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Exodus Chapter 14 Egypt's Last Stand

As we move into the 14th chapter of the book of Exodus, a lot of what we have been talking about over the past several weeks is going to stay true not just here in the book of Exodus, but all throughout our Fathers Torah, and the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms, and on up throughout the New Testament as well.

Once again, right here in the 14th chapter of the book of Exodus we will find our Father proclaiming the end from the beginning. If you were with us this past seventh day Sabbath on Saturday for our live seventh day Sabbath broadcast as we studied the book of Revelation, you have already seen the very sharp contrast between the plagues of Egypt, and the plagues that are about to befall mankind in the book of Revelation. And I would submit to you that what we're going to read about here in the 14th chapter of the book of Exodus is also going to tie in with what is soon going to play out in the very near future of mankind.

Over the last couple of chapters, we've talked about how it is that our Father in heaven redeems his people from sin. We talked about the fact that the house of Israel, and the house of Israel alone had been called out to be a set apart people specifically for our Father in heaven. The very first born of both man and beast were to be set apart for Yah the one true Most-High God of Israel and they were to be redeemed back by the head of the household. That is purchased back for a price by their earthly fathers which sets a precedent for us to understand that redemption always comes at a price.

Once the law of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is transgressed... a price must be paid in order for redemption to come. And we will see as we walk through our Scripture that our Father in heaven will sacrifice one evil people group for the redemption of another as he sees fit. As we have read in our Scripture last week, the Egyptians were ransomed for the house of Israel. And once again, we can find that in Isaiah chapter 43 verse three just in case you weren't with us last week, but my point in all of this is that we are going to continuously see that evil never wins over good. Evil may win a battle here and there... but in never wins the war against the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the end.

Often times we look around and we see evil prevailing all around us because that's our perception of what we see. But the truth of the matter is what we are seeing is the patients of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. What we are seeing is not that evil is prevailing... but rather that our Father in heaven is giving those who do evil and opportunity to see that what

they are doing is evil. Our Father in heaven is giving the world ample time to wake up and to realize the difference between good and evil. He was given the world an opportunity to wallow in its own sin so that it the world might know what it is that sin produces. What sin produces for mankind is never good. Sin does nothing but make man sick. It is a cancer and an illness that is highly contagious and yet... sin itself almost always has something to teach the sinner.

Sin can be likened to the prodigal son who left his father and ran off to plunge himself into the pleasures of the world only to find out... that being a part of the world was not exactly what he thought it was going to be. We are that prodigal son. We are those who have plunged ourselves into the pleasures of worldly sin. We are among those who thought at one time, that we wanted to become friends with the world. We thought that we wanted to make a name for ourselves. We thought that we wanted to live like the Jones next door. We thought that we wanted to amass as much earthly stuff as possible. We thought that fitting in meant that you had the love and worship sports... you had to have everything that your neighbor has... you have to own every new gadget that comes out on the market. You have to tell dirty jokes just like the guys do at work. You have to wear the most alluring clothing possible the way that all the women do on television and in the movies. You have to have that house with the white picket fence and a dog in the yard and a new car in the driveway, and the big screen television, and a thousand-dollar cell phone, and all the bling and all the pomp and the pageantry that comes with it. Only to find out... that being part of the world... is not what we thought that it was going to be.

There are many of us who used to live in sin. And because we used to live in sin, we have learned what sin is. It was because our Father in heaven had patience with us that we were able to fill our nostrils with sin. And it was only then, when we were drowning in our own sin... that our Father was able to reach us through his only begotten Son who was more than willing to throw us the life raft that we needed to pull us out of that sin. It was our Father who had planned from the beginning to sacrifice his only begotten Son just the way Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son... so that our ransom would be paid... and we could finally be redeemed.

The reason that he chose us to be a set apart people for him is because he already knew that we would eventually choose him over sin. He already knew that by setting us free to do as we chose to do... we would learn from our mistakes, and we would turn back and seek his face.

Unfortunately... there are those in the world who unlike the prodigal son... never do return to the Father. There are those in the world who love sin so much... that they have made themselves friends of the world and by doing so... have made themselves enemies of the Most-High Elohim of Israel. There is a difference between the prodigal son... and Esau who sold his birthright for a bowl of soup. And I want us to contrast the difference between the prodigal son and Esau who sold his birthright for a bowl of soup.

The Pharaoh of Egypt and the Egyptian people who stayed with the Pharaoh of Egypt had sold their birthrights for a bowl of soup. You see they loved living in the sin that they were living in. Our Father in heaven had already shown them time, after time, after time who he was, and why

it was important to choose him. But they chose not to listen. They chose their stockpile of little “g” gods, over the one true God of heaven and earth. And because they had sold out to the world... their hearts were hardened, and their birthright was given to the brothers and sisters who were zealous for it.

And I want us to remember once again... that the people who left Egypt to travel with the house of Israel were indeed grafted into the house of Israel. Those who stayed with Pharaoh made the choice to stay with Pharaoh. And those who chose the Most-High Elohim of Israel... made the choice to stay with the Most-High Elohim of Israel. And you see that’s where the difference lies my friends. That’s where the rubber meets the road. Who do you choose? The truth is that we all serve somebody. It may be the God of Israel or it may be the little “g” god of this world... but we all serve somebody. Make no mistake about it. Man will never be his own God. Man will always serve someone. Man was created to serve, and serve he will. The difference lies within man’s heart. If a man has hardened his heart against the Most-High Elohim of Israel... and if he knowingly and willfully walks away from the Most-High Elohim of Israel after the Most-High Elohim of Israel has made himself known to that man... then that man has knowingly and willfully chosen whom it is that he is going to serve (and when I say man... that includes both man and woman).

Once our Father in heaven knows that a man has made that choice... and that man has chosen to stand against our Father in heaven... that man is then given over to a debased mind to do what not ought to be done. Let’s take a look at **Romans chapter 1 verses 18 through 32: E1**

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

Rom 1:19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

Rom 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Rom 1:21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Rom 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

Rom 1:23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Rom 1:24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

Rom 1:25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Rom 1:26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their

women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature;

Rom 1:27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

Rom 1:28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

Rom 1:29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,

Rom 1:30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

Rom 1:31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

Rom 1:32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

People often times find it difficult to understand why it is that Yah hardened the heart of Pharaoh. But I would submit to you that our Father in heaven hardened the heart of Pharaoh by simply allowing Pharaoh to continue doing what he had already chosen to do. Once again, our Father already knew what was in Pharaoh's heart to begin with.

Once you reject the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob openly and with willful intent... you are in danger of being turned over to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. Once you reject the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob openly and with willful intent... after knowing the truth... and rejecting it... you put yourself in extreme danger. Take into consideration **Hebrews chapter 6 verses 4 through 6: E11**

Heb 6:4 For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit,

Heb 6:5 and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come,

Heb 6:6 and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

We can also contrast this with Hebrews chapter 10 verses 26 through 31: (scrn 1)

Heb 10:26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Heb 10:27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

Heb 10:28 Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.

Heb 10:29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?

Heb 10:30 For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people."

Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.



And I would submit to you that this is exactly what Pharaoh and the people of Egypt who stayed with Pharaoh did. They openly, knowingly, and willfully rejected the creator of the heavens and the earth and all things seen and unseen. They rejected him openly, and willfully. And because they openly, knowingly, and willfully rejected him they were given over to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. You see our Father already knows when we've crossed over into the point of no return. He knows when we have made up our minds, and when we have chosen the creature, over our creator, and its at that point in time, when he closes the door to both salvation and redemption.

My friends our Father in heaven has more patients than any man that I have ever known. But once the Potter creates a pot out of clay... and that clay hardens before it is formed... and if that pot cannot hold water like the other pots he has created... that worthless pot is cast aside and shattered because it has lost its place among the other pots that can hold water.

I would submit to you that this is exactly what we're going to see the 14th chapter of the book of Exodus. And so, keep these things in mind as we read through the 14th chapter of the book of Exodus to see exactly what it says, and just as importantly... what it does not say. **Exodus chapter 14 E2:**

Exo 14:1 *Then the LORD said to Moses,*

Exo 14:2 *"Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea.*

Exo 14:3 *For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, 'They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.'*

Exo 14:4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD." And they did so.

Exo 14:5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?"

Exo 14:6 So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him,

Exo 14:7 and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

Exo 14:8 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly.

Exo 14:9 The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

Exo 14:10 When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD.

Exo 14:11 They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt?"

Exo 14:12 Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

Exo 14:13 And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again.

Exo 14:14 The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

Exo 14:15 The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward.

Exo 14:16 Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground.

Exo 14:17 And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen.

Exo 14:18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

Exo 14:19 Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them,

Exo 14:20 coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the

cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

Exo 14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

Exo 14:22 And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Exo 14:23 The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

Exo 14:24 And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic,

Exo 14:25 clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

Exo 14:26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen."

Exo 14:27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea.

Exo 14:28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained.

Exo 14:29 But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Exo 14:30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

Exo 14:31 Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

As we read through the 14th chapter of the book of Exodus we find that it is written that Yah continuously hardened the heart of Pharaoh to come after his chosen people of Israel.

As we just read the book in the book of Romans chapter 1... because Pharaoh knew Yahovah... and because Yahovah had already made himself known to Pharaoh... and because Pharaoh did not honor him as God, or give thanks to him, the Pharaoh of Egypt became futile in his thinking, and this foolish heart was darkened. Claiming to be wise... he became a fool.

You see the Pharaoh of Egypt exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man, and birds, and animals, and creeping things. He exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than his creator. And since he did not see fit to acknowledge God... God gave Pharaoh up to a debased mind to do with not ought to be

done. Because the Pharaoh of Egypt knew God's righteous decree... that those who practice such things deserve to die... and not only did them... but gave approval to those who practiced them... the Pharaoh of Egypt along with the people who chose to stay with the Pharaoh of Egypt had sealed their own fate... and were ransomed for the house of Israel.

Yes, Yah created the Pharaoh of Egypt, just as he had created the people of Egypt who rejected him, but Yah already knew when he formed Pharaoh and these people that they would reject him. And so, he chose them to be vessels of wrath prepared for destruction.

Today's modern version of Christianity teaches that God is a loving God that can not hate, nor can he take vengeance, nor can he experience wrath. God is love and love is God and that's all you really need to know about God. But I would submit to you my friends that today's modern-day version of Christianity has missed the Mark once again. And I would once again submit to you that the reason that today's modern-day version of Christianity has missed the mark... is because the pulpit... has missed the mark.

Is our God a loving God? That my friends, goes without question. However... our Father is wise enough to know that once cancer sets in... it must be cut out before it spreads. A little yeast... leavens the whole lump. Part of protecting the house of Israel meant that Yah had to cut out the cancer before it spread. He had to stop the yeast from spreading through the whole lump. And as we read on through our Fathers Torah and the rest of his God breathed Scripture... we will continuously see our Father warning the house of Israel not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has our Messiah with Moloch or Baal? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? You see from the very beginning... the Israelites were the temple of the living God who told them that he would make his dwelling among them, and that he would walk among them, and that he would be their God, and that they would be his people. We can also read that in the New Testament in **Second Corinthians chapter 6 versus 14 through 18: (scrn 2)**

2Co 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

2Co 6:15 What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?

2Co 6:16 What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

2Co 6:17 Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you,

2Co 6:18 and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."



You see there really is no difference between what we find in the Old Testament... in our Fathers Torah... and what we find in the New Testament that our Messiah and his apostles taught and preach lived and died for.

What I want us to understand is that our Father in heaven put hooks in the jaws of the Pharaoh of Egypt, and he drew him and his army against the house of Israel for a purpose. For his purpose. And the purpose that our Father in heaven put hooks in the jaws of Pharaoh and drew him and his armies against the house of Israel... is so that the power and the glory of the one true Most-High Elohim of the heavens and the earth would be known to be exactly who he said he was... the one true Most-High Elohim of the heavens and the earth. And we see this concept over, and over, and over again all throughout the Scripture from the beginning of the book to the end of the book. What Yah does... he does for his namesake. The very first thing that the world needs to understand is who the Most-High Elohim of the heavens and the earth truly is. And the world cannot know who the Most-High Elohim of the heavens and the earth truly is unless he makes himself known to the world without question.

The beginning of wisdom is indeed the fear of God. Those who reject the one true God of Israel will indeed be used for vessels of destruction. Let's turn to **Romans chapter 9 verses 14 through 26: E4**

Rom 9:14 *What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means!*

Rom 9:15 *For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."*

Rom 9:16 *So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has*

mercy.

Rom 9:17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.”

Rom 9:18 So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

Rom 9:19 You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?”

Rom 9:20 But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?”

Rom 9:21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

Rom 9:22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,

Rom 9:23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—

Rom 9:24 even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

Rom 9:25 As indeed he says in Hosea, “Those who were not my people I will call ‘my people,’ and her who was not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’”

Rom 9:26 “And in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’”

Once again, what must be understood here concerning the destruction of Pharaoh and his armies is that our Father in heaven will have mercy on whom he will have mercy... and he will have compassion on whom it is that he will have compassion on. He has mercy on whomever he chooses... and he hardens whomever he chooses. In other words... what is being conveyed here my friends is that God is God... and we... are not.

Only Yah himself knows the hearts and the minds of men and what they will eventually will and will not do.

Part of understanding who God is, is understanding that his thoughts are not our thoughts, and our ways are not his ways. It is because our Father is the Most-High God of both Heaven and Earth that he does indeed have sovereign rule over the earth and everyone, and everything in it. It is he and he alone that saves, and no one else. Without the Father, there is no Son, no salvation, and no redemption. It is our Father who gave his Son authority over the heavens and the earth. He did not already have that authority. And I would submit to you my friends that we too... must realize what authority has been given to us and... what authority has not been given to us as well.

It never ceases to amaze me how many times our brethren expect to be able to have the ability to go out into the world and save people. Nowhere in the Scripture are we commanded, or given the ability to go out and save people.

According to Scripture... we are commanded to go out and to preach the word... not to go out and save people. Some will hear the word and accept it and be saved, and some will be condemned by the word because they heard the word and willfully chose to reject it. Only Yah himself has the ability to save anyone. And it is through his word that is sent out that saves... not us. We don't get to make that decision... only he does.

Those who hear the truth of his word will accept it as truth, and will turn and come back to him. Those who hear the truth of his word and reject it... are on their own, and there's nothing that we can do to change that. God's word will not return empty. But... those who hear his word, and do not come back to him... are already condemned. **Isaiah chapter 55 versus eight through 11: E5**

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isa 55:10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

Isa 55:11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Once again, the word of our Father in heaven will not return to him empty. Consider what our Messiah told his disciples when he sent them out into the world. We can find that in **Matthew chapter 10 verses five through 16: E6**

Mat 10:5 These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans,

Mat 10:6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Mat 10:7 And proclaim as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Mat 10:8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

Mat 10:9 Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts,

Mat 10:10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food.

Mat 10:11 And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and

stay there until you depart.

Mat 10:12 As you enter the house, greet it.

Mat 10:13 And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

Mat 10:14 And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town.

Mat 10:15 Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

Mat 10:16 “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

You see, it’s not our job to go out and save people. It’s our job is to go out and spread the gospel message that is the word of our Father that our Messiah spoke. Once we’ve spoken the truth of his word... we need to get out of the way. That seed will either grow... or it will wither away and die. And once again it’s important to know and understand that our Messiah did not come to speak his own word... he came to speak his Father’s word. **John chapter 12 verses 49 and 50: E7**

Joh 12:49 For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.

Joh 12:50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

Clearly our Messiah did not come on his own authority. He only spoke what his Father had sent him to speak. And this is the exact same word that was given from the beginning. Once again, my friends... our Father proclaims the end... from the beginning. And this is exactly why our Messiah was known as the “*word of God that became flesh*”. The reason that he was known as “*the word of God made flesh*”... is because he lived, and executed, and spoke, and kept the word of Yah his Father flawlessly. And this is exactly why we are told to pick up our crosses and to follow him so that we too... would be the word of God made flesh just as he was the word of God made flesh. You see that’s what it’s all about my friends... it’s about following him and walking as he walked, and doing as he did, and living as he lived. **1st John 2:4-5 (scrn 3)**

1Jn 2:4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

1Jn 2:5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:

1Jn 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.



In Matthew chapter 5 versus 17 through 20 our Messiah tells us very clearly that he did not come to abolish the law or the prophets. He came to do them. And the reason that he came to do them is so that we would follow him and do them as well. Not the crossing of a "T" or the dotting of an "I" will pass from his Father's law until heaven and earth pass away and all things are accomplished... and that does not happen until clear at the back of the book in Revelation chapter 21. Do not... and I repeat do not... let them lie to you and to your children. In fact... if you will take the time to sit down and read the rest of Matthew chapter 5 for yourself... you will clearly see our messiah teaching the Torah all throughout the rest of Matthew chapter 5. But then again... to see these things, you must have the eyes to see, and the ears to hear. Some people... simply don't.

All of this ties into what we are seeing here in the 14th chapter of the book of Exodus. Why did our Father harden the heart of Pharaoh? Did our Father already know that Pharaoh's heart was going to be made out of stone? Of course he did. Our Father in heaven knows all, sees all, and understand all. He already knows from the beginning whose name is written in the book of life, and whose name is not written in the book of life. And the reason that he already knows whose name is written in the book of life... is because those names were already written in the book of life... before the foundation of the world. Consider **Revelation chapter 13 verses five through eight: E8**

Rev 13:5 *And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months.*

Rev 13:6 *It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven.*

Rev 13:7 Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation,

Rev 13:8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

People often times get hung up on the idea that our Messiah was preexistent before he was born. But what they don't understand... is so was the rest of mankind. All of us were known before the foundation of the world. Our very names were written in the book of life before the foundation of the world. Not says I... but says our God breathed Scripture. Consider once again, **Ephesians chapter 1 verses 3 through 6: E9**

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Eph 1:4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love

Eph 1:5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

Eph 1:6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

According to the book of Ephesians our Father in heaven chose us in him... before the foundation of the world. And according to Revelation chapter 13 verse eight... all who dwell on the earth will worship the beast except for... those who have already had their names written in the book of life before the foundation of the world. These people who he has chosen from before the foundation of the world... will not worship the beast. And so, there is a sharp contrast between those who have had their names written in the book of life before the foundation of the world, and those who have not had their names written in the book of life before the foundation of the world. Not says I... but says our God breathed Scripture. According to the apostle Paul... he himself was set apart to do the work he did... before he was even born. **Galatians chapter 1 versus 15 through 17: E9**

Gal 1:15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace,

Gal 1:16 was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone;

Gal 1:17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

All of this plays into Exodus chapter 14. All of this must be understood so that we can understand why it was that our Father dealt so harshly with Pharaoh and the people of Egypt.

We must remember that our Father in heaven does not live within the confines of time as we know it. He does not live in a four dimensional world as we do. Space, width, height, and time have no constraints the Most-High God of heaven and earth. He truly is omnipresent and omnipotent. He truly is all places at all times. We should not be teaching our children that Santa Claus knows when your naughty and nice because Santa Clause sees them all the time. But a true Christian should be teaching their children that the eyes of our Father in heaven are all around them all the time. There is no place in heaven or on earth, or under the earth or above the heavens that we will not find our Father in heaven.

My hope and my prayer is that these concepts that can be found all throughout our Scripture will cause us to pause... and to reconsider what our Scripture actually does... and does not say.

Something else that I want us to understand is where our Father puts hooks in the jaws of the nations to come upon his chosen house of Israel. Where else does this occur in our Scripture? Would it surprise you that just like here in the beginning of our Bibles we can also find this same concept in the back of our Bibles? Does our Father not proclaim the end from the beginning? Let's start by turning to the middle of the book to read **Ezekiel chapter 38 verses one through 23 and chapter 39 one through eight: E10**

Eze 38:1 *The word of the LORD came to me:*

Eze 38:2 *“Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him*

Eze 38:3 *and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.*

Eze 38:4 *And I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great host, all of them with buckler and shield, wielding swords.*

Eze 38:5 *Persia, Cush, and Put are with them, all of them with shield and helmet;*

Eze 38:6 *Gomer and all his hordes; Beth-togarmah from the uttermost parts of the north with all his hordes—many peoples are with you.*

Eze 38:7 *“Be ready and keep ready, you and all your hosts that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them.*

Eze 38:8 *After many days you will be mustered. In the latter years you will go against the land that is restored from war, the land whose people were gathered from many peoples upon the mountains of Israel, which had been a continual waste. **Its people were brought out from the peoples and now dwell securely, all of them.***

Eze 38:9 *You will advance, coming on like a storm. **You will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your hordes, and many peoples with you.***

Eze 38:10 *“Thus says the Lord GOD: **On that day, thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil scheme***

Eze 38:11 *and say, **I will go up against the land of unwallled villages. I will fall upon***

the quiet people who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having no bars or gates,'

Eze 38:12 to seize spoil and carry off plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places that are now inhabited, and the people who were gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell at the center of the earth.

Eze 38:13 Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish and all its leaders will say to you, 'Have you come to seize spoil? Have you assembled your hosts to carry off plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to seize great spoil?'

Eze 38:14 "Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and say to Gog, Thus says the Lord GOD: On that day when my people Israel are dwelling securely, will you not know it?"

Eze 38:15 You will come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great host, a mighty army.

Eze 38:16 You will come up against my people Israel, like a cloud covering the land. In the latter days I will bring you against my land, that the nations may know me, when through you, O Gog, I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.

Eze 38:17 "Thus says the Lord GOD: Are you he of whom I spoke in former days by my servants the prophets of Israel, who in those days prophesied for years that I would bring you against them?"

Eze 38:18 But on that day, the day that Gog shall come against the land of Israel, declares the Lord GOD, my wrath will be roused in my anger.

Eze 38:19 For in my jealousy and in my blazing wrath I declare, On that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel.

Eze 38:20 The fish of the sea and the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the field and all creeping things that creep on the ground, and all the people who are on the face of the earth, shall quake at my presence. And the mountains shall be thrown down, and the cliffs shall fall, and every wall shall tumble to the ground.

Eze 38:21 I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Lord GOD. Every man's sword will be against his brother.

Eze 38:22 With pestilence and bloodshed I will enter into judgment with him, and I will rain upon him and his hordes and the many peoples who are with him torrential rains and hailstones, fire and sulfur.

Eze 38:23 So I will show my greatness and my holiness and make myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

Eze 39:1 "And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

Eze 39:2 And I will turn you about and drive you forward, and bring you up from the uttermost parts of the north, and lead you against the mountains of Israel.

Eze 39:3 Then I will strike your bow from your left hand, and will make your arrows

drop out of your right hand.

Eze 39:4 You shall fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your hordes and the peoples who are with you. I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

Eze 39:5 You shall fall in the open field, for I have spoken, declares the Lord GOD.

Eze 39:6 I will send fire on Magog and on those who dwell securely in the coastlands, and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Eze 39:7 “And my holy name I will make known in the midst of my people Israel, and I will not let my holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

Eze 39:8 Behold, it is coming and it will be brought about, declares the Lord GOD. That is the day of which I have spoken.

What we see here is our Father in heaven once again setting hooks in the jaws of other nations to come against his chosen people. And I would submit to you that this is exactly what happened to Pharaoh of Egypt in the 14th chapter of the book of Exodus. And... that this is going to happen again to Gog and Magog at the end of our Messiah's millennial reign.

Now... I know that many of today's modern-day Bible teachers will try to wrongly proclaim that the war of Ezekiel chapter 38 is close at hand. But I would submit to you that the war of Ezekiel chapter 38 is more than 1000 years in the future at least. I'd like us to turn to **Revelation chapter 20 verses 7 to 10: E11**

Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison

Rev 20:8 and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.

Rev 20:9 And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them,

Rev 20:10 and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

I want us to notice in chapter 20 verse seven, that we are told that this war happens and I quote, “when the thousand years are ended”. What thousand years is John talking about here? John is talking about our Messiah's thousand-year millennial reign here on the earth. All we have to do is back up to **Revelation chapter 20 verse four: (scroll up)**

Rev 20:4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority

to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

And so... according to Revelation chapter 20 verses seven through 10, the war of Gog and Magog is not a war that will be fought between the house of Israel and Gog and Magog. The war of Gog and Magog will be a war that will be fought between the Gog and Magog and God himself. And this particular war will not come to pass until after the thousand years are ended not says I... but says our God breathed Scripture. To confirm this... all we have to do is go back and revisit **Ezekiel chapter 38 verses eight through 11: E10**

Eze 38:8 After many days you will be mustered. In the latter years you will go against the land that is restored from war, the land whose people were gathered from many peoples upon the mountains of Israel, which had been a continual waste. Its people were brought out from the peoples and now dwell securely, all of them.

Eze 38:9 You will advance, coming on like a storm. You will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your hordes, and many peoples with you.

Eze 38:10 "Thus says the Lord GOD: On that day, thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil scheme

Eze 38:11 and say, 'I will go up against the land of unwallled villages. I will fall upon the quiet people who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having no bars or gates.'

Notice that when the war of Gog and Magog begins according to Ezekiel chapter 38 verse eight, the people of Israel have already been brought out from the nations and are now dwelling securely in the promised land. The greater Exodus has already taken place at this point in time. And... once again... this Army will be a horde of people that will cover the land like a cloud just as we are told in Revelation chapter 20 verse eight... the number of this Army will be like the sand of the sea.

We should also make note of the fact that the house of Israel will be living in villages without walls according to Ezekiel chapter 38 verse 11. The house of Israel will also be dwelling securely, and the house of Israel will not have any bars or gates protecting it.

Now my friends... this has never been the case in the history of the state of Israel since its founding back in 1948. Israel has never dwelt in unwallled villages. Israel has never dwelt securely in the land, and Israel has certainly never dwelt without bars and Gates to protect itself.

And so... I just want us to understand what it is that we are reading and I want us to be able to contrast what we see here being prophesied by Ezekiel in contrast to what we see in Revelation chapter 20 clear at the end of the book. Once again... we need not allow men, or a charter of

men, or a Council of men to tell us what is written in our own God breathed Scripture.

The point that I'm trying to make in all of this is that we once again see our Father in heaven proclaiming the end from the beginning as he always does. For those of our would-be brothers and sisters who believe that the Old Testament has all been nailed to some tree somewhere... you need to go back and read the book from the beginning because I can assure you that what you wrongly referred to as the "*Old Testament*" has not, and I repeat not... been nailed to some cross somewhere. Once again, as we have said before so now we say again... let God be true... and every man a liar.

Just as Yah put hooks into the jaws of the Pharaoh of Egypt to bring him against his people so that he could show the world his power and his glory... so too will Yah once again put hooks in the jaws of Gog and Magog to bring them against his people so that he can show the world once and for all... his power, and his glory, for his namesake. **E2**

Moving back to Exodus chapter 14 verses 19 and 20, we see that the Angel of God who is going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. This is exactly what is going to happen in the Gog and Magog war after the thousand-year millennial reign of our Messiah when Satan is cut loose for the last time to gather Gog and Magog to come against the house of Israel.

Once again... this will be a war between Gog and Magog and the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob just like this war between the Pharaoh of Egypt and his army was between the Pharaoh of Egypt and his army and the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Just like our Father fought that war to defend the house of Israel back then... so too will he fight the future war of Gog and Magog to defend the house of Israel.

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and believe in his only begotten Son that he sent to us through the body of his faithful servant David according to 2nd Samuel chapter 7. It is indeed the man Yahshua Hamashiach who will sit on the throne of the house of Israel forever... and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. **(scrn 4)**

Jer 33:16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Jer 33:17 "For thus says the LORD: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel,



And as I always do, I would like to ask you to take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head, and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yahshua Hamashiach if what you've 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, and if you will stay the course to the end... you and I will indeed walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.

I'm Pastor Scott Velain with Holy Impact Ministries, and I'd like to thank each and every one who is with in the sound of my voice here today for sharing your time with us here this evening.