

Light in a Dark Time

Shalom,

In **Exodus 6:2—9:35**, which is titled **Va'eira** in Hebrew and translated, **“And He appeared,”** we read of the four promises YHWH made to the Children of Israel and the first seven judgments of Egypt.

*God spoke further to Moses and said to him, “I am Adonai. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob, as El Shaddai. Yet by My Name, Adonai, did I not make Myself known to them. I also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage where they journeyed. Furthermore, I have heard the groaning of Bnei-Yisrael, whom the Egyptians are keeping in bondage. So I have remembered My covenant. Therefore say to Bnei-Yisrael: I am Adonai, and **I will bring you out** from under the burdens of the Egyptians. **I will deliver you** from their bondage, and **I will redeem you** with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. **I will take you to Myself** as a people, and I will be your God.” (Exodus 6:2-7 TLV)*

These four promises are known as the **“Four I wills,”** and are the heart of the Passover Seder that we celebrate every year. Notice that God says, **“I will bring you out...,” “I will deliver you...,” “I will redeem you...,”** and **“I will take you to Myself...”** In the context, these promises are to the Children of Israel that are in bondage in Egypt, but they represent, in a spiritual sense, the Gospel of Yeshua, the Messiah, and are from God’s love for all of mankind. As we continue to read in the text, we will see that, although every promise of God is ‘yes and amen’, the manifestation of the promises was not immediate and, indeed, were subject to **acts of obedience** by the ones who were to receive the promises. Obedience, not as acts of righteousness or works, but rather as a **taking hold with God, hearing and seeing with Him to establish His will on earth, as it is in heaven.**

*So Adonai said to Moses, **“See, I have set you as God to Pharaoh,** and Aaron your brother will be your prophet. **You are to speak all that I command you** and Aaron your brother is to speak to Pharaoh, so that he will let Bnei-Yisrael go out of his land. (Exodus 6:30 - 7:2 TLV)*

These are God’s Words, His perfect will, and if we will take them as our own, by confessing them with our mouths and believing them in our hearts, we will see the manifestation of the promises, despite the enemy’s resistance and lying contradictions. Hold fast to your confession of faith for you will take possession of the promises, overcoming all the power of the enemy by the Blood of the Lamb and the Word of your testimony.

Pay attention to the words YHWH spoke to Pharaoh through Moses, for they reveal God’s attitude regarding the people who live in His covenant.

“But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where My people are dwelling—except no swarm of flies will be there—so that you may know that I, Adonai, am in the midst of the earth. I will make a distinction between My people and your people. By tomorrow this sign will happen.” (Exodus 8:18-19 TLV)

Today, His promises and assurances of good to those who are His cannot be broken, and anyone attempting to bring harm to God’s possession aligns themselves with the devil, making themselves enemies of the Eternal God.

Pharaoh was an enemy of God by his own choice. Without knowing who he was choosing as lord, he worshiped the gods of Egypt, which were nothing but satanic imaginations meant to divert people from the one true God by filling their minds with destructive and hateful plans against His people. Every plague brought upon Egypt was to demonstrate that YHWH is God alone by utterly defeating the supposed power attributed to the false gods by Satan and believed in the unregenerate minds of carnal men.

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, Who is the image of God. (2 Corinthians 4:4 ESV)

Do not think that things of this world are different now than they were in the days of the exodus from Egypt. God will always make a distinction between people who trust Him and the people of the earth who are led blindly about to do evil. Our place in the Messiah is a place of dominion and is activated by His words in our mouths. The god of this world is Satan and, just as he and his servants were utterly defeated by the absolute power of God at the Red Sea, soon, and in a much greater and complete work, at the end of this age. All that have set themselves against God and His Messiah will be eternally banished from His presence into eternal destruction. Just as the Pharaoh and the Egyptians suffered the plagues sent to judge their false gods, so it will be to the people of this time who serve the satanic new-age gods of lawlessness and rebellion, calling good evil, and evil good.

Then he will say to those on his left, “Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.” (Matthew 25:41 ESV)

Do not allow thoughts of defeat, no matter what you see, or hear. We are a set-apart people! Take your place as an emissary of God, just like Moses. Say what God says when He tells you to, and show forth His Light and Glory in a dark world, for **“He will bring you out...,” “He will deliver you...,” “He will redeem you...,”** and **“He will take you to Himself...”**

Arise and shine,
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