

Let Go and Let God

Exodus Chapter 6

Moses was praying / wondering why things got worse after going to Pharaoh the 1st time.

Exd 6:1 **1) What God Will Do** vs 1-9

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for under compulsion he will let them go, and under compulsion he will drive them out of his land."

Exd 6:2 God spoke further to Moses and said to him, "I am the LORD;

Exd 6:3 and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as God Almighty, but {by} My name, LORD, I did not make Myself known to them.

JEHOVAH

- *In the Old Testament Yahweh occurs 6,519 times. This name is used more than any other name of God. Yahweh is first used in Gen 2:4.*
- *YHWH a tetragrammaton (four letters) "Yahwah" is the proper name of God. While it was used in Gen 2 He reveals his name in Exodus 3.*
- *The modern spelling "Yahwah" or "Jehovah" added vowels to aid in pronunciation. The exact pronunciation is not certain.*
- *In the 3rd century AD the Jews stopped saying the name YHWH for fear of breaking the 3rd commandment. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." Therefore "Adonai" (Lord) was substituted.*

Exd 6:4 "I also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they sojourned.

- *Today we hear discussions of to whom does the land belong to? Israel or Palestinians?*
- *This verse tells us that God gave the land to Israel.*

Exd 6:5 "Furthermore I have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, because the Egyptians are holding them in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant.

Exd 6:6 "Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage. I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

Exd 6:7 "Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

Exd 6:8 "I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you {for} a possession; I am the LORD.' "

- *What God Did*
 - *Appeared to Abraham Isaac and Jacob*
 - *Established His covenant with them (to give them land)*
 - *He heard their groaning*
 - *He remembers His covenant*
- *What God will do*
 - *Will bring them out*
 - *Will deliver them from bondage*
 - *Will redeem them w/ strength and judgment*
 - *Will take them as His people*
 - *Will be their God*
 - *Will bring them to the land*
 - *Will give the land to them*
- *God declares what He will do and seals that statement with His name*

Exd 6:9 So Moses spoke thus to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses on account of {their} despondency and cruel bondage.

- *Slave Mentality* -- Sometimes the pain or hurts of wounds or brokenness the people cannot hear the Word of the Lord, or be steadfast in their trust.
 - It takes a little more time or attention sometimes for these to hear and respond to the Word. More Time.
 - They will receive their time to change their Slave Mentality and be trained to be Warriors for God in the Wilderness.
- *Idolatry* -- Another Reason they did not listen is found in Ezekiel 20:5-9
 - After 400 years of living in Egypt they had brought the gods of Egypt into their homes
 - They had not known the Lord intimately. He was as the other gods to them.
 - You have heard that the plagues were demonstrations to Pharaoh of His greater power over Egyptian deities. It may well have been a lesson to the Israelites as well.
- It is amazing that God remembers His covenant with a people with fickle faith and idolatrous heart. Hopefully this changes how we look at our friends and family or even ourselves when we are not the perfect picture of Christianity. Yes, God has judgment (Babylon, Assyria, Fall of Jerusalem) but God is longsuffering. Here it also that Israel hasn't known God as they will shortly

Exd 6:10 **2) What's Left for Moses To Do** vs 10-13

Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Exd 6:11 "Go, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the sons of Israel go out of his land."

Exd 6:12 But Moses spoke before the LORD, saying, "Behold, the sons of Israel have not listened to me; how then will Pharaoh listen to me, for I am unskilled in speech?"

- God tells Moses his part. "Go Tell" You do realize that is our part.
- The excuses
 - These close to me don't listen. (Israel)
 - Therefore, Why would a stranger (Pharaoh)
 - Besides I'm not trained (unskilled)
- God gives him a charge. Go anyway.

Exd 6:13 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and gave them a charge to the sons of Israel and to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

Exd 6:14 **3) Geneology of Moses & Aaron** vs 14-27

In the eastern culture, this is how a person would introduce themselves to you. This was what was important (family) not hobbies, favorite sport teams or where born or career. Moses is making a statement as to who he is.

These are the heads of their fathers' households. The sons of Reuben, Israel's firstborn: Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi; these are the families of Reuben.

Exd 6:15 The sons of Simeon: Jemuel and Jamin and Ohad and Jachin and Zohar and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman; these are the families of Simeon.

Exd 6:16 These are the names of the sons of **Levi** according to their generations: Gershon and **Kohath** and Merari; and the length of Levi's life was one hundred and thirty-seven years.

- Levi = Great Grand Pa
- Kohath = Grand Pa

Exd 6:17 The sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei, according to their families.

Exd 6:18 The sons of Kohath: **Amram** and Izhar and Hebron and Uzziel; and the length of Kohath's life was one hundred and thirty-three years.

- Amram = Dad

- Exd 6:19 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their generations.
- Exd 6:20 Amram married his father's sister **Jochebed**, and she bore him Aaron and Moses; and the length of Amram's life was one hundred and thirty-seven years.
- *Jochebed = Mother*
 - *Amram married his fathers Sister*
 - *It does not mean that Amram married an older woman. It is probable that with long life, children came of age to bear children before the parents were finished having children.*
 - *Moses later prohibits marriage of this kind (Lev 18)*
- Exd 6:21 The sons of Izhar: Korah and Nepheg and Zichri.
- Exd 6:22 The sons of Uzziel: Mishael and Elzaphan and Sithri.
- Exd 6:23 Aaron married Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab, the sister of Nahshon, and she bore him **Nadab and Abihu**, Eleazar and Ithamar.
- Exd 6:24 The sons of **Korah**: Assir and Elkanah and Abiasaph; these are the families of the Korahites.
- Exd 6:25 Aaron's son Eleazar married one of the daughters of Putiel, and she bore him **Phinehas**. These are the heads of the fathers' {households} of the Levites according to their families.
- Exd 6:26 It was {**the same**} Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said, "Bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their hosts."
- *THESE ARE THE SAME - Do not think they were from some other people.*
 - *Moses is not of Pharaoh's house but from the house of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.*
- Exd 6:27 They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing out the sons of Israel from Egypt; it was {**the same**} Moses and Aaron.
- Exd 6:28 **4) Break Over, Back to the Story** vs 28-30 Should probably be read w/ ch 7
- Exd 6:29 Now it came about on the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, that the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "I am the LORD; speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I speak to you."
- Exd 6:30 But Moses said before the LORD, "Behold, I am unskilled in speech; how then will Pharaoh listen to me?"

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