

Staying Steady in the Lord

Shalom Mishpocah (Family)

The Word of God will give us the answers we need to walk in faith in perilous times.

The Torah Portion for this week is from **Exodus 10:1—13:16**. As you read through the book of Exodus, purpose not to just read through an interesting historical event; rather, look, and listen for specific instructions for your life.

Great and powerful truths are contained in this book. The Word of God clearly shows us the way to overcome all the devices of the enemy. The Children of Israel were given these precepts to strengthen them and show them the way to God's deliverance. Each of us can choose to follow these steps to victory:

- **Don't be deceived**

The magicians of Pharaoh demonstrated occult practices, being used of Satan to even duplicate some of God's signs through the hand of Moses, but their power was in deception. We must stand only in truth and the Word of God

- **Don't be assimilated into the world system**

Reading through Genesis from the time Israel travelled to Egypt to the time of the Exodus, it is easy to forget that **four hundred thirty years** have passed. To put that in perspective, from the time that the Mayflower loaded with Pilgrims sailed to the new world until present day, less than four hundred years has elapsed. Imagine the changes that would take place in people as they are exposed to the characteristics of a native population that is totally different from them, socially and morally. Realize that many pressures would be exerted to change to the way things are done in the new location. Now consider that this is not just one man, but generations that are in the midst of a majority with different laws and customs that spiral downward from the Torah (Instruction) of the One True God. You can imagine that the pressure to assimilate to Egypt's way of doing things must have been great, and failure to fall into line resulted in bondage and forced servitude. Surely, you can recognize that the same evil pressure to turn from God to the world system is at work today. Only by taking a conscious, and forceful stand against demonic influences, will we overcome and remain steady in the Truth.

- **Trust only God**

The words of the *Shema* from Deuteronomy 6:4 are: (TLV) "**Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**" Egypt had many gods (all demonic spirits), but **there is only One God, YHWH**, and He is a grace giving, merciful, and loving God. Only He is faithful and trustworthy. Many idols are in the world, but there is only One God, and He deserves our

trust. It is through trust that we please Him, and through trust He gives all of the good He has planned for us. World system programs can seem a convenient answer to temporary needs. Only our Wonderful God, through Yeshua provides true and abundant life everlasting, both now and eternally.

God's power is greater than all other powers

Moses' rod became a serpent, and the magician's rods became serpents, but the serpent from the Rod of God devoured the deceitful serpents from the magician's rods.

*Isaiah 59:19 (KJV) ... **When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.***

There may be times when, through deception, the enemy will appear to be strong and fearful. but knowing the One-and-only God, YHWH, the power of His Word, and the authority in the Name of Jesus, equips us to stand against all the power of the enemy. Every lying, evil being must bow and be spoiled by that Name above all names. Notice how the Lord differentiates between His covenant people and the people of the world (Egypt) as He brings judgment on all the gods of Egypt, the lying representation of the "god of this world" (Satan). The final three judgments are the most devastating of all, and leave Egypt decimated, but the People of God are delivered from the power of darkness. They leave Egypt with the wealth of the wicked. It's awesome to see how our loving God warns of impending judgment, and makes a way to escape it.

The Holy Spirit is teaching you, as you study His Word, how to be strong in difficult times.

Today, as we see with our eyes, terrible things happening around the world, we also see many who refuse to hear the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the God of our Lord Jesus Christ so that they might escape the coming terrors. You are not of this world. Don't let your heart be troubled. You trust in God, and in the Lord Yeshua HaMashiach. He will deliver you from the terror by night and the arrow which flies by day as you continue to walk in faith.

Determine to set your mind on things above. Come study The Authority of the Believer with us on Thursdays at 6:30 in Granby, and make every day a day to walk in dominion, in Messiah.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Standing Fast,
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