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Exodus Chapter 10 and 11

Last week during our study into the ninth chapter of the book of Exodus we took some time to talk about the many different gods of Egypt. And after noticing the link between the plagues of Egypt, and the various little “g” gods of Egypt... we were also able to make a correlation between the little “g” gods of Egypt, and today's little “g” gods that we serve today. We made mention of the fact that anything that takes our time, and our money, and our adoration, and our worship away from the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is indeed seen as a little “g” god in the eyes of our Father in heaven.

If we are spending more time in front of our television sets watching sports, and movies, and sitcoms, and soap operas than we are reading and studying, and praying, and worshipping our Father in heaven... then we are indeed worshipping other little “g” gods in our Father's eyes. And we made mention of all of the paraphernalia, and all of the sports jerseys, and helmets, and coasters, and posters, of all of our sports heroes, and all of our movie heroes, and all of our music industry heroes, that are doing nothing for us but causing us to emulate the people of Egypt, who were spending all of their time and money adoring and worshipping their little “g” gods.

Many of us are guilty of trading the truth for lie. Many of us have traded fantasy for realism. We have traded the virtual for reality. We have traded what is real and truthful, for what can be imagined, and concocted. We have allowed our adversary to brainwash us, and our children into thinking that what we see on our television screens... is what we need to emulate and become.

Most of us have been brainwashed into thinking that we would rather be anyone else besides who we truly are. Our adversary has tricked us into imagining that we should be emulating our favorite soap opera star, or our favorite movie star, or our favorite sports star. Our children want to be Superman, Batman, or iron man, or Spiderman. They want to be anybody but themselves because our society and our culture has taught them that they are insignificant. Our society, and our culture, and our entertainment industry is continuously programming our children, and even we as adults... to be followers instead of leaders. We are taught through the dark magic of Hollywood, and our music industry, and our sports heroes to believe that we are imperfect in our present state.

People today want to live through their favorite sports star, or movie star, or music star, and so they dream about becoming like them and emulating them, and drawing near to them. But what about our Messiah who gave his very life so that we may live? What about the unfolding plan of

our Father who gave his only begotten Son so that whoever would believe in him should not perish but have eternal life? What about picking up our cross and following him?

Why is it that we feel so insignificant when the truth of the matter is, that each and every single solitary one of our souls is more precious than all the gold, silver, diamonds, emeralds, and rubies of the earth all put together. Each one of our souls is precious to our Father in heaven. So precious... that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life with him and his kingdom.

You see our Father in heaven did not send his only begotten Son into the world to condemn the world. He sent his only begotten Son into the world in order that the world might be saved through him.

And so, how is it then, that any one of us could possibly trade who we are for some cheap television imitation of a little “g” god? How is it that any one of us could possibly even consider wanting to mold, and fashion ourselves to resemble something or someone else? Think about that for a moment.

Our Father’s unfolding plan of redemption seats us on the throne of our Messiah with our Messiah, to rule and reign over the nations along with him. **(scrn 1) and (scrn 2)**

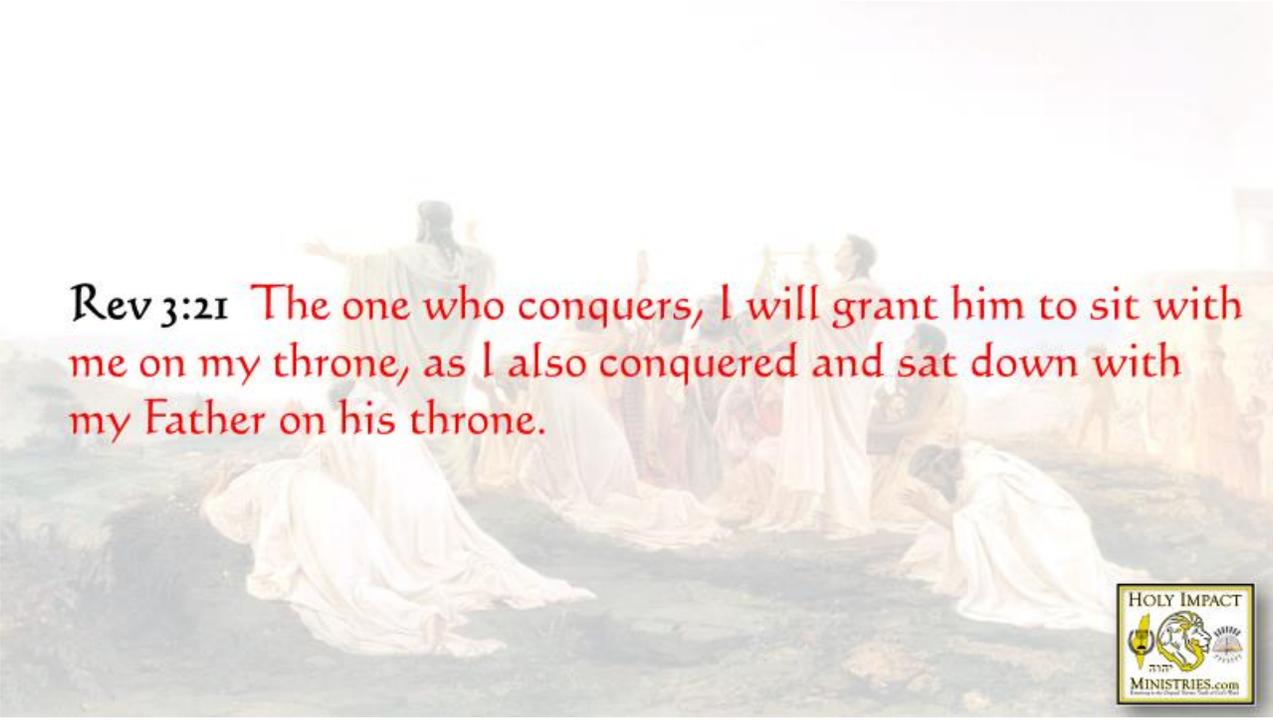
Rev 2:25 Only hold fast what you have until I come.

Rev 2:26 The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations,

Rev 2:27 and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.

Rev 2:28 And I will give him the morning star.





Rev 3:21 The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.



And so, when we read about all of these different Egyptian little “g” gods, I want us to stop and think about what it was that made them little “g” gods. What was it that made them little “g” gods in the first place? It was the adoration, and the attention, and the worship that these little “g” gods took from... our Father in heaven. That’s what made them little “g” gods in the first place.

You see our adversary had tricked the people of Egypt into thinking that insects, and animals, and the sun, the moon and the stars were worthy of their adoration, and their attention, and their income, and their worship... when the truth of the matter was... that most of these little “g” gods didn’t even exist. But make no mistake about it my friends, these little “g” gods did exist in the minds of the Egyptian people, just like the little “g” gods of Hollywood exist in our minds today.

In the minds of the Egyptian people... these little “g” gods were very real. Why? Because they had bought into the lie. They had traded the truth for lie, and a lie for the truth. They had traded light for darkness, and darkness for light, and they had traded bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. They had become wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight. And when the light of truth came to them... they rejected it. And because they rejected the light of truth, they themselves became rejected.

My friends I don’t care if it’s global warming, I don’t care if it’s abortion, I don’t care of its homosexuality... the day that you buy into the lie... and you trade the truth for a lie... is the day that you become a friend of this world. And the day that you become a friend of this world is the very day that you become an enemy of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

What is it that causes us to buy into the lie of deception like the Egyptian people did? What is it that causes us to believe someone that is blatantly bald-faced lying to us?

In most cases I would submit to you that most deception comes from those seated in high places of authority here on earth. Think about it. What started the first two world wars? Was it not people seated in high places of authority here on earth? When we take the time to examine the deception that today's modern-day version of Christianity has fallen into... we must ask ourselves where this deception came from. So where did all of this deception come from? It came from those seated in high places of authority here on earth.

But where did the true gospel message of our Messiah come from? Think about that for just a moment. Did the unfolding plan of our Father in heaven, come from men seated in high places of authority here on earth? Who was Abraham? He was an uncircumcised Gentile living in the land of Ur, of the Chaldees... (which were a pagan people by the way).

Was Abraham someone who was seated in high places of authority here on earth? No, he was not. Who was Noah? Was Noah seated in a high place of authority here on this earth? No, he was not. Why do you think that they laughed at him when he began to build the ark? Because he was a nobody according to the people of the Earth. Noah was nothing special here on earth. He wasn't a King, he wasn't royalty, he wasn't the leader of anything other than his own family. Who was our Messiah? Was he not a carpenter born in a Sukkah (also known as a manger). Let me ask you this my friends... was our Messiah seated in a high place of authority here on this earth? No, he was not. He was born an innocent child with nowhere to lay his head. And so, when we look at where truth comes from... verses where deception comes from... it should be clear to us that the majority of time... deception comes from those seated in high places of authority here on this earth.

And I want us to ask ourselves, what those seated in high places of authority here on earth are now telling us? Are they not telling us that abortion is good, and that the murder of a child in the womb of its mother is righteous, when it is written that thou shalt not murder? Are they not telling us that it is good to marry one man with another man, and a woman with another woman, when it is written that this is an abomination to Yah? Are they not telling us that we do not need walls or weapons to protect ourselves against evil... when it is written that in Jeremiahs day each man built the wall with a trowel in one hand and his bow in the other? Are they not telling us that man has caused global warming... even though Isaiah chapter 24 tells us very clearly, that it is the one true God of Israel that will turn the world upside down and burn it with fire?

The people in Egypt believed in these little "g" gods of Egypt because those seated in high places of authority here on earth told them to believe in these little "g" gods. Those seated in high places of authority here on earth such as the Pharaoh himself, told them that he himself was a "god", and they believed it. Pharaoh made himself out to be "god" and those that worked for him bowed down before him as an example to the people, and what happened? The people believe and bowed down too.

You see, most of the deception that today's modern-day culture and society has been led into... has been led into these deceptions by those seated in high places of authority here on earth who told them to believe in these things. And so, once again I would submit to you that there is no difference between humanity over 3000 years ago, and humanity today. And if we think about it long enough and hard enough, we would remember what our Scripture told us about these kinds of people. Does the Scripture not tell us that we will know them by their fruits?

Most people here in United States divide themselves by calling themselves either a Republican or a Democrat. One side believes in the sanctification of marriage as our Father in heaven ordained as being between one man and one woman. The other side believes in homosexual marriage, and cares nothing about what our Father in heaven says. One side believes that Jerusalem is indeed the capital of Israel. The other side boozed Israel on national television in front of God and man during their national convention. One side believes in the sanctification of life at conception and that life is created by God. The other side believes that a woman's choice trumps not only life... but the commandment of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. I would submit to you that one side at least says that it is trying to do the right thing as far as our Father in heaven is concerned. But the other side openly blasphemes and shakes its fist in the face of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

You see to them it's all about then being their own gods just like the Pharaoh of Egypt. To them the choice of a woman... overrides the commandment of our Father in heaven. To them the homosexual's man-made rights... override the commandment of our Father in heaven. You see to them, Yahovah, the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and his only begotten Son Yeshua Hamashiach don't even exist. How do I know that? I know that because if they did know that he existed... they would fear him.

But you see they don't fear him. Our Scripture tell us that we will know them by their fruits. We know who they are. And yet, just like the people of Egypt... we continuously bow the knee to them. And just like Adam and Eve bowed the knee to the serpent in the garden of Eden... so too is man right now bowing the knee to the serpent in our time.

I often times hear my brothers and sisters saying that they don't want to be involved in politics. They don't want to be involved in the mess, and the division. They are in this world but they are not of this world, and so they believe that they have been given a pass to sit down in the face of adversity and persecution. But that's not what the Scripture teaches us. The Scripture teaches us to stand not to sit. The Scripture teaches us to contend for the faith in all facets of life... not just when it's comfortable.

Our Scripture tells us to preach the word, and to be ready in season and out of season to reprove, to rebuke, and to exhort, and to teach. Nowhere in our Scripture does it tell us to reprove, rebuke, and to exhort, and to teach only when we feel like it, or only where we feel like it. Politics and those who speak politically are either in one of two categories. Either they are

right... or they are wrong. And just because they are politicians who speak politically... this does not give them a free pass to blaspheme the Most High God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And just because they are politicians who speak politically, and are seated in high places of authority here on this earth, this does not mean that they are exempt from doing what is right.

John the Baptist knew this very well as he chastised King Herod publicly for divorcing his wife and unlawfully taking Herodias, the wife of his brother. We don't see John the Baptist backing down, and shrinking back because Herod was a King. And I would submit to you my friends that those who tell us that we as Christians should stay out of politics, are nothing more than forces of darkness working against the light. You see, they don't want to hear John the Baptist crying out in the wilderness. They don't want to hear John the Baptist chastising their Kings and Queens. And they themselves don't want to be part of the division. But... is not written that division is exactly what our Messiah brought to the earth?

Luk 12:51 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.

Luk 12:52 For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three.

Luk 12:53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

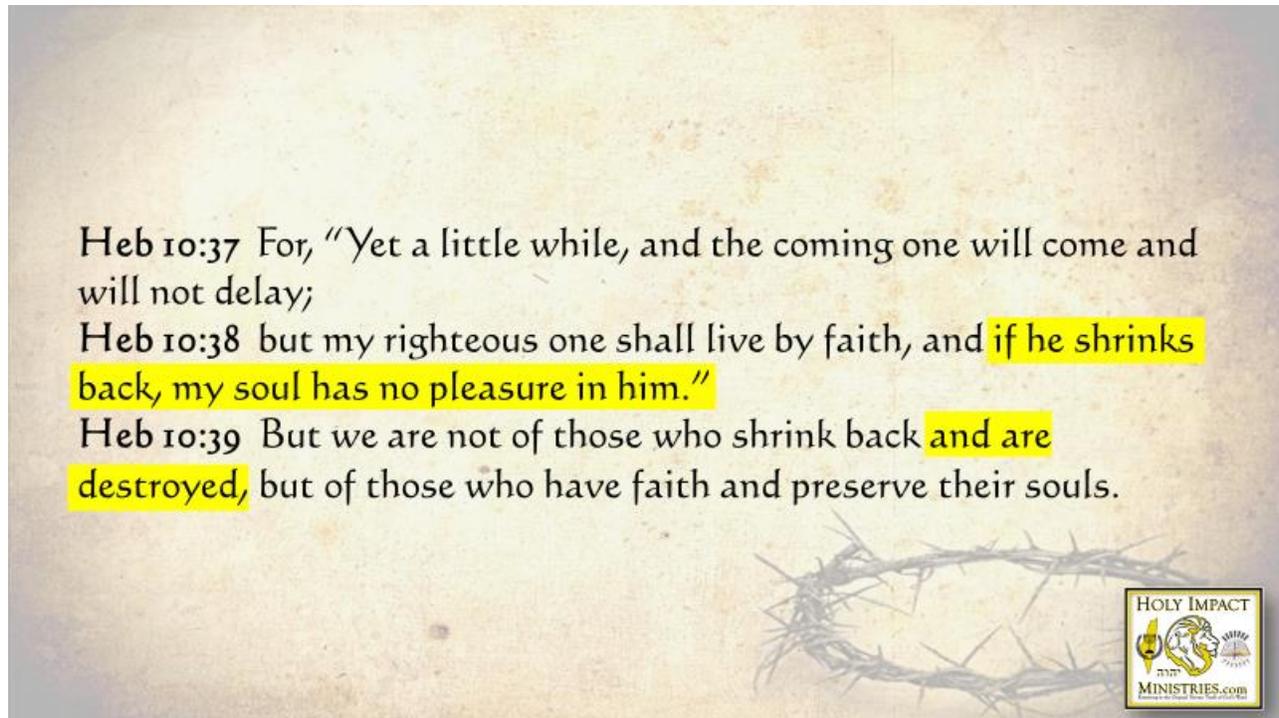


Too many modern-day professing Christians don't want to be caught up in the division, but I would submit to you my friends that we are called to be divided. We are called to be clearly set apart as his people that stand for his word. I would submit to you that a Christian who is unwilling to stand for the word of God is not a Christian at all. When Peter and the Apostles were wiped and thrown into jail and told by the authorities of their day not to speak in the name of Yahshua Jesus what did they do. Did they shrink back and bow down to the authorities of their day? No, they did not. They went right back into the square of the city and stood for the light of truth.

For a modern-day Christian to sit down in the face of adversity is a sin my friends, and we ought to see it that way. When we don't stand against abortion, and we don't stand against

homosexuality, and we don't stand for the rights and the freedoms of our people we are doing our Messiah no service.

This my friends is called "shrinking back". And this my friends this is unacceptable to our Father and his only begotten Son.



Nowhere in our Scripture are we told that politics and politicians are exempt from the word of Yah. And I would submit to you that this is exactly why the people of Egypt fell into submission under Pharaoh. Pharaoh claimed to be a god. And the people simply bought it hook, line, and sinker. They were told to sit down and to worship their plethora of little "g" gods and be good little boys and girls for Pharaoh... and that's exactly what they did. They kept their mouths shut and did as they were told and by doing so... they became complicit with the evils that Pharaoh did.

What I'm trying to get us to do here, is to contrast between Egypt and the world today. And what I'm saying here is that there is no difference between Egypt and the world today. Those who are seated in high places of authority are doing to us the exact same thing that the Pharaoh of Egypt did to the people of Egypt. The more deception that they pump into our ears, the more we believe the lie and bow down to them. And the more we believe the lie and bow down to it... the more complicit we become.

With that in mind... what does the scripture say that our Father is going to do with those seated in high places here on this earth? I'd like us to turn to **Psalms 2:1-12: E3**

Psa 2:1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

Psa 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

Psa 2:3 "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

Psa 2:4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

Psa 2:5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

Psa 2:6 "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

Psa 2:7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

Psa 2:8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Psa 2:9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Psa 2:10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Psa 2:11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Psa 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

As true God-fearing, cross bearing, Messiah following Christians... we are called to stand in season and out of season, not just when it's comfortable. We are called to contend for the faith. We are called to conquer over evil and all of its darkness and deception. We are called to stand on the word of Yahovah and his only begotten Son. We are called to preach the word, to be ready in season and out of season, to reprove, to rebuke, and to exhort, and teach... not to sit it out, or cower under our beds as so many 501C3 denominations shamefully preach today.

Are we doing that? Were the people of Egypt doing that? Are we so different from them? Are we standing up against abortion and the murder of innocent children in the wombs of their mothers? Are we standing against homosexual marriage? Are we standing against global warming? Are we standing against man-made religions, and dogmas, and philosophical theologies of men? Are we raising our voices against such things? Or... are we shrinking back in the face of adversity?

I would submit to you that today's modern-day version of Christianity has grown apathetic and slothful in its responsibilities. And it is because today's modern day version of Christianity has fallen so far, that we are in the trouble that we see before us today.

Some very wise and truthful words were spoken back in 1875 by a man by the name of Reverend Charles Finney, that I believe should have been taken to heart back then but were not. He said this: **(scrn 8)**

Brethren, our preaching will bear its legitimate fruits. If immorality prevails in the land, the fault is ours in a great degree. If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it.

If the public press lacks moral discrimination, the pulpit is responsible for it.

If the church is degenerate and worldly, the pulpit is responsible for it.

If the world loses its interest in religion, the pulpit is responsible for it.

If Satan rules in our halls of legislation, the pulpit is responsible for it.

If our politics become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it.

Let us not ignore this fact, my dear brethren; but let us lay it to heart, and be thoroughly awake to our responsibility in respect to the morals of this nation.

The Rev. Charles Finney (d. 1875)



With all of that being said, I'd like us to turn to the 10th chapter of the book of Exodus and as we read through the 10th chapter of the book of Exodus, I want us to be on the lookout for how many times Pharaoh's heart was hardened against the God of Israel. And I want us to think about how it was that Yah hardened Pharaoh's heart. How did Yah Harden Pharaoh's heart?

I would submit to you that he hardened Pharaoh's heart by continuing to demand that he let his people go. This is what hardened Pharaoh's heart. Yah was not backing down. Yah was pushing Pharaoh farther, and farther, and farther with each and every plague. And it was because Pharaoh could not win... that his heart became hardened. It was because he knew that he could not beat the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

You see, Pharaoh wanted to be God. Pharaoh wanted the power over the people. Pharaoh wanted the adoration, and the adornment, and the worship, and the power and the Majesty that could only belong to the Elohiym of Israel. And the more that Yah pushed Pharaoh... the more Pharaoh's heart hardened against him. This is how Yah hardened the heart of Pharaoh. I do not believe that our Father in heaven necessarily supernaturally hardened Pharaoh's heart. I believe that the very challenge that came from Yah is what hardened Pharaoh's heart because Pharaoh himself had bought into the lie that he himself was a god. And I would submit to you that this is the exact same position that many of our politicians, and kings and queens of today have taken. Professing themselves to be wise... they have become fools. They say that they are for the poor, and the unfortunate, and the downtrodden... but their fruits expose them for who they truly are.

Nevertheless, Pharaoh was indeed created by Yah for this purpose. And it was indeed through Pharaoh that Yah revealed himself to the world. With that in mind, let's continue on by reading Exodus chapter 10 so that we can know exactly what it says, and just as importantly what it

does not say. Exodus chapter 10: E1

Exo 10:1 *Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may show these signs of mine among them, Exo 10:2 and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and of your grandson how I have dealt harshly with the Egyptians and what signs I have done among them, that you may know that I am the LORD.”*

Exo 10:3 *So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh and said to him, “Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, that they may serve me.*

Exo 10:4 *For if you refuse to let my people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your country,*

Exo 10:5 *and they shall cover the face of the land, so that no one can see the land. And they shall eat what is left to you after the hail, and they shall eat every tree of yours that grows in the field,*

Exo 10:6 *and they shall fill your houses and the houses of all your servants and of all the Egyptians, as neither your fathers nor your grandfathers have seen, from the day they came on earth to this day.” Then he turned and went out from Pharaoh.*

Exo 10:7 *Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, “How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not yet understand that Egypt is ruined?”*

Exo 10:8 *So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. And he said to them, “Go, serve the LORD your God. But which ones are to go?”*

Exo 10:9 *Moses said, “We will go with our young and our old. We will go with our sons and daughters and with our flocks and herds, for we must hold a feast to the LORD.”*

Exo 10:10 *But he said to them, “The LORD be with you, if ever I let you and your little ones go! Look, you have some evil purpose in mind.*

Exo 10:11 *No! Go, the men among you, and serve the LORD, for that is what you are asking.” And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.*

Exo 10:12 *Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, so that they may come upon the land of Egypt and eat every plant in the land, all that the hail has left.”*

Exo 10:13 *So Moses stretched out his staff over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day and all that night. When it was morning, the east wind had brought the locusts.*

Exo 10:14 *The locusts came up over all the land of Egypt and settled on the whole country of Egypt, such a dense swarm of locusts as had never been before, nor ever will be again.*

Exo 10:15 *They covered the face of the whole land, so that the land was darkened,*

and they ate all the plants in the land and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. Not a green thing remained, neither tree nor plant of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

Exo 10:16 Then Pharaoh hastily called Moses and Aaron and said, “I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.

Exo 10:17 Now therefore, forgive my sin, please, only this once, and plead with the LORD your God only to remove this death from me.”

Exo 10:18 So he went out from Pharaoh and pleaded with the LORD.

Exo 10:19 And the LORD turned the wind into a very strong west wind, which lifted the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea. Not a single locust was left in all the country of Egypt.

Exo 10:20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go.

Exo 10:21 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt.”

Exo 10:22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.

Exo 10:23 They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived.

Exo 10:24 Then Pharaoh called Moses and said, “Go, serve the LORD; your little ones also may go with you; only let your flocks and your herds remain behind.”

Exo 10:25 But Moses said, “You must also let us have sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

Exo 10:26 Our livestock also must go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind, for we must take of them to serve the LORD our God, and we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there.”

Exo 10:27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

Exo 10:28 Then Pharaoh said to him, “Get away from me; take care never to see my face again, for on the day you see my face you shall die.”

Exo 10:29 Moses said, “As you say! I will not see your face again.”

One of the first things that I want us to think about here in the 10th chapter of the book of Exodus is how it is that our Father in heaven finally breaks the back of Pharaoh and the people of Egypt. What did he use to break them?

I often times hear my brothers and sisters talking about how our Father in heaven is going to use man's technology against him. I often times hear my brothers and sisters talking about how the Mark of the beast has to be the RFID chip, or that our Father in heaven has to use man's nuclear power against him. And although I will not deny that this could indeed be the case... I would have to argue that man's newfound technology does not fit the pattern that our Father in heaven

has shown us from the beginning.

I want us to notice that all of these plagues against Egypt come from natural sources. Continuously all throughout the Scripture, our Father in heaven uses the natural sources of the earth and nature to bring plagues, and war, and famine against his enemies. I want us to notice that our Father in heaven never has to use nuclear capability. Our Father never has to use man's technology to make his point. Our Father never flew a bomber over the heads of the people and bombed them. And I would submit to you that he still doesn't have to use man's technology to get his point across, or to show his wrath. Although... he certainly could if he wanted to.

I also want us to understand that as we study the book of Revelation, we will once again see a lot of the same plagues that our Father used against Egypt will once again come to fruition at the end of the age. If we study the book of Revelation, we find that the water is once again poisoned. And we once again we find the menacing encroachment of locusts. And we once again we find plagues, and sickness, and death which were all used in the plagues that our Father struck Egypt with.

And so, my point in all of this is that our Father has no need to use man's technology in order to fulfill his unfolding plan for mankind. Every one of the natural plagues that he used in Egypt to defeat Pharaoh back in Moses time would indeed defeat modern day man in our time. What is the Mark that we take on our hands and in our four head? Is it a chip? And if you take a chip in your hand... how does that affect your four head? Is it a mark on your four head? If you take a number or a mark on your forehead... how does that affect your hand?

I would submit to you that your hand represents what you do. And I would submit to you that your four head represents what you believe. If you believe in the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in your four head... then you will do what he says with your hands.

If on the other hand... you do not believe in the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in your four head... then you will not do what he says with your hands. If you believe in another Roman rooted little "g" god in your four head... then you will serve that Roman rooted little "g" god in what you do with your hands when you count your beads... and when you pray to the queen of heaven... and when you keep his first day of the week Sunday Sabbath.

I would submit to you that our Father in heaven works in the natural world more than he works in the man-made technological world, and I think that we would do well to be keenly aware of that. Just food for thought.

If you think you can stop global warming by taxing farmers out of their ranches and out of their homes because of how many times their cows fart... you might want to stop for just a moment and ask yourself which God you believe in. Because our God says that if you will humble yourself and pray and seek his face and turn from your wicked ways that he will heal your land. Their little "g" god says "give me your money". Which one do you believe in? Remember ...

you will know them by their fruits.

Once again in chapter 10 verse two we are told that the reason that Yah is continuing to Harden Pharaoh's heart is so that Moses can tell his sons and his grandson about how Yah dealt with the Egyptians so that his sons and grandsons would know that Yah is the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And we see this theme all throughout the book of Exodus over, and over, and over again. And right here in the 10th chapter of the book of Exodus... we see it again. Do you think our Father wants us to teach these things to our children throughout their generations as a sign forever? You bet he does, and we'll see our Father nail that concept down tight as we study his Passover in the 12th chapter of the book of Exodus next week.

One thing that I would like us to keep in mind is that our Father's decisions are not always for our immediate benefit. Let me say that again... our Father's decisions are not always for our immediate benefit. Our Father's decisions are intended to achieve his purposes to best benefit his kingdom... not our personal and individual earthly benefit. In the long run the decisions of our Father do affect our happiness, and our comfort, and our success. But... our Father in heaven is not **as** concerned with our earthly happiness, comfort, and success... as he is concerned with our everlasting happiness, comfort, and success. And I say that because I know for a fact that many of today's modern-day prosperity preachers simply have it backwards, and I just want to once again bring us back to what the Scripture says, and not what today's modern-day prosperity preachers might be trying to sell us. I'm sure that the people of Israel were troubled when they heard the whaling and the sobbing of the Egyptian people when Yah took their first born children from them... but... once again, the discomfort of these plagues of Egypt that the people of Israel were forced to witness far outweighed the unfolding plan of our Father to make himself known to the world. **E1**

I also want to draw our attention to Exodus chapter 10 verse seven so that we can acknowledge what Pharaoh's own servants told him. His own servants asked him how long Moses was going to be a snare to them. Pharaoh's own servants asked him to let the men of Israel go so that they could serve Yahovah their God. And I want us to understand what else they told the Pharaoh of Egypt in Exodus chapter 10 verse seven. They said and I quote, "*do you not yet understand that Egypt is ruined?*"

We must remember what all of these plagues had done to the land of Egypt so far. All these strikes, or plagues against Egypt had brought famine and disease and plague to Egypt. These plagues had completely wiped out all of their food, most of their livestock, and all of their crops in the field. And yet... the Pharaoh of Egypt still thinks that he can win this battle with the Most High Elohim of Israel. **E1**

I also want to draw our attention back to Exodus chapter 10 verses 21 through 23:

Exo 10:21 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt."

Exo 10:22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.

Exo 10:23 They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived.

Most biblical scholars will agree that this was no typical darkness that came upon the land of Egypt. In verse 21 we're told that this darkness could actually be felt. We are also told that they could not see one another, and that no one rose from their place for three days.

This was no typical darkness. We are also told in verse 23 that the people of Israel did have light where they lived. How could that be? How could it be so dark in the land of Egypt that they couldn't even see each other... and yet, right there in the land of Goshen where the Israelite people lived... there was light? Let's turn to **Revelation chapter 21 verses 23 to 25: (scrn 4)**

Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Rev 21:24 By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,

Rev 21:25 and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.



There should be no doubt in our minds that our Father in heaven gives light. In fact... it is this light that our Father in heaven gives, that will shine on us all in his coming kingdom. We will no longer need the sun or the moon to shine on us because the glory of Yahovah will give its light, and in the last days in the book of Revelation its lamp... is the Lamb. Once again... our "Passover Lamb". And we'll get more into that in chapter 12 as we move forward next week.

And so, there should be no doubt in our minds where the light came from that shown on the house of Israel. Yah was surly with his people as they endured the plagues of Egypt. And I would also submit to you my friends that there is no difference today in our time. We who have the indwelling of the Ruach Hokadesh of the Most High Elohim of Israel do indeed have the light of Yah shining brightly within us today. And this is exactly why we are told to shine our

light on others. We are not to back down in the face of the day's political persecution. No one sets the light on a hill and then covers it with a bowl.

The darkness that Egypt could feel... I would submit to you was the separation from Yahovah. When you turn a light switch off in a room... darkness immediately floods the room. When the light of Yahovah leaves our presence... darkness fills our lives. Not only did the physical light from the sun no longer shine on Egypt... but neither did the spiritual light of Yah shine on them.

When the righteous light of Yah is removed... the darkness of evil quickly moves in. I would submit to you that these three days of darkness were terrifying days for Pharaoh and the people of Egypt. Chances are very good that this darkness was mixed with a thick fog that stopped them from even lighting a candle or burning an oil lamp. The thickness of this darkness had to have been like a darkness mixed with a thick fog bank.

One thing that we do know, is that it was this terrible darkness that began to crack this shell of the Pharaoh of Egypt. Up until this point in time, Pharaoh was not going to allow anyone to leave Egypt. But... after this three days of darkness, Pharaoh begins to at least allow the men of Egypt to go worship Yahovah in the desert. But once again Yah pushes Pharaoh even farther by telling Pharaoh through Moses that he is not only going to let the men go... but that he's also going to let the women, and children, and all of the livestock go before Yah is finished with him. And not only that... but the people of Egypt are also going to let their silver and gold go along with Yah's people as well.

With that in mind, let's move forward and read Exodus chapter 11 so that we can once again know exactly what it says, and just as importantly what it does not say as the plot thickens.

Exodus chapter 11: E2

Exo 11:1 *The LORD said to Moses, "Yet one plague more I will bring upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will drive you away completely.*

Exo 11:2 *Speak now in the hearing of the people, that they ask, every man of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor, for silver and gold jewelry."*

Exo 11:3 *And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.*

Exo 11:4 *So Moses said, "Thus says the LORD: 'About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt,*

Exo 11:5 *and every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the cattle.*

Exo 11:6 *There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been, nor ever will be again.*

Exo 11:7 But not a dog shall growl against any of the people of Israel, either man or beast, that you may know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.'

Exo 11:8 And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, you and all the people who follow you.' And after that I will go out." And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger.

Exo 11:9 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not listen to you, that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt."

Exo 11:10 Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh, and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go out of his land.

What we're seeing here in the 11th chapter of the book of Exodus is not a continuation of plagues upon Pharaoh and the people of Egypt. What we are seeing here in the 11th chapter of the book of Exodus, is what is called "judgment".

The other nine plagues or strikes against Egypt were meant to get their attention. These other nine plagues or strikes against Egypt were designed to show both Pharaoh and the people of Egypt that all of their little "g" gods put together were not as powerful as the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

These other nine plagues pushed Pharaoh as hard as he could be pushed. But every time our Father pushed Pharaoh, his heart became more hardened, and Pharaoh became more determined to win the battle. Our Father knew that by pushing Pharaoh this would happen. Our Father knew that the Pharaoh of Egypt had no intention of laying down his own title as a "god" and relinquishing his authority to the creator of the heavens and the earth.

This last strike or plague against Egypt was not a plague. This last strike against Egypt would indeed be Yah's judgment against Egypt. At this point in time Egypt's fate had been sealed. There was going to be no more bartering between Yah and the Pharaoh of Egypt.

What we need to understand is that according to the Scripture, the firstborn son of a man is the extension of the man's legacy. The firstborn son of a man was extremely important. If a man did not have a firstborn son, then that man had no legacy. And this is why childbirth back in those days was so important to the people of Israel. It was important to the man, because without a firstborn son that man had no legacy. And it was important to the woman, because if a woman could not give a man a firstborn son, then she was looked upon as cursed and of lesser value in the community. And just to give us some clarity on this, I want us to take a look at Deuteronomy chapter 21 verses 15 to 17: **(scrn 5)**

Deu 21:15 "If a man has two wives, the one loved and the other unloved, and both the loved and the unloved have borne him children, and if the firstborn son belongs to the unloved,
Deu 21:16 then on the day when he assigns his possessions as an inheritance to his sons, he may not treat the son of the loved as the firstborn in preference to the son of the unloved, who is the firstborn,
Deu 21:17 but he shall acknowledge the firstborn, the son of the unloved, by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the firstfruits of his strength. The right of the firstborn is his.



And so, when we look upon this last and final judgment against the people of Egypt, I want us to recognize what it is that we are seeing. If the firstborn of every man and every animal is wiped out... the firstfruits of the strength of every man and beast in Egypt was also wiped out. And so, knowing and understanding these things, I want us to be able to see the bigger picture here. And what's interesting here is that we are told that even the slave girl who is at her handmill would lose her firstborn son. So, in other words, not one animal, and not one soul in the land of Egypt would have a firstborn son. Our Father in heaven was completely and utterly cutting off the strength of Egypt that night of the Passover. He was bringing them to their knees. And I want us to understand what that means for the world, and what's soon to come in the very near future.

E2 in Exodus chapter 11 verse three we're told that Yah gave the Israelite people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. In fact, we're told that Moses became very great in the land of Egypt and in the sight of Pharaoh's servants as well. They were indeed beginning to fear the Hebrew Elohim of Israel. And I want us to notice in verse two, that Yah tells the people of Israel to go to their Egyptian neighbors and to ask them for their silver and for gold jewelry. And Yah saw to it that the people of Israel were given all of their silver and gold jewelry. Why? We're told why in verse seven. So that we may know that Yahovah makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.

What we must understand, is that in the eyes of our Father there are only two groups of people in the world today. There are Israelites... and then there is the rest of the world. To this very day our Father in heaven only sees two groups of people. The Israelite that belongs to him... and the rest of the Pagan world. And this is a biblical narrative that we will see all throughout every single solitary one of the 66 books of our Bibles.

To this very day our Father is busy electing, dividing, and separating Israel from the rest of the world. The problem is, that today's modern-day version of Christianity has long ago lost its way in understanding this most simple everlasting covenant that has been made with the house of Israel, and the house of Israel alone.

For a Gentile to say that he or she is not part of the house of Israel, is to say that they are still a Gentile. You see, a true believer in the Messiah Yeshua (also known as Jesus in the Greek) is automatically grafted into the house of Israel. We must remember that according to Scripture the new covenant was only given to the house of Israel. And if you don't believe that... you need to go sit down and read your Bible. Jeremiah chapter 31 verses 31 through 34, and Romans chapter 11, and Galatians chapter 3 would be a good start.

From right here in the book of Exodus, all the way through to the book of Revelation you will not find our Father in heaven negating or doing away with his promise to the house of Israel. And before we close out chapter 11 of the book of Exodus... I want us all to understand how important it is to be here next week for our study into the 12th chapter of the book of Exodus.

If you know someone who has been caught up in today's modern-day version of Christianity and its many different Roman rooted doctrines, dogmas, theologies, and man-made philosophical understandings... you will want to invite them to our study next week into the 12th chapter of the book of Exodus as we teach the truth about what the Passover means to a modern-day Christian and why it means so very much to those of us who know the truth.

I want everybody to help get the word out next week on Wednesday, February 13th at 7 PM Eastern standard time. We will be teaching the scriptural truth about where the Passover started right here in the 12th chapter of the book of Exodus. We will be teaching the scriptural truth about the true identity of a modern-day Christian. We will be teaching the scriptural truth about the biblical anniversary of the death of our Messiah. We will be teaching the scriptural truth about why our Messiah is called "*our Passover Lamb*" and not "*our Easter ham*".

This next teaching next Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard time is so tectonically important, that I would submit to you my friends, that any Christian who does not understand the Passover here in Exodus chapter 12 properly... will most likely be the professing Christian found in Matthew chapter 7 versus 21 through 23: **(scrn 6)**

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Mat 7:22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'

Mat 7:23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'



How can someone think that they are Christian... how can someone think that they know their Messiah... how can someone think that they are doing his will... how can someone think that they are among the chosen... how can someone think that they are worthy... only to be told by the Messiah... that he doesn't even know them?

I'll tell you how. By not studying to show yourself approved. By not understanding the Passover, by not keeping the true anniversary of his death on Passover day, by not doing the will of his Father who is in heaven, and by not keeping his seventh day Sabbath. That's how a professing Christian can be found weighed and wanting in Matthew chapter 7 versus 21 through 23.

Make no mistake about it my friends there are going to be billions, if not trillions of people who are going to think that they are good upstanding righteous Christians... who are going to be sent away when they finally get to come before their Messiah. Why? Because they did not study to show themselves approved. They allowed some man standing behind a pulpit down at the corner of their street to tell them what Yah's word says instead of reading what Yah's word says for themselves and asking our Father for the discernment to understand it.

Next week we will turn you into a Berean. We will show you the truth of Scripture. We will take you by the hand and walk you through the unfolding plan of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We will show you how our Father in heaven has proclaimed the end from the beginning and the importance of understanding his patterns. This next study is that important.

And with all of that being said, I would like to once again ask that you please, please, take what you've heard here today to your prayer closet. Bow your head, and bend your knee, and face the

holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you heard here today be true... Or not.

Ask, seek, and knock and the door will be opened to you. And if you will do that, you and I will surely walk hand in hand through the Gates of his soon coming kingdom.

I'm pastor Scott Velain with Holy Impact Ministries and I'd like to thank each and every one within the sound of my voice for sharing your time with me here today.