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Exodus 10:1-13:16

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Introduction

The final plague is the death of the firstborn.

Exodus 11:4-10

4 So Moses said, "Thus says the LORD: 'About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt, ⁵ and every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle. ⁶ There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been, nor ever will be again. ⁷ But not a dog shall growl against any of the people of Israel, either man or beast, that you may know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.' ⁸ And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, you and all the people who follow you.' And after that I will go out." And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not listen to you, that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt." ¹⁰ Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh, and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go out of his land. (ESV)

All the things the Almighty did to Egypt to get Pharaoh to free the Israelites from bondage, He did for the sole purpose of showing His power to Egypt and to Israel, so they would all learn to fear Him, from the position of learning who God is and what He can do. The Holy One does not want to hurt anyone, but He will do what is necessary to bring the people to Him, to embrace Him through His Son Yeshua. Even prior to the coming of Yeshua here on the earth, we have read about pre-incarnate appearances of Messiah. How this happens is, to me, a simple matter, but then again, I could be wrong. The Almighty created everything there is, and that includes time. He controls nature and basically everything and that includes time. Once Yeshua died, rose from the dead, and ascended to His Father, He left time and dwells with His Father in eternity. He can enter the time line wherever He chooses to make appearances to His people when it is necessary. He did this with Adam and Chavah in the garden. He appeared to Abraham and to Jacob. He was there before Joshua went into battle. He appeared to Moses, and Moses could have conversations with him just like we do with one another.

In the case of Egypt, the Lord used Egypt to shield His people all the way back to Abraham and up to Jacob and his sons and their descendants.

The final plague that came upon Egypt would humble Pharaoh and show the Israelites and the Egyptians that Pharaoh was not a god. He was a man just like the rest of them. This is a problem that we have had in the world going all the back to Nimrod. He was the first who was called a mighty one on the earth.

Genesis 10:8 Cush begot Nimrod; he **began** to be a mighty one on the earth. (NKJ)

02490 לָלַךְ *chalal* {khaw-lal'}

Meaning: to profane, defile, pollute, desecrate, begin

So, Nimrod did more than simply becoming the first leader upon the earth. He was responsible for profaning, defiling, polluting, and desecrating the earth and most likely the people. It was after the flood and the generation that came from sons of Noah, most likely Ham's offspring, who came together to build the Tower of Babel. They wanted to reach heaven and make a name for themselves. We all know how that one turned out.

Jeremiah 46:27-28

27 "But fear not, O Jacob my servant, nor be dismayed, O Israel, for behold, I will **save** you from far away, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return and have quiet and ease, and none shall make him afraid. ²⁸ Fear not, O Jacob my servant, declares the LORD, for I am with you. I will make a full end of all the nations to which I have driven you, but of you I will not make a full end. I will discipline you in just measure, and I will by no means leave you unpunished." (ESV)

In our Haftarah portion for the week, we see once again that Israel is in exile, yet the Almighty sends a message through the Prophet Jeremiah that He will save them and bring them home.

<**03467**> יָשָׁא *yasha* (446b)

Meaning: *to deliver*

Origin: a prim. Root

Yasha is the Hebrew word for save, but the primary definition is *to deliver*. He will deliver His people. He will save His people. He will redeem His people. He will redeem us by offering us the gift of salvation through the Son, the Messiah Yeshua. Everything that has happened to mankind in the Bible and in the reality of the world we are living in leads to one inescapable fact – we are in the hands of the Almighty, and nothing will ever change that. Through thick and thin, good times and bad times, He is there beside us reaching out to guide us via the *Ruach HaKodesh*. The *Ruach* pushes us, prods us, kicks us in the backside when we need it, and helps us to understand what the word of the Almighty is trying to teach us. In the Haftarah portion, the Almighty tells Israel He will make a full end of all the nations that He sent Israel to, but with Israel he will discipline them in what He

calls *just measure*, and then says that He will not leave His people unpunished. Even when we walk in faith through Messiah Yeshua and follow Torah as best we can, there is still trials and tribulations we will have to go through in order to reach the goal to be with the Father, Son, and Ruach forever.

Hebrews 11:23-29

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Messiah greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Reed Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. (ESV)

It is very interesting that the Apostle Paul, the accepted writer of the Book of Hebrews, describes Moses the way he does. It seems he is making assumptions that we must take at face value because we cannot prove them except through Moses' special relationship with his Creator. We are told that Moses refused to be called Pharaoh's daughter's son. We are told he chose to be mistreated with the Hebrews. We are told he was looking to the Messiah and the reward that came from faith in Him. We know Moses kept Passover as did the Hebrews; the first Passover being kept in Egypt as Israel was prepared to leave Egypt as promised by God through the final plague the death of the firstborn of Egypt. The blood of the lamb on the doorposts and lintel protected the people of God from this plague. Once this plague ran its course, Pharaoh told Moses to take the Hebrews and get out of Egypt. The Almighty gave the Hebrews favor with the Egyptians and were given gold and silver to take on their journey. We could call this compensation for all they had suffered while in bondage in Egypt. Israel crossed the Reed Sea on dry ground, but when the Egyptians tried, they were swallowed up by the water of the Reed Sea as the Almighty chose to wipe out Pharaoh's army thereby showing Israel His power to Egypt and the surrounding nations as well. We know that forty years later what happened to Egypt was still in the minds of the nations as shown to us by what Rahab told the two spies Joshua had sent into Jericho to spy it out.

Joshua 2:8 The two men had not yet lain down when she returned to the roof ⁹ and said to them, "**I know that ADONAI has given you the land. Fear of you has fallen on us; everyone in the land is terrified at the thought of you.**" ¹⁰ **We've heard how ADONAI dried up the water in the Sea of Suf ahead of you, when you left Egypt; and what you did to the two kings of the Emori on the other side of the Yarden, Sichon and 'Og, that you completely destroyed them.** ¹¹ **As soon as we heard it, our hearts failed us. Because of you, everyone is in a state of depression. For ADONAI your God- he is God in heaven above and on the earth below.** ¹² So, please, swear to me by ADONAI that, since I have been kind to you, you will also be kind to my father's family. Give me some evidence of your good faith, ¹³ that you will spare the lives of my father,

mother, brothers and sisters and all who are theirs, so that we won't be killed." ¹⁴ The men replied to her, "Our lives are certainly worth yours, provided you don't betray our mission. So, when *ADONAI* gives us the land, we will treat you kindly and in good faith." ¹⁵ Then she lowered them by a rope through the window; since her house abutted the city wall, indeed was actually built into it. (CJB)

Also, forty years later, the people of Canaan still knew the story of what happened to Egypt, and Rahab told the men she knew it was because the Almighty is God in heaven and on the earth. She knew the Israelites would take the land because their God had given it to them. She acknowledged their God and asked for protection for her and her family, and it was promised to them. The rabbinic stories tell us that Rahab eventually married Joshua. Whether that has any basis in fact remains to be seen, but her acknowledgment is similar to Ruth's opening the door for her to be able to become part of the people of Israel. This same gift is there for anyone who wants to become part of God's chosen people because the only way into His kingdom is by becoming part of His covenant people, Israel. Through grafting in and adoption, we can enter Israel. It is by faith in Messiah and living by the teachings of Torah we are citizens of the nation God calls His own unique people.

Torah Man says: "I do not know what is in the future, but I do know who is in the future."

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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TORAH: LEARN IT, LOVE IT, LIVE IT AS YESHUA DID! PSALM 119.

