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## Exodus Chapter 7

Last week as we ventured into the sixth chapter of the book of Exodus we saw that our Father in heaven made it known to Moses that he was about to show himself to the people of Israel in ways that he had not shown himself to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Our Father Yah sends Moses to the people of Israel to tell them that he has heard their groaning and their anguish because of the slavery of the Egyptians, and he tells Moses to tell the Israelite people that he is going to bring them out from under the bondage of the Egyptians. Furthermore... He tells them that he is going to take them to be his people, and that he himself will be their God. And he tells them that when he does this that they shall know that he is their God who has brought them out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

He also tells them that he is going to bring them into the land that he swore to Abraham, Isaac, and to Jacob, and that he will give them this land for possession. But at that time the people of Israel did not listen to Moses because of the harsh slavery that they were under. And we watched as Moses continues to be full of doubt in Exodus chapter 6 verse 12, when he tells our Father that “The people of Israel have not even listened to me, so how then is the Pharaoh of Egypt going to listen to me?”

But in the very next verse in Exodus chapter 6 verse 13, our Father once again gives both Moses and Aaron charge over the people of Israel and this Pharaoh who is the king of Egypt.

Now, we’ve already seen Moses and Aaron approach the Pharaoh of Egypt as they asked the Pharaoh of Egypt to let the people of Israel go out into the wilderness to hold a feast to the Most High God of Israel. But once again, Pharaoh has no idea who the God of Israel is, and so he refuses to let the Hebrew people go worship this unknown God that he has no recollection of. Instead, Pharaoh doubles the work load of the Hebrew people by not providing them the straw that they need to make the mud bricks that they are required to manufacture. And of course, when they don’t make their quota of mud bricks that they are commanded to make each day, the foreman of the Israelite people are beaten severely and drug before Pharaoh.

And so, the people of Israel are now more afraid of Pharaoh than they are the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And because the Israelite people have lost faith, all they wanted to do was to get rid of Moses, and go back to the slavery that they were under in the first place. Because at least then they would have the straw to make their quota of bricks, and things could go back to normal. The problem with that thinking, is that by getting rid of Moses and Aaron,

they would still be in bondage, and the covenant promises of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob would not ever be fulfilled.

Clearly, our Father in heaven was not finished with the Pharaoh of Egypt. We have to remember that up until this point in time the people of Israel had not truly seen the power and the majesty of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But all that was about to change. Just as Yah had already told Moses, he was going to make himself known to the people of Israel in ways that he had not made himself known to Abraham, Isaac, or Jacob. Yah was about to introduce himself to not only the people of Israel, but also the people of Egypt along with the rest of the world. They were about to see the power, and the might, and the strength, and the righteousness of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in action. And so, it was that the unbelieving Israelite people along with the rest of the world were about to be enlightened.

And so, with that little bit of a recap that we saw last week under our belts let's now turn to the seventh chapter of the book of Exodus and let's read what it has to tell us so that we can know exactly what it says, and just as importantly, what it does not say. **Exodus chapter 7: E1**

**Exo 7:1** *And the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like **God** to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet.*

**Exo 7:2** *You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land.*

**Exo 7:3** *But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt,*

**Exo 7:4** *Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment.*

**Exo 7:5** *The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them."*

**Exo 7:6** *Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the LORD commanded them.*

**Exo 7:7** *Now Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh.*

**Exo 7:8** *Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron,*

**Exo 7:9** *"When Pharaoh says to you, 'Prove yourselves by working a miracle,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.'"*

**Exo 7:10** *So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent.*

**Exo 7:11** *Then Pharaoh summoned **the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt**, also did the same by their secret arts.*

**Exo 7:12** *For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's*

staff swallowed up their staffs.

*Exo 7:13* Still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

*Exo 7:14* Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go.

*Exo 7:15* Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water. Stand on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that turned into a serpent.

*Exo 7:16* And you shall say to him, "The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, "Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness." But so far, you have not obeyed.

*Exo 7:17* Thus says the LORD, "By this you shall know that I am the LORD: behold, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood.

*Exo 7:18* The fish in the Nile shall die, and the Nile will stink, and the Egyptians will grow weary of drinking water from the Nile."""

*Exo 7:19* And the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, their canals, and their ponds, and all their pools of water, so that they may become blood, and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.'"

*Exo 7:20* Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood.

*Exo 7:21* And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

*Exo 7:22* But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts. So Pharaoh's heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

*Exo 7:23* Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart.

*Exo 7:24* And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink the water of the Nile.

*Exo 7:25* Seven full days passed after the LORD had struck the Nile.

One of the first things that I want to bring our attention to is found in Exodus chapter 7 verse one. I want us to notice that Yah tells Moses that he has made Moses a God to Pharaoh. Now, this is worded a little bit differently in the English standard version, but I believe that the King James version has a better rendering of this particular verse. The verse does not say that "*I have made you like God to Pharaoh*", it says "*I have made you a God to Pharaoh*", just as it is written in the King James version (as well as almost every other English translated version).

Now, this is the second time that we hear about Moses being a god to both Aaron's brother, and now to the Pharaoh of Egypt. The first time that our Father called Moses a god was back in Exodus chapter 4 verse 16. This time our Father doubles down by calling Moses of god a second time in Scripture, and it's at this point in time that I think it is extremely important that we understand that there are many gods found within the context of our Scripture. And I know that many of us already know these things, but because this is extremely relevant here in the book of Exodus, and I feel compelled to once again point these things out to those brothers and sisters who may just be following along with us for the first time. With that being said, I'd like us to examine a few scriptures starting with Psalms chapter 82: (srn 1)

Psa 82:1 A Psalm of Asaph. God has taken his place in the divine council;  
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

Psa 82:2 "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah

Psa 82:3 Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

Psa 82:4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Psa 82:5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Psa 82:6 I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;

Psa 82:7 nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince."

Psa 82:8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!



As we can clearly see here in Psalms chapter 82, our Father in heaven does have a divine counsel. He sits in the midst of the gods and he holds judgment over those gods that are part of his divine counsel. Not according to me... but according to our God breathed scripture. (scrn 2)



Exo 4:16 He shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as **God to him.**

Exo 7:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee **a god** to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.



We've also seen here in the book of Exodus in both chapters 4 and chapter 7, that Yah has not only called his divine counsel "gods", but he has also called Moses a "god" right here in the book of Exodus. And it's also important to make note of the fact that these are not the only ones that are called "gods" in our Scripture. (scrn 3)

2Co 4:3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

2Co 4:4 In their case **the god of this world** has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.



The devil himself is also known as the and I quote, "*god of this world*" according to our Scripture. And so now we have the divine counsel of Yahovah being called "gods", we have Moses being called a "god", we have the devil being called a "god", but that's not all. Who else

is called a “god” according to our Scripture? (scrn 4)

Heb 1:8 But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

Heb 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”



And so, here in the book of Hebrews we also find that our Father in heaven calls his only begotten son “god”. And so, the divine counsel of our Father in heaven are all called “gods”, Moses is called a “god” and our Messiah is also called a “god”... Not say i... but says our God breathed Scripture.

And so, what are we to make of this? A thorough study into the Hebrew word “*Elohiym*” would certainly help us to understand the English word “god” in its proper context, and although we don’t have time to go into an in-depth study into the Hebrew word “*Elohiym*”, what I can tell you is that the Hebrew word “*Elohiym*” is plural (which means that it means many, not just one) the Hebrew word “*Elohiym*” is not a singular word. It is a plural word (which once again many not just one). The Hebrew word “*El*” is singular. When we see the Hebrew word “*El-elyon*” in the Scripture, this means “*the Most High God*”. There is only one “*Most High God*” or “*El-elyon*”. But there are many “*Elohiym*” (also known as gods).

Now, our Scripture tells us in many places that God is one. In fact, our Messiah agrees that God the Father is indeed one in the book of Mark chapter 12 verse 29: (scrn 5)



Mar 12:28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

Mar 12:29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.'



But I also want you to understand the rest of the conversation that our Messiah had with this particular scribe in the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Mark as this conversation continues. (scrn 6)

Mar 12:32 And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him.

Mar 12:33 And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Mar 12:34 And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.



Once again, this scribe says and I quote, "you are right teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other beside him." And how does our Messiah respond to that statement? Does our Messiah say "oh no you're wrong! I am equal with God"? Does our Messiah tell this scribe that he is God his Father? No!

Because this scribe understands that there is only one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob... Because this scribe understands that there is only one “*El-elyon*”.... One “*Most High God*”... our Messiah tells this Scribe that he is not far off from the kingdom of God.

The key to this puzzle my friends is that we understand that there is only one “*God of gods*”. There is only one “*El-elyon... Most high God*”. Yes... there are many gods found within the pages of our Scripture... but... there is only one “*God of gods... El-elyon... Most high God*”. There is only one “*Yod-he-vov-he*” one “*Yahovah*” one “*Yahweh*” and there is no other like him. The great “*I Am*” is unique, and is not matched by any other “*Elohim*” because he is “*El-elyon... The Most High*”.

And I know that this teaching is not taught properly within today’s modern-day version of Christianity. And I would submit to you that this teaching is not taught properly within today’s modern-day version of Christianity because today’s modern-day version of Christianity has all too readily accepted the Roman rooted, man-made philosophically driven Trinity theology.

Is Yeshua Jesus a god according to our Scripture? Yes. Is Moses a God according to our Scripture? Yes. Is our Father’s divine counsel comprised of many gods? Yes. But... there is only one “*Most High God*”. There is only one creator of the heavens and the Earth. There is only one creator of all things seen and unseen. There is only one God of gods, and one author of life itself.

I would submit to you my friends that if today’s modern-day professing Christian would sit down and read the Bible for themselves... the truth would be made known to them. But because they have rejected knowledge... they are destroyed. And I want to be clear here my friends. They are not destroyed because they were not given knowledge. They are destroyed because they have rejected the knowledge that they have been given. They have rejected the knowledge that is clearly defined within the pages of their own God breathed Scripture. They have traded the truth for lie, and a lie for the truth. They have traded the wisdom of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, for the philosophical wisdom of man. (scrn 7)



Jer 16:19 O LORD, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth and say: "Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, worthless things in which there is no profit.

Jer 16:20 Can man make for himself gods? Such are not gods!"

Jer 16:21 "Therefore, behold, I will make them know, this once I will make them know my power and my might, and they shall know that my name is the LORD."



You see philosophy comes from the likes of Plato and Socrates, and Philo, and Aristotle, and those like them who love to proclaim themselves as enlightened, and gifted with a wisdom that is higher than most men can comprehend. This my friends is nothing more than a feeble attempt to make themselves their own gods. You see, they don't want you to believe what's written in your Scripture. They want you to believe what they've written for you. They don't want you to believe what your God breathed Scripture has to say. They want you to believe what they have to say.

Their objective is to become your master. Their objective is to become your father. Their objective is to become your Rabbi. But what does our own Messiah have to say about them becoming our masters, or our father's, or our Rabbi's? (**scrn 8**)

Mat 23:8 But you are not to be called **rabbi**, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.

Mat 23:9 And call no man your **father** on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.

Mat 23:10 Neither be called **masters**, for you have one **master**, the Christ.

Mat 23:11 The greatest among you shall be your servant.

Mat 23:12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.



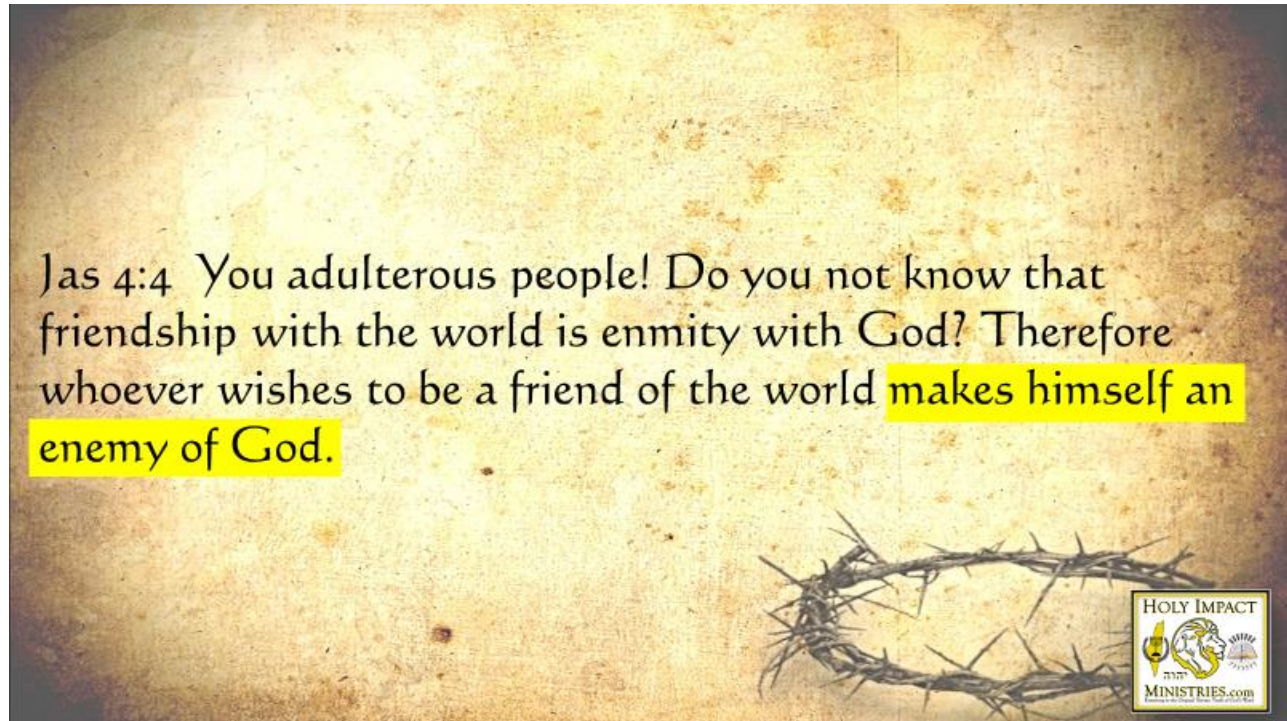
And I would submit to you that there is no better place to learn these things other than right here in the book of Exodus. Right here in the beginning of the Torah. It is massively important that we understand the milk of Yah's word from the beginning of the book so that as we progress on throughout the Scripture we can rightly divide that Scripture knowing the difference between truth and tradition. **E1**

Getting back to Exodus chapter 7 verse one, we can clearly see that not only has our Father in heaven made Moses a god, but he has also made his brother Aaron Moses's prophet. And I want us to pay attention to whose prophet Aaron was. Does it say that Aaron was Yahweh's prophet? No. It says that Aaron is Moses's prophet. Once again, making Moses an Elohim (also known in our English language as, "*a god*") our Father also gives Moses a prophet.

And I once again want to remind us that this Pharaoh who was the king of Egypt was also seen as a god to his people. The Pharaoh of Egypt was always worshiped as a god. And so, what we see here in the book of Exodus is a battle of the gods. What we are witnessing here within these pages, is the quintessential battle between good and evil, light and darkness, truth and deception. And before we let go of this particular topic... let me ask you my friends; do we have a modern-day Pharaoh in our time who sits on a golden throne dressed in Pagan vestments proclaiming himself to be god on earth? Do we have a modern day Pharaoh who demands that you and your children bow down and kiss his golden Pagan ring? Do we have a modern-day Pharaoh who commands the obedience of gods people and puts them under his own bondage of darkness and deception who has thought to change the times and the law of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? Do we have a modern-day Pharaoh who has changed the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath of Yahovah to the first day of the week, and deliberately hidden all of our Father's feast days, and appointments? Do we have a modern-day Pharaoh on earth today who has hidden the



very anniversary of the death of our Messiah on Passover Day, and moved the anniversary of our Messiah's death, that our own Messiah commanded us to keep... to a Pagan "Easter" morning? Let there be no mistake about it my friends; the Pharaoh of Egypt and Egypt itself is alive and well today, and what has happened will indeed happen again, and this modern day Pharaoh represents the little "g" god of this world, and the fallen Babylonian world that we now live in today. (scrn 9)



This is exactly why it is written in the book of James, right here in James chapter 4 verse four, that anyone who makes themselves a friend of this world makes themselves an enemy of Yah.

God has called us out of this world to be set apart just as he was calling the Israelites out of Egypt. And this is another very important part of the Passover that we will all be celebrating in just a couple of months from now. This is why our Messiah died on Passover Day. This is why our Messiah was our Passover Lamb, and not... and I repeat NOT... our Easter ham. Once we truly understand the book of Exodus, we will truly understand the Passover. Because the Passover itself is the fulfillment of the Exodus, and not only this Exodus that we are now leading about in the book of Exodus... but also the greater Exodus that is soon to come. (scrn 10) and (scrn 11)



Jer 16:14 "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when it shall no longer be said, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,'

Jer 16:15 but 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' For I will bring them back to their own land that I gave to their fathers.



Deu 30:1 "And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you,

Deu 30:2 and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul,

Deu 30:3 then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.

Deu 30:4 If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there he will take you.

Deu 30:5 And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers.



And so, I want us to grasp what it is that were reading about here in the book of Exodus. I want us to be able to comprehend the reality of duality, and the shadow pictures of things that are being spiritually given to us as we read the book of Exodus, and as we see these things unfolding.

What we see here in the book of Exodus directly relates to what we see in the book of Revelation. Our Father in heaven is truly declaring the end from the beginning. Just as he rescued these people out of Egypt... so too, is he going to rescue his people out of this fallen Babylonian world that we now live in today. Moses is a type and shadow of our Messiah. It is not coincidence that our Father calls both Moses, and our Messiah "gods". It's no coincidence

that both Moses and our Messiah were both mediators between God and man. It's no coincidence that we see the heart of Pharaoh being hardened in the Torah, and the heart of the wicked being hardened in the New Testament. Oh... I'm sorry... you didn't know that people's hearts would be hardened according to the New Testament? Let's turn very quickly to the book of **Romans chapter 1 verses 21 through 32: E2**

**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.

What are we talking about here? We're talking about the hearts of men being hardened. Claiming to be why they became fools. What did they do? They exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man. Are we not teaching our children today to exchange the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man? What about Batman, Superman, iron man, Spiderman and the list of Hollywood embellished comic superheroes that goes on, and on, and on. Are we not allowing our children to exchange the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man? Men that resemble birds that can fly, and animals, and creeping things like spiders? And is this not a modern-day form of worship and paganism my friends? Because I would submit to you that it is. It's exactly that.

And we are told that it is because people did these things, that he gave them up to the lusts of their own hearts to impurity and the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves. Why? Because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator. It was for this reason that Yah gave them up to dishonorable passions.

Have you ever wondered where homosexuality comes from? Romans chapter 1 verse 28 tells us very clearly that 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. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness and evil, and covetousness and malice.

And so, when we read the book of Exodus, I do not want us to read this book with sheckles over our eyes. I want us to understand the spiritual implications of what is unfolding within the book of Exodus. I want us to understand how we fit into the picture. I want us to understand how it was that our Father in heaven brought us out of Egypt. Because I would submit to you that much in the same way that he rescued us from Egypt... he will also rescue us from this fallen Babylonian world in the days soon to come. Our Father is indeed declaring the end from the beginning for those who have the eyes to see, and the ears to hear, let there be no doubt about it.

Getting back to Exodus chapter 7, I want to talk for just a couple of minutes about what we often times call "*the 10 plagues of Egypt*." To be completely honest, not all of these events were actually plagues as we understand the word "*plague*" in English language. The actual Hebrew word for "*plague*" is "*meggephah*", which can actually mean a host of things. It can mean slaughter, it can mean pestilence, it can mean strike, it can mean smite, or it can actually mean plague.

To be more accurate, we might say that there were nine strikes against the Pharaoh of Egypt and one judgment. We have to remember that the last strike against Pharaoh was when Yah took pharaohs firstborn son just like he warned Pharaoh that he was going to do back in Exodus chapter 4 verse 23. And so, I Father in heaven struck Pharaoh nine times before he finally dealt out his judgment and took Pharaohs firstborn son. And we'll get into that as we move forward, but I want us to understand how to properly articulate what we're seeing here in the book of Exodus.

Something else that I want us to understand is that the first three strikes against Pharaoh were experienced not only by Pharaoh, but these first three strikes against Pharaoh were also experienced by all of Egypt and all the Israelite people as well. These first three strikes were generally mild in nature causing little more than just some discomfort. But the next six strikes against Pharaoh are going to deal only with Pharaoh and only with the people of Egypt, and the Israelite people will be left out of the next six strikes.

If you've been with us very long in our studies into our Father's Torah, you're already well aware of the fact that our Father elects, divides, and separates his people from the rest of the



world. Once again, our Father took Abraham and elected him, divided him from his family, and separated him from the rest of the people of the world as his own. And it was the same with Isaac, and Jacob, and right on down the line. To this very day our Father in heaven, through his only begotten son and his Ruach Hakodesh, is busy dividing, electing, and separating each and every one of us from this fallen Babylonian world. And this is exactly what our Father in heaven is doing through these nine strikes and the ultimate judgment that followed against the Pharaoh of Egypt. Yah was making it clear to the world that the Israelite people were a set apart people that were set apart for him and him only. Israel was indeed Yah's firstborn just as he had already told Moses to tell Pharaoh back in Exodus chapter 4 verse 22.

We also know that this final judgment, (usually referred to as the 10<sup>th</sup> plague) when Yah killed all the firstborn in Egypt, fell on the night of the 14<sup>th</sup> of his first month, sometimes referred to as the month of "Abib" (also known more popularly by its Babylonian name as the month of "Nissan"). And it is this very night that marks the Passover.

Most biblical scholars have used this information to speculate that from the very first strike (or plague) to the 10<sup>th</sup> and final judgment of the death of the firstborn of Egypt was approximately 10 months. And so, I want us to realize that these 10 strikes (or plagues) did not happen in a 10 day time span. These 10 strikes (or plagues) took the better part of a year to complete.

And so, Yah allowed for plenty of time in between these 10 strikes for not only Pharaoh to make up his mind, but also for the people of Egypt to make up their minds as well. We will soon see that our Father in heaven did not only lead the Hebrew people of Israel out of the land of Egypt, but he also led many Gentiles out of the land of Egypt as well. And those Gentile believers who chose to follow the Israelites out of Egypt were grafted into the house of Israel from the very beginning here in the book of Exodus, and we'll see that very soon as we get up into chapter 12 of the book of Exodus over the next few weeks.

Today's modern day version of Christianity teaches that the Gentiles were never saved until Peter saw the sheet full of animals in Acts chapter 10 when Cornelius the centurion received the Ruach Hakodesh, but once again, that man-made, man-concocted theory is only for the ignorant and the unstudied who have been conveniently programmed not to read the first half of the book because they've been wrongly taught that the first half of the book has all been nailed to some tree somewhere.

But I want us to think about this allotment of time that our Father allowed between the strikes for just a moment. How many of us remember what happened during 9/11 here in the United States? When the attack of 9/11 took place here in the United States people feared Yah. After the attack of 9/11 took place here in the United States churches were full. People were stocking up their cupboards and their cabinets with food and water. They weren't only filling up their gas tanks, but they were buying gas cans and filling gas cans as well. They were giving blood, and people were volunteering left and right to help prepare for another possible oncoming attack.

But what happened within a couple of weeks after 9/11 when nothing else happened? The world went right back like a dog to his vomit and like a pig to its mire didn't it? Everybody went right back to what they were doing before the attack of 9/11. And so, once again as I have said so many times before, so now I say again... people have not changed from the days of Moses time... to today. Humanity is exactly the same. We react, and we think, and we respond exactly the same way that they reacted and thought and responded back in those times. And I would submit to you my friends that this is not good.

You see the early Israelites did not have a Bible to turn to the way that we do today. The early Israelites could not read about another people who had been through all of these trials and tribulations before. But we, on the other hand, do have a historical record of the people who have lived through these things in the past. We have a historical record of the mistakes that they made for a reason. We have a historical record of the mistakes that the house of Israel made so that we would not make the same mistakes. But are we listening? Do we have the eyes to see, and the ears to hear? And if we do... are we taking action? Are we making the necessary corrections in our lives, and in the lives of our children, and in the lives of our children's children to protect them from the same pitfalls that the house of Israel had fallen into? Because I would submit to you that people haven't changed at all within the last 3500 years. And I would also submit to you that that is a shame. That is a downright shame considering the fact that we have more information at our fingertips today than any other generation on the face of the earth ever had. With a keystroke, or even the push of a button, we can have whatever information our hearts desire within the snap of the fingers.

But you see all we're interested in is what the stock market is doing, or what new recipe is on Facebook, or what the game stats are this week. We're not interested in knowing our history. We are not interested in knowing who the harlot is that rides the beast in the book of Revelation. We're not interested in the archaeological proof of the word of Yahovah. We're not interested in church history. We are not interested in who... mans so-called "*early church fathers*" were, or why we are commanded not to call them our so-called "*early church fathers*" according to our Messiah himself. We're not interested in the wolves in sheep's clothing that we were warned about in our Scripture. We are not interested in why the book of Exodus directly relates to the book of Revelation. We're not interested in the types and shadows, and the patterns that our Father uses throughout the Scripture to teach us things over, and over, and over again. Most Christians don't even know what the biblical definition of the love of God even is found in 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:3.

And so it is that I want us to be different. I want us to be a set apart people. I want us to contemplate these things. I want us to be able to spot the reality of duality here within the book of Exodus. I wanted to be able to identify the shadow pictures of things that have already been done, that we see being repeated over, and over, and over again throughout our Scripture. **E1**

Looking back at Exodus chapter 7 verse five, we see that our Father in heaven was not only making himself known to the Israelites and to Pharaoh. Our Father was also making himself

known to the Egyptian people as well, who were the Gentiles of that time. And once again, we'll see many of those Gentile Egyptians being grafted into the house of Israel as we move forward in our study into the book of Exodus.

And there something more that I want us to see concerning another false doctrine that is often taught within the confines of today's modern-day version of Christianity that is clearly repudiated here in the book of Exodus. Are we saved by simply believing in God? Now, we know that Pharaoh did not believe in the God of the Hebrew people in the beginning. But after these 10 strikes or plagues come upon Pharaoh... he does believe. In fact, he believes so much, that he is willing to not only let the Israelite people go... he demands them to go. Depending on which denominational charter of men that any one of us might hail from... it is often times taught that all we have to do is to "*believe*" in order to be saved. If that's true, then why was Pharaoh not saved when he believed? Pharaoh believed in the God of the Hebrews, and he obeyed the God of the Hebrews, but nowhere is it written that Pharaoh was saved. In fact, it's written that Pharaoh was destroyed. (scrn 12)

Jas 2:19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!



Even the demons believe. Are the demons going to get into heaven too because they believe? Are the demon saved because they believe? Are the Angels all getting into heaven because they believed? Because in the book of Jude is written that many of these Angels who did not stay within their own position of authority are kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the day of judgment. And so, with that being said, who is saved then?

The one who does the will of our Messiah's Father is the one who will be accepted according to Scripture. The one who does the will of the Father. Not the one who says that they believe. Not the one who honors him with their lips but whose hearts are far from him. (scrn 13)



**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.’



Believing that God exists, and that his only begotten son exists does not give us a “get into heaven free card”. Just as our Messiah tells us here in his own read letter words, not everyone who calls on him is going to enter the kingdom of heaven. Who is then? Only the one who does the will of his Father who is in heaven. If you are not doing the will of the Father, then you’re not getting into the kingdom of heaven. If you are lawless... you are not going to enter the kingdom of heaven. Not says I... but says our God breathed Scripture and the red letter words of our very own Messiah. And this again, is another study in itself, but it directly relates to the hardened heart of Pharaoh and so many of our would be brothers and sisters who have been blinded by the wisdom of men and by the wisdom of their so-called “*early church fathers*”.

In Genesis chapter 7 we also see the staff of Moses becoming a serpent. Why a serpent? (**scrn 14**)



Because Pharaoh himself literally wore a serpent on his headdress. The serpent was the Egyptian symbol of kingly authority. Yah was speaking to Pharaoh in a language that he knew that Pharaoh would understand. And although pharaohs sorcerers imitated this particular miracle by turning their staffs into snakes as well... Yah made it very clear that the parlor tricks of these sorcerers were no match for the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And of course, the serpent of Moses staff consumes the other two serpents and then returns to the hand of Moses.

And as we see these things unfold, I want us to understand that our adversary does have supernatural power. Our adversary used to walk among the fiery stones of heaven. Our adversary himself was said to be a cherubim. This is why we are commanded to test the spirits. We are commanded not to listen to every spirit. We are commanded to not be fooled by every spirit. The apostle Paul in the sixth chapter of the book of Ephesians describes these evil spirits as spiritual forces of evil in heavenly places. He describes them as rulers and authorities against the cosmic powers over this present darkness. And so, we should not be surprised to see our adversary also doing things that only our Father in heaven would be able to do. But no matter what miracle that our adversary seems to be able to do... we should be aware of the fact that it's nothing more than a parlor trick when compared to the awesome power of our Father in heaven.

And so, when we see these sorcerers and these magicians doing lesser miracles we should not be surprised. And although they did a good job of fooling Pharaoh... there was no way that they could fool Moses or Aaron or the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. And there was no way that their parlor tricks could overcome the more powerful and majestic hand of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. **E1**

And as we read in Exodus chapter 7 verse 25, a full seven days had past after Yahovah had struck the Nile and turned it into blood. And so, once again we see that our Father allows for a span of time to pass before moving on to the next strike, or plague. Never let it be said that our Father in heaven is not full of patients. Sometimes more patients than we as mere humans can even understand. But his wrath does come, and when it does come, it comes at the appropriate time when all hope for righteousness has been utterly rejected.

And with that... we are now ready to move into the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Exodus, which we will do God willing next Wednesday evening at 7pm Eastern Standard Time.

But until then I would like to ask you once again to take what you've heard here today to your prayer closet, and to bow your head, and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yahshua Hamashiach if these things you've heard here today be true... or not.

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

Im Pastor Scott Velain with Holy Impact Ministries, and once again I'd like to thank each and every one with in the sound of my voice for sharing your time with me here today.