliverance:

The greatest blessing that Israel received was that they completely realized that they were entirely separate from the Egyptians! God established a method through which His people could receive a distinguishing mark (*of blood*) upon the entire nation of Israel. They were



set, "And **the blood shall be to you for a token (distinguishing mark)** upon the houses where ye are: and **when I see the blood, I will pass over you**, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt" (Ex 12:13). Beside being set apart by the blood the children of Israel received four major blessings as part of their deliverance: (a) they were saved from death; (b) they were supernaturally healed; (c) they were given great wealth; (d)

they were delivered from every form of bondage.

(a) The Israelites were all saved from death, "all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea" (1 Cor 10:1-2). The Red Sea became the salvation experience for the nation of Israel! According to Paul they all went down into that watery grave and came out into newness of life.

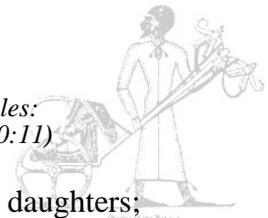
(b) The Israelites who were set apart by the blood were supernaturally healed; except for infants, every individual regardless of age walked out of the land of Egypt by his/her own power. God supernaturally healed them of all disabilities prior to the exodus. Just a few weeks later the Lord told the people, "I will put **none of these diseases upon thee**, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for **I am the LORD that healeth thee**" (Ex 15:26). God repeated this concept later at the second rendering of the law, "And **the LORD will (future tense) take away from thee all sickness**, and will put **none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee**; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee" (Deut 7:15). While the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness Moses never did make mention of a mobile hospital or infirmary for the ill.

(c) These Israelites found favor in the eyes of the Egyptians and the Israelites were given payment for the four hundred years of slavery which they had given to Egypt, "And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, **ye shall not go empty**: 22 But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye



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shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians" (Ex 3:21-22). Before they left, "the children of Israel did according to the word of

Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: 36 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians" (Ex 12:35-36).

The Israelites plundered Egypt; they were all made rich with the goods given to them by the Egyptians; however, God took them into the wilderness where they did not have anyplace to spend their money! So why did God give them such great wealth? We learn later the reason for their wealth. God blessed them that they intern could use their blessings to build the house of God, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. 3 And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, 4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, 5 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, 6 Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, 7 Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate. 8 **And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them**" (Ex 25:2-8).

(d) Like a dark shadow out of the past that continued to follow them the biggest problem that the children of Israel faced was that they continued to think like slaves, "And the children of Israel said unto them, **Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt**, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger" (Ex 16:3)! That negative downtrodden attitude persisted and they failed to realize that their own words were actually keeping them in bondage even though they were free. They accused Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? 12 Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness" (Ex 14:11-12).

As a poor example for us, they ultimately got what they believed for, "And the LORD's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed" (Num 32:13). You and I have received those same blessing of Israel, "**I would not that ye should be ignorant**, how that all our fathers (*Ancient Israel*) were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea (*Red Sea*)" (1 Cor 10:1).

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