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## GOD HEARD THEIR GROANING, AND GOD REMEMBERED

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SCRIPTURE READING: **EXODUS 2:15-25**

**Exodus 2:23-25**, *And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. 24: And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25: And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.*

### 1. BACKGROUND

- a. The **Book of Exodus** was written by Moses along with **Genesis, Leviticus, Numbers** and **Deuteronomy**.
- b. **Exodus** was possibly written between 1450 BC. and 1400 BC.
- c. This book is addressed specifically to the Israelites however, it has tremendous application for the church and we will make some of those applications during the message today.
- d. The general belief is the **Book of Exodus** was received by Moses from God during his time at Mount Sinai in the wilderness.
  1. **Genesis 15:13**, says the seed of Abraham would spend four hundred years in Egypt. *And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years*
  2. **Exodus 12:40**, says it was four hundred and thirty years. *Now*

*the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.*

3. **Galatians 3:16-17**, confirms that time span. *Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. 17: And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.*
4. We conclude from these passages that the seed of Abraham would spend 400 years in Egypt.
5. The **430 years** was from the call of Abraham and the **400 years** was from the time God told Abraham.
- e. **There is no contradiction or conflict in the Word of God, especially when we rightly divide the Word.**
- f. The term "Exodus" means, the way out; exit or departure.
- g. It is a story of redemption **by blood and power of the Lord Jesus Christ; God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.**
- h. The message of Exodus is stated very succinctly in **Hebrews 11:23-29**, *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. 24: By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25: Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26: Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. 27: By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. 28: Through faith he kept the passover, **and the sprinkling of blood**, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. 29: By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.*
- i. Exodus begins with the descendants of Jacob living in slavery in the land of Egypt.

- j. Moses is called by God and commissioned to lead the Israelites out of bondage.
- k. **Genesis 46:27**, tells us seventy souls of Jacob entered Egypt. *And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.* All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, - This excludes Jacob's son's wives. All the souls were threescore and six; - this is 66. *And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.* - this is a total of 70. The souls that came with Jacob were 66. Joseph and his 2 sons were already in Egypt which is a total of 69 and then Jacob himself would have made 70.
- l. It is estimated that anywhere from 2.5 to 3 million people left Egypt at the time of the Exodus.
1. It is believed by most Bible scholars that Joseph entered Egypt under the Shepherd kings who were actually pro Israel.
  2. If the truth is known, the Israelites might have been their only friends as they were hated by the Egyptians.
  3. As we see, they were finally driven out of the native Egypt as a dynasty, which was understandably hostile to foreigners.
  4. Joseph was able to strike-up a friendly relationship with these Shepherd kings and as a result, when his father came down to Egypt, they were given a choice piece of real-estate in the land of Goshen. **Genesis 47:6**, *The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell; and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.*
- m. Moses, who was called by God to lead the children of Israel; we find his life was divided into three forty-year periods. **Acts 7:25**, *For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.*
1. Forty years in Pharaoh's palace in Egypt.

2. Forty years in the desert in Midian, where God was in the process of teaching him how to deal with the children of Israel and to lead them.
  3. Forty years in the wilderness as the leader of the Israelites to include the time he was visiting Pharaoh to seek the release of the children of Israel.
- n. We can see Moses' training in Pharaoh's palace did not equip him to deal with what God had planned for him to do.
- o. We must recognize our calling by God and be sensitive to His will and accomplish those things He has specifically called us to do as we exercise our spiritual gift.
- p. Moses' specific instruction was to assemble the elders of Israel and go to Pharaoh.
- q. Pharaoh would then refuse to let Israel go.
- r. Pharaoh's refusal would open a contest between God and the gods of Egypt.
1. Egypt was dominated by idolatry; gods of all kinds and many lords.
  2. There were thousands of temples and literally millions of idols.
  3. We must recognize that behind every idol there is Satan; there was power in the religion of Egypt.
- s. In **2 Timothy 3:8**, we see that Moses was withstood. *Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.*
1. An application for us is there are men today who would corrupt our minds. The Bible warns us in **Colossians 2:8**, *Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.* **2 Corinthians 2:17**, *For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.*
  2. Pharaoh was right up front when he said he did not respect the Lord and he knew not the Lord.
  3. Pharaoh asked the question *Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will*

*I let Israel go.* in **Exodus 5:2**

4. He became very acquainted with God over time for we see in **Exodus 9:27**, *And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the Lord is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.*
5. Recorded in **Exodus 10:16**, *Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the Lord your God, and against you.*
- t. We know there were various plagues that were in existence, which was God's battle with the gods of Egypt.
  1. Each plague was directed against a particular god in Egypt.
  2. The Bible says in **Exodus 12:12**, *For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; **and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.***
  3. God wanted His covenant people to know there is no power on Earth greater than His power.
- u. Some themes of the Book of Exodus are:
  1. **God's protection and provision is available to His children in time of need.**
  2. **Obedience to the Word of God brings prosperity and blessings; disobedience brings failure and punishment.**
  3. **Part of our covenant agreement with God is we trust and obey Him in return for His deliverance and salvation.**
  4. **God's promises can be depended upon totally and unconditionally. **2 Peter 1:4, Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.****
- v. With that background let's get into the meat of God's Word as we introduce the subject.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the July 22, 2018 Morning Message for the Introduction.

### 3. THREE POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

#### h. Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses.

1. **Exodus 2:15**, Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. *But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.*
2. Moses spent his first years in Egypt, but it did not prepare him for what was about to come.
3. God had a plan for him. Something he was supposed to do.
4. It reminds me of the Roman government that exiled John to the Isle of Patmos. There he received the revelation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Revelation 1:9**, *I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.*
5. Moses is going to get some Godly training.
6. He is also going to find a Gentile bride.

#### i. Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters.

1. **Exodus 2:16-21**, Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: *and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. 17: And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. 18: And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon to day? 19: And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water enough for us, and watered the flock. 20: And he said unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread. 21: And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he*

*gave Moses Zipporah his daughter.*

2. Although Moses fled Egypt, God was preparing him to do a work for Him.
3. He finds food and comfort as he stays there for a period of time.
4. Many times, when we come across types in the Old Testament; Moses was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. Every aspect of the life of an individual might not typify what God was doing. Moses was a murderer in contrast to the fact that Christ is our Saviour.
6. Moses was a type of Christ in that he was the chosen deliverer; he was rejected by the nation Israel and turned to the Gentiles and now he has a Gentile bride.
7. Moses is in the land of Midian for the next forty years. Two sons are born of him in this desert land. **Exodus 18:6**, *And he said unto Moses, I thy father in law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her.*

**j. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered.**

1. **Exodus 2:22-25**, *And she bare him a son, and he called his name Gershom: for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land. 23: And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. 24: **And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25: And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.***
2. God is preparing Moses to deliver the children of Israel out of the land of bondage.
3. Being forty years ahead of God, Moses' sensitivity had to be heightened.
4. He had to understand the things of God. He did not remember that if you live by the sword, you die by the

sword. **Matthew 26:52**, *Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.*

5. First of all, God came to save the whole world. I could not help but to remember **John 3:16**, *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*
6. The Word of God says the king of Egypt died in the process of time.
7. After the death of the king, the cry of the children of Israel is heard by God.
8. Notice God delivers Israel for two primary reasons. **He heard their groaning** and secondly, **He remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.**
9. In their desperate attempt and desperate hope – God reveals Himself unto them.
10. I could not help but to be reminded of you and I, who are conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity. **Psalms 51:5**, *Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*
11. Abraham's offspring in the land after forty years caused God to devise a plan for them.
12. God has developed a plan for you and I also.
13. That plan is outlined for us in **Romans 3:23-24**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24: Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*
14. *Being justified freely* – means we were redeemed without a cause.
15. **John 15:25**, *But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.*
16. God now prepares Moses to do a job.
17. We do not want justice; we want grace and mercy.
18. God's people are not worthy of salvation but like the

Israelites were not worthy of redemption; God hears their groanings and He remembered the covenant that He had made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

19. He also makes a covenant with you and I. That covenant is in **John 6:29**, *Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.*
20. That means we must come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We must have the righteousness of Christ in order to get to Heaven. **Romans 3:22**, *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*
21. If we do not have His righteousness, then we will not get there. Contrary to what most people believe we cannot be almost perfect.
22. We have to be absolutely righteous and that can only come through the blood of Jesus Christ.
23. It is His blood that makes the atonement for the soul. **Leviticus 17:11**, *For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.* **Romans 5:11**, *And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.*
24. God provided His grace for us in that while we were yet sinners. **Romans 5:8**, *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*
25. Do you know the Saviour?

#### 4. CONCLUSION

- a. If you do not know Him today needs to be your day of salvation.
- b. You need to come to the side of the Crucified Christ.
- c. I want you to know and remember the provisions that God made for Moses.

- d. In every aspect his life was fulfilled when he got in the will of God.
- e. We must understand that God will never leave us nor forsake us. He will take care of us in every aspect of our life.
- f. He is the Saviour of the world. He came to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance. **Luke 5:32**, *I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*
- g. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- h. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- i. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- j. *It is God's righteousness and His blood that atones for sin.*
- k. He has taken care of sin completely and totally for you and I. He came the first time to save the soul of man and at His Second Coming He will redeem the body.
- l. Would you please stand?

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