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## Exodus Chapter 9

Last week as we ventured into Exodus chapter 8, we covered some extremely interesting and foundational information concerning the lifestyle, and beliefs of the Egyptian people and exactly why it was that our Father in heaven saw fit to strike the Nile River with blood, and to strike the Egyptian people with things like gnats and flies, and frogs.

What we learned last week was that the land of Egypt was full, and brimming with all kinds of other little “g” gods that the people of Egypt worshiped. Last week we spoke about just a few of them like the goddess “Heket” who was a woman goddess who had the head of a frog.

We also talked about the Egyptian little “g” god called “Hapi” who was the Egyptian God of the Nile. We also spoke about the Egyptian little “g” god called “Kepri”, who was in insect God.

We also spoke about one of Egypt’s main little “g” gods, called “Amun-Re”, who was a sun god who represented both life and prosperity, and complete control of death and the underworld. And it was this little “g” god “Amun-Re” that Pharaoh was said to be the personification of. Once again, making the Pharaoh of Egypt himself another pagan little “g” god.

You There were so many little “g” gods in Egypt that we could literally just study the gods of Egypt for the next six months to a year, and still not be aware of all of the little “g” gods that Egypt worshiped. The Egyptians worshiped everything from the Nile River itself, to the sun, to insects, and reptiles, but they also worshiped many animals, and animal headed deities including the bull gods Apis, and Mnevis, and the cow god Hathor, and the ram god Knum. And so, the list of Egyptian little “g” gods really had no end.

We also spoke about the mystical Egyptian concept of what was called the “ma’at”, which was a philosophical belief that kept chaos away from the Egyptian people. And we learned last week that it was this “ma’at” (or control over chaos) that the Pharaoh of Egypt was said to possess. And so, our Father in heaven was not only attacking a plethora of Egyptian little “g” gods by striking them with each one of these plagues... but he was also attacking the philosophical belief system that had sprung up from many of these pagan priests and magicians who held power over the people because the people feared them, and thought that these men had some kind of connection to the gods.

Our Father in heaven was revealing himself not only to his distinctly chosen Hebrew people... but he was also revealing himself to the Egyptian gentile people as well. And we’re going to see

even more proof of that as we venture into Romans chapter 9 and onward throughout the book of Exodus.

We also saw last week in Exodus chapter 8 verse 23, that our Father in heaven was busy electing, dividing, and separating the people of Israel from the rest of the world. We have to remember that what we are seeing here in the book of Exodus is a clear and distinct electing, dividing, and separating of God's people from the rest of the world, and this is exactly why the book of Exodus is so vitally important for the world to have knowledge of, and to make note of. It is for this very reason that we celebrate the Passover each and every year, so that we can remember the electing, the dividing, and the separating of God's people from the rest of the world. The Passover reminds us of not only the power and Majesty of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob... but also reminds us of the scriptural fact that Yah continually, elects, divides, and separates his people from the rest of the world. He was doing it clear back during the days of the Exodus in Egypt... and he's doing it today in our time as well.

I would submit to you that our Father in heaven does not change. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He does not sway back and forth because of human society, or human culture, or human philosophy. These things do not sway, or change the Most High God of Israel.

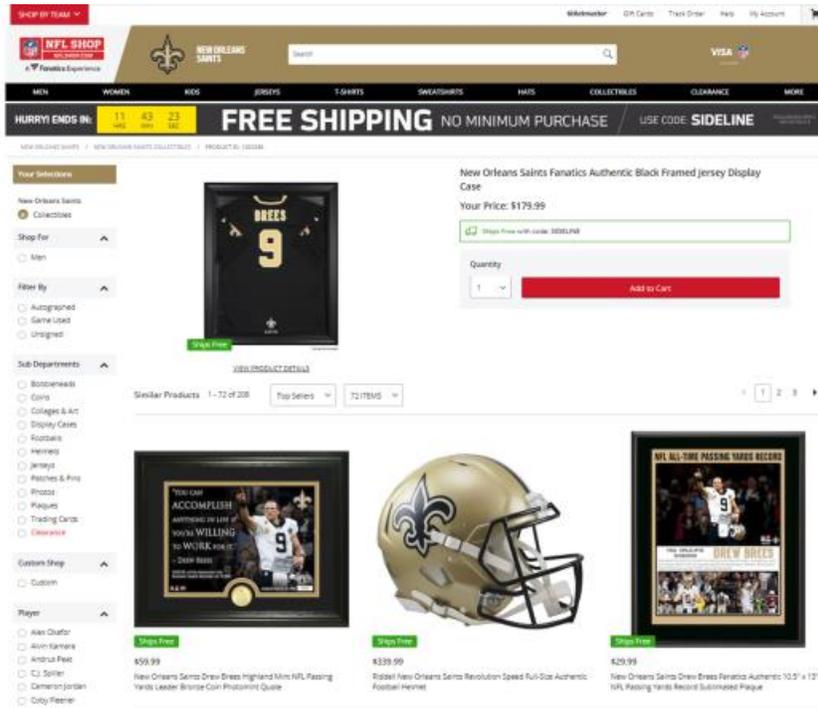
Many of today's modern-day denominational empires of dirt are built upon the whimsical assumption of men who believe that their ultimate philosophically driven wisdom can manipulate, and sway, and change, and morph the commandments, and the precepts, and the appointments of the Most High Elohiym of Israel. But their foolish whimsical assumptions are exactly what keep them from finding the narrow path that only few will find. And, at the same time, it is these same whimsical assumptions and philosophically driven doctrines and dogmas that keep other people from finding the narrow path that only few will find.

In all the days of my life, I have never seen such a philosophically driven cultural divide within the ranks of what we know as Christianity today. The authority that man has taken upon himself, to change the times and the laws of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob know no bounds. Much like Egypt... today's modern-day version of Christianity is plagued with philosophical nonsense derived from the whimsical assumptions of its so-called "early church fathers" and it's "newfound Bible commentators", and it's charters of denominational heretics who have turned away from the truth... and wandered off into myths.

I tell you the truth my friends... nothing has changed between the days of Egypt and its Pharaoh... and today's newfound version of Christianity, and its Pharaoh like pastures, priests, bishops, and popish leaders. And the more that we study to show ourselves approved, the more this truth becomes evident.

But... We should find comfort in the knowledge of knowing that this was all prophesied about thousands of years ago. We knew this time would come because we were told this time would come. All we have to do is read Matthew chapter 7 versus 21 through 23 to know, and to

understand, that there are going to be people who are going to think that they have been serving our Messiah by casting out demons in his name, and doing many mighty works in his name... only to find out that they never knew him in the first place, and worse yet... he never knew them. (scrn 1)



We are living right now, today, in that time. People today have many different gods that they worship. People today will make shrines out of athletic jerseys by spending hundreds if not thousands of dollars encasing an athletic jersey in a wooden framed glass case just to hang on their wall so that it can be worshiped. I know... because my son-in-law has them all over his house. (scrn 2)

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## Super Bowl billions: The big business behind the biggest game of the year

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When we dive into the realm of “worship”... and what it means to “worship” someone, or something... we find that the world has many Egyptian little “g” gods that it worships. How many of us have shrines of things that we can find in our homes that cause us to spend more time worshipping that one thing... than the time we spend worshipping our Father and his only begotten Son? Whether it be sports, or cars, or movies and Hollywood productions, or coins, or even music... all of these things... if worshiped more than we worship our Father in heaven... are inanimate things that we spend our money on... that we spend our time on... that we give our adoration to... that we talk to our neighbor about... that have absolutely nothing to do with our Father in heaven, or his only begotten Son. And so, what then are we worshipping? Who are we serving?

As I have said so many times before, so now I say again... the devil has most of us sitting in our own jail cells so comfortable wallowing in our sin... that he knows that he doesn't even have to shut and block the jail cell door. Because he knows that we are so comfortable sitting in our own jail cells, wallowing in our own sin... that we'll never leave.

The little “g” gods that we worship today... that take our time, and our money, and our adoration, and our commitment away from the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and away from his only begotten son... are no different than the little “g” gods of Egypt.

And so, as we look back on our study into the eighth chapter of the book of Exodus, and on into the ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> chapters of the book of Exodus and beyond... I want us to think about how we can apply what took place in Egypt back in the days of the Exodus to our world today. How are these things connected? Why are we commanded to keep the Passover each and every year, time after time, after time, after time throughout our generations? What is it that he wants us to

remember about the Exodus? Why should the Exodus so important to us, and why should the Exodus be important to our children?

I would submit to you that what is so important about the Exodus, is that it will be re-executed in the very near future.

There is going to come a time when our Father in heaven is going to rescue all of his people not only from one pagan nation... but from every pagan nation on the face of the earth. We will be elected, divided, and separated from every single solitary nation on the face of the earth. And we will be brought back into the promised land of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The things that they were preoccupied with in the land of Egypt, are much like the things that the world is preoccupied with today in our time. Back then all they had were bugs and beasts and the sun, moon, and the stars. But today... Hollywood and our musical entertainment industry has given us a whole new plethora of little "g" gods to choose from. These sports gods, and these music gods, and these acting gods who we see walking down the red carpet in all of their pomp and pageantry... are nothing more than the repackaged, and refurbished little "g" gods of Egypt that our adversary has so brilliantly introduced, and interjected into today's modern day society and culture.

People ask me all the time who I'm rooting for in the Super Bowl. And year after year my response is always the same... "Who is playing"? Because I literally don't have a clue. And why don't I have a clue? Because I have a life.

Now, I know that a lot of people are going to be offended by my saying such a thing, but that's just too bad, because you see if you are offended by the fact that I have a life and you don't... then you've got bigger fish to fry than who's gonna win the Super Bowl this year!

If all you're interested in is which two teams of men can move a ball made out of pigskin across a line... then I would submit to you my friends, that you have no life. Your sitting in a jail cell with the door left wide open and you don't even know it. While your feeding your face (most likely with pork products) and poisoning your body while exceeding the limits of obesity... while being glued to a big screen television set watching something that's not going to affect you, or your children, or your children's children in any way, shape or form... I'll be spending the day tying blue chords on to the corners of my hips so that I don't whore after... my own heart. I'll be thanking our Father in heaven for a new day. I'll be looking for more ways to please him, and to show my appreciation to him for all that has been done for my family and I. I'll be bowing my head, and bending my knee, and facing the holy promise land of Jerusalem, and asking in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach for the discernment that I need to properly understand his God breathed Scripture, and to take another step towards that narrow path that only few will find.

I'll praise him, and I'll worship him, and I'll give thanks to him, and I'll enjoy my day knowing

that I have many more days to come. Maybe not in this life... but surely in the next. Knowing that the victory is indeed mine because greater is he that is in me, then he who is in this world. Knowing that the path I walk, is the exact same path that our Messiah has cut to lead the way back to the tree of life that Adam was no longer allowed to partake of.

I'll spend my day living it for him, and I'll spend my day committed to him. And I'll spend my day worshiping him. And I'll spend my day in the presence, and under the protection of... the one true Most High God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

And so, once again, I would just ask that we take the time to contrast what it is that we're reading here in the book of Exodus, with our own lives today. Take the time to think about exactly what a little "g" god... is. And take the time to think about why it was that our Father in heaven destroyed all of the little "g" gods of Egypt. And take the time to think about how he's soon going to destroy all of the little "g" gods of today. Because that day... is soon coming.

And with that... we are now ready to turn to the ninth chapter of the book of Exodus. And so, let's go ahead and read Exodus chapter 9 so that we can know exactly what it says, and just as importantly... what it does not say. Exodus chapter 9;

*Exo 9:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, "Let my people go, that they may serve me.*

*Exo 9:2 For if you refuse to let them go and still hold them,*

*Exo 9:3 behold, the hand of the LORD will fall with a very severe plague upon your livestock that are in the field, the horses, the donkeys, the camels, the herds, and the flocks.*

*Exo 9:4 But the LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, so that nothing of all that belongs to the people of Israel shall die."'"*

*Exo 9:5 And the LORD set a time, saying, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land."*

*Exo 9:6 And the next day the LORD did this thing. All the livestock of the Egyptians died, but not one of the livestock of the people of Israel died.*

*Exo 9:7 And Pharaoh sent, and behold, not one of the livestock of Israel was dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.*

*Exo 9:8 And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take handfuls of soot from the kiln, and let Moses throw them in the air in the sight of Pharaoh.*

*Exo 9:9 It shall become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and become boils breaking out in sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt."*

*Exo 9:10 So they took soot from the kiln and stood before Pharaoh. And Moses threw it in the air, and it became boils breaking out in sores on man and beast.*

*Exo 9:11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the*

boils came upon the magicians and upon all the Egyptians.

*Exo 9:12* But the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

*Exo 9:13* Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh and say to him, “Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, “Let my people go, that they may serve me.

*Exo 9:14* For this time I will send all my plagues on you yourself, and on your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth.

*Exo 9:15* For by now I could have put out my hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from the earth.

*Exo 9:16* But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.

*Exo 9:17* You are still exalting yourself against my people and will not let them go.

*Exo 9:18* Behold, about this time tomorrow I will cause very heavy hail to fall, such as never has been in Egypt from the day it was founded until now.

*Exo 9:19* Now therefore send, get your livestock and all that you have in the field into safe shelter, for every man and beast that is in the field and is not brought home will die when the hail falls on them.””

*Exo 9:20* Then whoever feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh hurried his slaves and his livestock into the houses,

*Exo 9:21* but whoever did not pay attention to the word of the LORD left his slaves and his livestock in the field.

*Exo 9:22* Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, so that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, on man and beast and every plant of the field, in the land of Egypt.”

*Exo 9:23* Then Moses stretched out his staff toward heaven, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

*Exo 9:24* There was hail and fire flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very heavy hail, such as had never been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

*Exo 9:25* The hail struck down everything that was in the field in all the land of Egypt, both man and beast. And the hail struck down every plant of the field and broke every tree of the field.

*Exo 9:26* Only in the land of Goshen, where the people of Israel were, was there no hail.

*Exo 9:27* Then Pharaoh sent and called Moses and Aaron and said to them, “This time I have sinned; the LORD is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong.

*Exo 9:28* Plead with the LORD, for there has been enough of God's thunder and hail. I

*will let you go, and you shall stay no longer.”*

*Exo 9:29* Moses said to him, “As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will stretch out my hands to the LORD. The thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, so that you may know that the earth is the LORD's.

*Exo 9:30* But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear the LORD God.”

*Exo 9:31* (The flax and the barley were struck down, for the barley was in the ear and the flax was in bud.

*Exo 9:32* But the wheat and the emmer were not struck down, for they are late in coming up.)

*Exo 9:33* So Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh and stretched out his hands to the LORD, and the thunder and the hail ceased, and the rain no longer poured upon the earth.

*Exo 9:34* But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet again and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

**Exo 9:35** So the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people of Israel go, just as the LORD had spoken through Moses.

Once again, we find our Father in heaven sending Moses back into the presence of the Pharaoh of Egypt and telling him to command the Pharaoh of Egypt to, and I quote, “*let my people go... That they may serve me*”. And once again, our Father gives the Pharaoh of Egypt an ultimatum. “Either you let my people go to serve me, or... something else is going to happen.”

Now, my friends I've met some stubborn people in my lifetime. But I have to be honest, I don't think I've ever met someone as stubborn as the Pharaoh of Egypt. And with that being said, I want us to remember why it was that Yah had hardened the heart of Pharaoh in the first place. And to do that, I'd like us to turn back to Romans chapter 9 verse 17. **(scrn 3)**

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."



Once again, I want us to remember that our Father in heaven hardened the heart of Pharaoh so that he could show his power through the Pharaoh of Egypt, and so that the name of Yah would be proclaimed in all the earth. And so, what we're seeing here in the book of Exodus is clearly to be proclaimed in all the earth. And that would include today in our time as well.

And there's a couple of things hidden in this Scripture from those who do not study to show themselves approved that I want us to make note of. Number one, is that our Father in heaven does indeed have the ability to harden our hearts in order to teach us what it is that he wants us to know. And so, knowing this, I would think that this knowledge would help us all to realize how much easier it is to simply pick up our crosses and to follow his only begotten Son rather than having to be taught a very difficult lesson and wind up opposing the creator of the heavens and the earth.

I don't know about you, but I would rather come out of the world so that I don't have to share in her plagues, rather than suffer through the plagues of the world with a hardened heart because I was too stubborn to see the light of truth, and to follow the narrow path that he created for me to take.

And the second thing that I want us to take away from this, is that the purpose of our Father showing his power through this Pharaoh of Egypt was so that his name would be proclaimed not only in Egypt... not only in Israel... not only in Jerusalem... but throughout the whole world, and all the earth. In other words, Yah was sending a message to the people of the earth. And the message was this; **(scrn 4)**

Deu 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Deu 6:5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deu 6:6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Deu 6:7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deu 6:8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Deu 6:9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.



This Scripture is known in Jewish circles as the “*Shema*”. “*Shema*” means to “*hear and obey*”. What our Father in heaven was trying to convey to the world through the Exodus of Egypt was this exact message. Let there be no doubt about it my friends, our Father’s message to both the Israelite, and the Egyptian, and all surrounding nations was to hear and obey the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

It was through the power and the might of Yahovah that even the nations of the world today can know and understand who the one true creator of the heavens and the earth, and all things seen and unseen truly is. The commandment to love him with all of your heart and with all of your soul and with all of your might still stands to this day... regardless of what the wisdom of men and their philosophically driven so-called “*early church fathers*” might otherwise tell you.

The words that he commands us are written on our hearts and in our minds to this very day. We teach them diligently to our children, we talk about them when we sit in our houses, and when we walk by the way, when we lie down, and when we rise even to this very day. We bind them as a sign on our hands and in what we do, and his commandments are as frontlets between our eyes signifying what we believe and know to be true. And we do indeed write them on the door posts of our houses, and on our gates so that the world will surely know who we are, where we came from, and there were going.

And so, it was important to our Father in heaven that every one of these nine plagues came to pass Egypt. Because each and every one of these nine plagues represented his unique power and authority over everything that lives and moves upon the earth. Each and every one of these strikes, or plagues knocked another Egyptian little “g” god off of its pedestal. Each and every one of these strikes, or plagues chipped away at the false philosophical theologies and dogmas

of Egypt, and I want us to think about that for just a moment as well.

How many false philosophical theologies and dogmas do we have within the confines of today's modern-day version of Christianity today? I daresay that we have far too many false philosophical theologies and dogmas within the confines of today's modern-day version of Christianity. And what's most important to understand, is that all of these false philosophical theologies and dogmas came from the philosophical power-hungry man-made wisdom of men.

Jer 8:8 "How can you say, 'We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us'? But behold, the lying pen of the scribes has made it into a lie.

Jer 8:9 The wise men shall be put to shame; they shall be dismayed and taken; behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD, so what wisdom is in them?

Jer 8:10 Therefore I will give their wives to others and their fields to conquerors, because from the least to the greatest everyone is greedy for unjust gain; from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely.

Jer 8:11 They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace.

Jer 8:12 Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among the fallen; when I punish them, they shall be overthrown, says the LORD.



And so, it is to this very day, that the lying pen of the scribes has indeed often times turned our Scripture inside out. From the prophet to the priests everyone to this very day deals falsely. They heal the wound of our people lightly preaching and teaching their "*once saved always saved do as thou wilt is the whole of the law*" type of lifestyles, and their Roman rooted Jesuit concocted "*pre-tribulation rescue*" fantasy fueled by the demonically inspired hand of Hollywood. Replacement theology, first day of the week Sunday Sabbath, Easter, Good Friday, and the list of the lying pen of the scribes goes on, and on, and on.

And so, once again, I want us to understand the contrast between what was going on in the land of Egypt back in those days, versus what is going on in the world today. Because I would submit to you that nothing has changed in over 4000 years. And I want us to understand that what our Father does, he always does in patterns. We continuously see this cycle of patterns that our Father in heaven continuously brings us back to for a reason. Why is it that he wants us to keep his feast days and his appointments each and every year of our lives? Why is it that he wants us to keep, and celebrate his seventh day Sabbath once a week every week of the rest of our lives?

It is because these very patterns continuously proclaim his holy name. They continuously point to the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It is these patterns that keep us on the right path. It is these patterns that have been established in his Torah... that are to guide us back to that path that only few will find. And I don't think we have to be at the top of the class, or a straight A student, or a rocket scientist to look at the world today and clearly know, and understand that there is only going to be few... that find will find that narrow path. **E1**

When we look at Exodus chapter 9 verse four, we can see that once again, our Father makes a distinction between the livestock of Israel, and the livestock of Egypt. Once again, our Father in heaven is electing, dividing, and separating his people from the people of Egypt by sending this next strike against the animals and livestock of Egypt, and the animals and livestock of Egypt only. Who is it that's not going to have food to eat? Who is it that is not going to have milk, or cheese to feed their children? It's going to be Egypt that is going to go without, while Israel will keep all of her livestock and cattle intact.

And we kind of get the impression at this point, that the Pharaoh of Egypt was beginning to get the message in Exodus chapter 9 verse seven. We're told in Exodus chapter 9 verse seven that Pharaoh sent people out to check the livestock of Israel. And when they went to check the livestock of Israel, they found that not one of the livestock of Israel was dead. And yet still... just as Yah had told Moses, Pharaoh's heart was still hardened against him.

In Exodus chapter 9 verse 11 we're told, that the magicians couldn't even stand before Moses because of the boils that came upon the magicians. And I want us to stop and think about this for just a moment as well.

These magicians were supposed to hold great power. They were the best of the best. They were supposed to be the wise men and the sorcerers that protected Pharaoh and Egypt from any other offensive outside power or magic. These all-powerful, all-knowing, magicians couldn't even stand before Moses because the awesome power and authority of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had struck them down. And so, let me ask you this my friends... what do you think is going to happen to today's magicians and sorcerers? What's going to happen to today's modern-day pastors, priests, bishops, and popish leaders who have turned Yah's people away from him and his commandments, and his precepts, and his appointments, and his sabbaths with their whimsical philosophically driven doctrines, theologies, dogmas? What kind of boils will they have to endure? Just food for thought.

Something else very important that I want us to understand is found in Exodus chapter 9 verse 16, where Yah tells Pharaoh through Moses that he could have already destroyed Egypt. And he tells this Pharaoh that the only reason that he has not destroyed them is because this is the reason that he has raised up this Pharaoh, to show him his power so that the name of the Most High God of Israel would be proclaimed throughout the whole world.

This very message that Yah was sending to Pharaoh and the Egyptians was starting to take

effect, and we can see that in **Exodus chapter 9 verses 20 and 21. E1**

*Exo 9:20 Then whoever feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh hurried his slaves and his livestock into the houses,*

*Exo 9:21 but whoever did not pay attention to the word of the LORD left his slaves and his livestock in the field.*

I want us to notice here that the people of Egypt were starting to get the message. Not all of Egypt... but at least a portion of the people of Egypt begin to fear the Most High Elohim of Israel by getting their slaves and their livestock into the houses. They knew that what Yah had told the Pharaoh was going to happen. They not only feared the Most High Elohim of Israel, but they also began to listen to him. And as we've said before in this study, we're going to soon see many of the Gentile Egyptian people are going to be leaving Egypt along with the Israelites. And we'll get into that as the story progresses.

Something else that's extraordinarily important to understand is found in Exodus chapter 9 verses 31 and 32 **E1**

*Exo 9:31 (The flax and the barley were struck down, for the barley was in the ear and the flax was in bud.*

*Exo 9:32 But the wheat and the emmer were not struck down, for they are late in coming up.)*

This particular Scripture is foundationally important to understand when it comes to properly understanding the Passover. We not only know what time of the year the Exodus took place, but we also know what time of the year that Passover is each and every year because we know that the barley was in the ear and the flax was in the bud. And this is extremely important for us to understand when it comes to identifying exactly when the first month of our Fathers new year truly begins.

We know that when a new moon is in the sky, and the barley is ripe, this indeed is the first new month of the year according to our Father in heaven. And we're going to see that as we progress on up through Exodus chapter 12 within the next couple of weeks here in our study. But I want you to highlight Exodus chapter 9 verses 31 and 32 because we're going to be coming back here to re-visiting this particular Scripture when we get into how our Father in heaven tells us to calculate when the Passover truly is.

And so, we see all of these strikes against Pharaoh and the people of Egypt because Pharaoh and the people of Egypt had hardened their hearts against the God of Israel. And when these strikes came against Pharaoh and the people of Egypt, it is duly noted that they did indeed take note of the fact that none of these strikes, or plagues affected the children of Israel. It didn't affect their land in Goshen, it didn't affect their livestock and their animals, it didn't affect their people or their children, and so while all of this is going on, we can clearly see the protection of

Yah's hand upon his people. And once again, I want us to notice that he did not rapture them out of it. He saw them through it. When it came to the wrath and the persecution of the evil one, the people of Israel were indeed called to endure. But when it came to the wrath and the righteous judgment of Yahovah... the people of Israel were protected by Yahovah. And I think it's extremely important that we understand this contrast between the persecution of the evil one, and the justice of the righteous one.

It is clearly written that we are not called to suffer the wrath of Yahovah, and this is true. If we are walking in his ways, if we are keeping his commandments, if we are obedient to his precepts and his appointments, if we are not profaning his sabbaths, if we are not profaning his feast days, if we are not profaning his name... then... and only then... are we not called to suffer the wrath of Yahovah. Otherwise, we've already been warned. And just to make that perfectly clear I'd like us to turn to **Deuteronomy chapter 30 verses 11 through 20 E2**

**Deu 30:11** *"For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off.*

**Deu 30:12** *It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'*

**Deu 30:13** *Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'*

**Deu 30:14** *But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.*

**Deu 30:15** *"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.*

**Deu 30:16** *If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.*

**Deu 30:17** *But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them,*

**Deu 30:18** *I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.*

**Deu 30:19** *I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,*

**Deu 30:20** *loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."*

These commandments, and precepts, and appointments have been laid out before us thousands of years ago and the truth is that these things are not too hard for us. They are indeed in our

mouths and in our hearts so that we can do them. And so, the question then becomes... will we do them? Have we chosen life... or have we chosen death? Have we chosen the blessing... or have we chosen the curses? Will we stand for what is right in the light of truth by picking up our crosses and following him? Or will we shrink back and fadeaway and trade the light of truth for everlasting darkness?

Putting away the gods of Hollywood, and are gods of music, and our sports gods, that we give all of our money and all of our adoration to, is not something that the world is ready to do. We fashion our lives after what we see on the silver screen and what is splashed across our big-screen television sets. We fashion our lives after sitcoms and soap operas because somehow we've been hypnotized and brainwashed into thinking that what we see on the silver screen is what we are to emulate in real life, never knowing or understanding that what we're seeing on that silver screen is often times nothing more than an illusion that has been set before us by our adversary who loves to dress himself up like an angel of light.

Make no mistake about it my friends, the traps that our adversary has set for us are many, and the goal that he has set out to achieve is to lure us into making ourselves friends of this world because he knows that those who make themselves friends of this world make themselves enemies of the Most High God of Israel.

We are indeed an elected, divided, and separated people that have been set apart for his good pleasure. And it is this election, division, and separation that protects us from falling into the snare of our adversary and from being sifted by him all the day long.

And so, as we journey out into the world this week, let us remember these things. Let us remember that we are indeed elected, divided, and separated as the sons and daughters of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Let us tie the blue chords of faith on to the corners of our hips to remind us not to whore after our own hearts. Let us walk in the paths of righteousness, and concentrate on whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable and excellent, and let us be diligent about what is worthy... of our praise. We are indeed a called-out people. And because we are called out people, we have responsibilities that are important for us not to neglect.

And with all of that being said, we are now prepared to move into the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Exodus next Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard time.

And as I always do, I would ask that everyone within the sound of my voice please... please take what you've heard here today to your prayer closet. Bow your head, and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you'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, and not shrink back... you and I will indeed walk hand in hand through the

Gates of his soon coming kingdom.

I'm pastor Scott Velain with Holy Impact Ministries and I'd like to thank you so very much for sharing your time with me here today. I hope that we've given you some things to take to your prayer closet and test through the fire of prayer this week, and I'd like to invite you back to visit with us this coming seventh day Sabbath, on Saturday morning at 11 AM as we continue to venture into the book of Revelation. That's the seventh day Sabbath, Saturday, at 11 AM Eastern standard time.