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His Way for Us

Shalom,

The verses that begin of our weekly Torah portion found in **Exodus 13:17—17:16** reveal the Father's ways of dealing with us with tenderness, leading us to our ultimate destination in Yeshua. His plan for each of us is that the great potential He has placed in us will be realized in each of our lives. He deals with each of us guiding us into His plans and purposes, taking us by the route that our level of trust can appropriate.

*Exodus 13:17 NASB Now it came about when Pharaoh had let the people go, **that God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, even though it was near; for God said, "Lest the people change their minds when they see war, and they return to Egypt."***

*Exodus 13:18 **Hence God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea; and the sons of Israel went up in martial array from the land of Egypt.***

We sometimes think that we would like to see the future just as God sees it, and that by knowing what is coming, we would be able to prepare ourselves. The fact is that the Lord knows us intimately, and He gives us exactly what we need for every season, preparing us, as we go, for each new glimpse into His marvelous wisdom as the future unfolds before us. Notice that YHWH did not lead the Children of Israel directly from Egypt to the Land of Promise, but, determined a divinely appointed route, designed just for the people He was leading, to protect His chosen people from being thrust into a battle that their faith was under-developed to wage. To the natural mind it made no sense to spend all those years in the wilderness, but God was not just leading a group of people from one place to another. **He was forming a priestly kingdom and a nation for Himself** that would not just inhabit a land flowing with milk and honey, but He was training **a people equipped to carry the Name and Light of the Holy One of Israel**. We might surmise that this journey lasted for forty years, but the fact is that the journey of Israel, and all of us who trust in the LORD, into the place of promise is ongoing, and **each of His called out ones are commissioned with the same high-calling to be a kingdom of priests and a peculiar people showing forth the praises of our God**.

Yes, the journey is ongoing, and the preparation of His people continues. We are called into a martial array, ranks of soldiers of the Cross of Messiah, first in preparation, then growing into a mighty force for the Living God, but as it was when He led Israel from Egypt, so it is now; **He leads us in steps, each step being designed by Him to prepare us, one step at a time, until we are ready to take our destined places in His body**. He is developing our trust in Him until we can say with confidence, **"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"** (Psa 27:1) He will not lead us where our trust is undeveloped, where our trust is unprepared, but will patiently fill us with His Word until we take it and are ready. Then **He will cause us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place** (2 Corinthians 2:14).

Proverbs 16:9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

As we study Torah, we walk with the Children of Israel through the wilderness, we remember the times that they became impatient, and even attempted to go into the Land before they were ready. They met with cruel humiliation at the hands of the enemy. We also, must therefore **choose His ways and His timing, for His ways are not our ways** (Isa 55:8). We may think we are ready to know everything that is coming, but the Lord knows just how to deal with each of us, and to show us exactly what is perfect for the present need. Our protection from all failure is that we hear, see, and act with the Father by His Holy Spirit living in us.

Psalms 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in His way.

Psalms 37:24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with His Hand.

*Psalms 138:8 The LORD will **perfect** that which concerneth me: Thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of Thine own hands.*

Let's determine that the way He leads us is perfect for each of us. He will lead you "*in the path of the just (that) is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day (Proverbs 4:18).*"

Study The Authority of the Believer with us on Thursdays at 6:30 in Granby, and learn that every day is 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.

Led by the Spirit,
Terry