

~EGYPT - ANCIENT (675)

- **Israel In Egypt**
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- Because of Israel's repeated contact with Egypt, the Bible contains many details regarding that land. By events in Egypt, Yehowah's own name was magnified in a wonderful way.
- Egypt was a land where many gods were worshiped. Certain animals were viewed as gods, others were considered to be sacred to specific ones of the Egyptian gods.
- Is it any wonder that Moses said that if Israel was to offer animal sacrifices to Yehowah in Egypt, this would bring violence at the hands of the people?
- But Moses said; It is not admissible to do so, because we would sacrifice to Yehowah our God a thing detestable to the **Egyptians**. Suppose we would sacrifice a thing detestable to the **Egyptians** before their eyes, would they not stone us? (**Exodus 8:26**)
- We can understand, too, why, when the hearts of Israel in the wilderness turned back to **Egypt**, they would use a molten statue of a calf in what they referred to as a festival to Yehowah.
- Meanwhile the people got to see that Moses was taking a long time about coming down from the mountain. So the people congregated themselves about Aaron and said to him; Get up, make for us a god who will go ahead of us, because as regards this Moses, the man who led us up out of the land of **Egypt**, we certainly do not know what has happened to him. (**Exodus 32:1**)
- At this Aaron said to them; Tear off the gold earrings that are in the ears of your wives, of your sons and of your daughters and bring them to me. (**Exodus 32:2**)
- And all the people began tearing off the gold earrings that were in their ears and bringing them to Aaron. (**Exodus 32:3**)
- Then he took the gold from their hands, and he formed it with a graving tool and proceeded to make it into a molten statue of a

- calf. And they began to say; This is your God, O Israel, who led you up out of the land of **Egypt**. (**Exodus 32:4**)
- When Aaron got to see this, he went to building an altar before it. Finally Aaron called out and said; There is a festival to Yehowah tomorrow. (**Exodus 32:5**)
 - Another prominent feature of **Egyptian** worship was belief in an afterlife. This belief found expression in the practice of embalming the dead and in the erection of huge tombs to honor them.
 - Despite the fact that Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the **Egyptians**, the commandments regarding worship of Yehowah recorded by him **were in no way tainted by Egyptian beliefs**.
 - Consequently Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the **Egyptians**. In fact, he was powerful in his words and deeds. (**Acts of Apostles 7:22**)
 - What he wrote was **not of human origin but was divinely inspired**.

.. Israel In Egypt

- Events during the period of over two centuries that the forefathers of the nation of Israel were in Egypt are an important part of the Bible record.
- Jacob's son Joseph was sold into slavery and taken to Egypt.
- Now men, Midianite merchants, went passing by. Hence they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the water-pit and then sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty silver pieces. Eventually these brought Joseph into Egypt. (**Genesis 37:28**)
- However, the Midianites sold him into **Egypt** to Potiphar a court official of Pharaoh, the chief of the bodyguard. (**Genesis 37:36**)
- Some years later, because of divine intervention, he came to the attention of Pharaoh and, as food administrator, was granted authority second only to Pharaoh himself.
- So Pharaoh said to his servants; Can another man be found like this one in whom the spirit of God is? (**Genesis 41:38**)

- After that Pharaoh said to Joseph; Since God has caused you to know all this, there is no one as discreet and wise as you are. (Genesis 41:39)
- You will personally be over my house, and all my people will obey you implicitly. Only as to the throne shall I be greater than you. (Genesis 41:40)
- And Pharaoh added to Joseph; See, I do place you over all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 41:41)
- With that Pharaoh removed his signet ring from his own hand and put it upon Joseph's hand and clothed him with garments of fine linen and placed a necklace of gold about his neck. (Genesis 41:42)
- Moreover, he had him ride in the second chariot of honor that he had, so that they should call out ahead of him; Avrèkh! Thus putting him over all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 41:43)
- And Pharaoh further said to Joseph; I am Pharaoh, but without your authorization no man may lift up his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt. (Genesis 41:44)
- After that Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenathpaneah and gave him Asenath the daughter of Potiphera the priest of On as a wife. And Joseph began to go out over the land of Egypt. (Genesis 41:45)
- But in time there arose over Egypt a new king who did not respect the memory of Joseph and who imposed tyrannical slavery on the offspring of Jacob, Israel.
- In time there arose over Egypt a new king who did not know Joseph. (Exodus 1:8)
- And he proceeded to say to his people; Look! The people of the sons of Israel are more numerous and mightier than we are. (Exodus 1:9)
- Come on! Let us deal shrewdly with them, for fear they may multiply, and it must turn out that, in case war should befall us, then they certainly will also be added to those who hate us and

- will fight against us and go up out of the country. (**Exodus 1:10**)
- So they set over them chiefs of forced labor for the purpose of oppressing them in their burden-bearing, and they went building cities as storage places for Pharaoh, namely, Pithom and Raamses. (**Exodus 1:11**)
 - But the more they would oppress them, the more they would multiply and the more they kept spreading abroad, so that they felt a sickening dread as a result of the sons of **Israel**. (**Exodus 1:12**)
 - Consequently the **Egyptians** made the sons of **Israel** slave under tyranny. (**Exodus 1:13**)
 - And they kept making their life bitter with hard slavery at clay mortar and bricks and with every form of slavery in the field, yes, every form of slavery of theirs in which they used them as slaves under tyranny. (**Exodus 1:14**)
 - Secular **Egyptian** history is completely silent about all of this, including Joseph's prominent position. Is that surprising?
 - This lack of any mention of Joseph's prominence and of Israel's bondage comes as no surprise to those who are acquainted with the records on the monuments of ancient **Egypt**.
 - It was common for later rulers or religious scribes to remove names from earlier monuments, either because they considered these to be undesirable or to enhance their own prominence.
 - For example, King Horemheb changed inscriptions to credit himself for building work done by Tutankhamen. The Cairo Museum in **Egypt** and the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago contain numerous examples of such dishonesty.
 - In contrast, the Bible record bears every indication of authenticity. It is very unlikely that any nation would claim that its origin is to be traced to slaves in a foreign country if that was not true.
 - The Bible account regarding these events contains a wealth of detail of **Egyptian** life that could only have been conveyed by one who lived there.

- Further, the Passover is celebrated annually by the Jews down to this day, a celebration that the Bible reports began while their forefathers were in **Egypt** and as a result of what occurred there. Any claim that the true account regarding these matters has perished and that the only record in existence is false defies all reason.

· Exodus From Egypt

- Yehowah instructed Moses to appear before Pharaoh and, speaking in Yehowah's name, to say; Send my people away.
- And afterward Moses and Aaron went in and proceeded to say to Pharaoh; This is what Yehowah the God of **Israel** has said; Send my people away that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness. (**Exodus 5:1**)
- Pharaoh refused. He did not want to lose a nation of slaves. More than that, Pharaoh did not know, or recognize, Yehowah as the true God.
- But Pharaoh said; Who is Yehowah, so that I should obey his voice to send **Israel** away? I do not know Yehowah at all and, what is more, I am not going to send Israel away. (**Exodus 5:2**)
- Pharaoh worshiped the gods of Egypt and even considered himself to be a god! Thus the issue was pressed to the fore. **Who is the true God?** By means of ten plagues Yehowah executed judgment on all the gods of Egypt, resulting in **Israel's** release and giving evidence that Yehowah is the living and true God.
- And I must pass through the land of **Egypt** on this night and strike every firstborn in the land of **Egypt**, from man to beast, and on all the gods of **Egypt** I shall execute judgments. I am Yehowah. (**Exodus 12:12**)
- As a group, **Israel** departed from Rameses in **Egypt** on **Nisan 15, 1513 B.C.E.** As the throng moved to the east they were undoubtedly joined by others from Goshen.
- After they reached Etham, Yehowah ordered them to turn back and encamp before Pihahiroth, by the sea. To the **Egyptians**, it appeared that the people were lost.

- And they proceeded to depart from Succoth and to encamp at Etham at the edge of the wilderness. (**Exodus 13:20**)
- Yehowah now spoke to Moses, saying; (**Exodus 14:1**)
- Speak to the sons of Israel, that they should turn back and encamp before Pihahiroth between Migdol and the sea in view of Baal-zephon. In front of it you are to encamp by the sea. (**Exodus 14:2**)
- Then Pharaoh will certainly say respecting the sons of Israel, They are wandering in confusion in the land. The wilderness has closed in upon them. (**Exodus 14:3**)
- They seemed to be trapped between the Red Sea and the mountains. With the **Egyptian** war chariots behind them, there appeared to be no way out! It was under these circumstances that Yehowah delivered **Israel** and destroyed Pharaoh and his army.
- Then Moses said to the people; Do not be afraid. Stand firm and see the salvation of Yehowah, which he will perform for you today. For the **Egyptians** whom you do see today you will not see again, no, never again. (**Exodus 14:13**)
- Yehowah will himself fight for you, and you yourselves will be silent. (**Exodus 14:14**)
- Yehowah now said to Moses; Why do you keep crying out to me? Speak to the sons of Israel that they should break camp. (**Exodus 14:15**)
- As for you, lift up your rod and stretch your hand out over the sea and split it apart, that the sons of Israel may go through the midst of the sea on dry land. (**Exodus 14:16**)
- As for me, here I am letting the hearts of the **Egyptians** become obstinate, that they may go in after them and that I may get glory for myself by means of Pharaoh and all his military forces, his war chariots and his cavalrymen. (**Exodus 14:17**)
- And the **Egyptians** will certainly know that I am Yehowah when I get glory for myself by means of Pharaoh, his war chariots and his cavalrymen. (**Exodus 14:18**)

- Then the angel of the true God who was going ahead of the camp of Israel departed and went to their rear, and the pillar of cloud departed from their van and stood in the rear of them. (**Exodus 14:19**)
- So it came in between the camp of the **Egyptians** and the camp of Israel. On the one hand it proved to be a cloud together with darkness. On the other hand it kept lighting up the night. And this group did not come near that group all night long. (**Exodus 14:20**)
- Moses now stretched his hand out over the sea, and Yehowah began making the sea go back by a strong east wind all night long and converting the sea basin into dry ground, and the waters were being split apart. (**Exodus 14:21**)
- At length the sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on dry land, while the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. (**Exodus 14:22**)
- And the **Egyptians** took up the pursuit, and all the horses of Pharaoh, his war chariots and his cavalymen began going in after them, into the midst of the sea. (**Exodus 14:23**)
- And it came about during the morning watch that Yehowah began to look out upon the camp of the **Egyptians** from within the pillar of fire and cloud, and he went throwing the camp of the **Egyptians** into confusion. (**Exodus 14:24**)
- And he kept taking wheels off their chariots so that they were driving them with difficulty, and the **Egyptians** began to say; Let us flee from any contact with Israel, because Yehowah certainly fights for them against the **Egyptians**. (**Exodus 14:25**)
- Finally Yehowah said to Moses; Stretch your hand out over the sea, that the waters may come back over the **Egyptians**, their war chariots and their cavalymen. (**Exodus 14:26**)
- Moses at once stretched his hand out over the sea, and the sea began to come back to its normal condition at the approaching of morning. All the while the **Egyptians** were fleeing from encountering it, but Yehowah shook the **Egyptians** off into the midst of the sea. (**Exodus 14:27**)

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- As for the sons of Israel, they walked on dry land in the midst of the seabed, and the waters were for them a wall on their right hand and on their left. (**Exodus 14:29**)
- Thus on that day Yehowah saved Israel from the hand of the **Egyptians**, and Israel got to see the **Egyptians** dead on the seashore. (**Exodus 14:30**)
- Israel also got to see the great hand that Yehowah put in action against the **Egyptians**, and the people began to fear Yehowah and to put faith in Yehowah and in Moses his servant. (**Exodus 14:31**)
- Thus, Yehowah demonstrated his great power and caused what he did for Israel to be talked about in all the earth.
- But, in fact, for this cause I have kept you in existence, for the sake of showing you my power and in order to have my name declared in all the earth. (**Exodus 9:16**)
- For we have heard how Yehowah dried up the waters of the Red Sea from before you when you came out of **Egypt**, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, namely, Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. (**Joshua 2:10**)
- At this they said to him; It is from a very distant land that your servants have come in regard to the name of Yehowah your God, because we have heard of his fame and of all that he did in **Egypt**. (**Joshua 9:9**)

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- **LOCATIONS With Related Scriptures**
- **Etham**
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- Then they pulled away from Succoth and went camping in Etham, which is on the edge of the wilderness. (**Numbers 33:6**)

- **Goshen**

- And Israel continued to dwell in the land of **Egypt**, in the land of Goshen, and they became settled in it and were fruitful and grew to be very many. (**Genesis 47:27**)

- And on that day I shall certainly make the land of Goshen upon which my people are standing distinct, that no gadfly may exist there, in order, that you may know that I am Yehowah in the midst of the earth. (**Exodus 8:22**)

- **Memphis**

- Then Pharaoh got up at night, he and all his servants and all other **Egyptians**, and there began arising a great outcry among the **Egyptians**, because there was not a house where there was not one dead. (**Exodus 12:30**)
- At once he called Moses and Aaron by night and said; Get up, get out from the midst of my people, both you and the other sons of Israel, and go, serve Yehowah, just as you have stated. (**Exodus 12:31**)
- Take both your flocks and your herds, just as you have stated, and go. Also, you must bless me besides. (**Exodus 12:32**)

- **Migdol**

- Speak to the sons of Israel, that they should turn back and encamp before Pihahiroth between Migdol and the sea in view of Baal-zephon. In front of it you are to encamp by the sea. (**Exodus 14:2**)

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- **Pihahiroth**

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- And the **Egyptians** went chasing after them, and all the chariot horses of Pharaoh and his cavalrymen and his military forces were overtaking them while camping by the sea, by Pihahiroth in view of Baal-zephon. (**Exodus 14:9**)
- **Rameses**
- And the sons of Israel proceeded to depart from Rameses for Succoth, to the number of six hundred thousand able-bodied men on foot, besides little ones. (**Exodus 12:37**)
- **Red Sea**
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