

That the World May Know ... God is God: Israel, the Exodus and Us

Before the Exodus - God Cared for His People:

Genesis 12:1- *The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.*

2- *"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.*

3- *I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

Throughout the Exodus - God Continued to Care for His People:

Exodus 3:7- *The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.*

8- *So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey.*

Exodus 4:29- *Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites,*

30- *and Aaron told them everything the LORD had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people,*

31- *and they believed. And when they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.*

Today - God Still Cares For His People:

Jn 3:16,17- *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

Matthew 11:28- *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*

29- *Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

30- *for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

Before the Exodus - God Unfolded His Purpose:

Genesis 15:5- *He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."*

6- *Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.*

7- *He also said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it."*

Genesis 17:6- *"I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.*

7- *I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.*

8- *the whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."*

Throughout the Exodus - God Continued to Unfold His Purpose:

Exodus 6:6- *"Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.*

7- *I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.*

8- *And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.' "*

Exodus 7:3- *"But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt,*

4- *he will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites.*

5- *And the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it."*

Exodus 9:15- *"For by now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague that would have wiped you off the earth.*

16- *But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."*

Today - God is Still Unfolding His Purpose:

Matthew 24:14- *"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come."*

Acts 1:8- *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Revelation 3:20- *"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."*

Before the Exodus - God Called for Obedience

Genesis 17:9- *Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come."*

Genesis 22:15- *The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time*

16- *and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,*

17- *I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies,*

18- *and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."*

Throughout the Exodus - God Continued to Call for Obedience:

Exodus 19:3- *Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel:*

4- *'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.*

5- *Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine,*

6- *you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."*

Exodus 24:3- *When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do."*

4a- *Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.*

Today - God Still Upholds Obedience to His Truth:

Luke 6:46- *Why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not do what I say?*

John 15:10- *If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.*