

# REDEMPTION

**TEXT: EXODUS 3:1-5:**

***1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.***

***2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.***

***3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.***

***4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.***

***5 And He said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is Holy ground.***

Moses was called the “MEEKEST MAN” on the earth, but that was toward the end of his life. It was a painfully long process of 40 years in the wilderness to learn obedience through the things he suffered.

***Numbers 12:3: (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)***

He was not meek when he slew the Egyptian. He was not meek when he argued with the Lord when He called him to go to Egypt to deliver the Children of Israel, nor when he smote the Rock. It is wonderful how God, when writing in Hebrews, did not even mention his negative side, but only commended his virtues.



Moses was at the backside of the desert, content to be a poor shepherd, and giving up on the call of God. But God does not give us up. One day Moses suddenly came upon a peculiar scene. He saw a bush that burned, but it did not burn up. Moved by curiosity, he approached it, only to be halted by a voice!

Moses had cold feet and was running from the call. He got warmed up at the bush, but even more so when told he was in God's Presence and that the very ground on which he stood was Holy!



We cannot hide from God. Unknown by Moses, he was going thru God's Bible School. It took that long to unload all the learning of the Egyptians and the spirit behind it. Besides, his own nature must be changed having been raised as a king's son where he received the best the world had to offer. This was entirely opposite of the method to lead God's people — he had been trained to lead goats, not sheep, so God must change his nature.

Man is, by nature, under the taskmaster satan who wants to keep man in bondage by using every force and power to keep his bound in misery. This deliverance by the power of God sets forth every cunning device and trick of satan.

We learn of Jannes and Jambres in:

**2 Timothy 3:1-9:**

***1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.***

***2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,***

***3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,***

***4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;***

***5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.***

***6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,***

***7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth.***

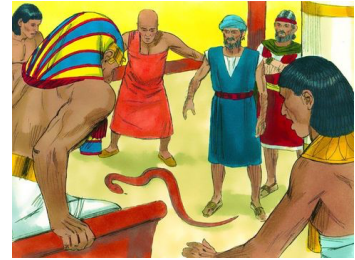
***8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the Truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.***

***9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was.***

Paul gives us their names by the Holy Spirit. They withstood Moses by imitating, as far as possible, all he did. God was delivering Israel by signs and wonders, and

the devil was counterfeiting and duplicating the same.

Pharaoh objected to the separation of God's people — the devil always opposes the separation of people unto God.



### FIRST OBJECTION:

**Exodus 8:25: And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, “Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.”**

The world is so churchy, and the church is so worldly that she is cutoff from the power with God.

**2 Corinthians 6:17: Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.**

Notice Moses' answer . . . “three days journey”.

**Exodus 8:26-28:**

**<sup>26</sup> And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?**

**<sup>27</sup> We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as He shall command us.**

**<sup>28</sup> And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me.**

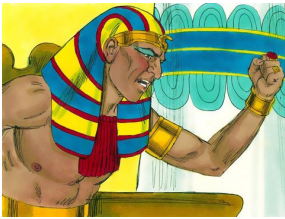
How far out of Egypt have you gone? The devil says, ‘If you have to go, go only a little way into the wilderness where you can easily come back.’ ‘Let your little ones stay behind.’ Imagine this picture, and the devil's slick arrangement. Then in his final one, Pharaoh calls for Moses, and this time says “Let the flock stay.” If the flocks stayed in Egypt, no sacrifices could be given to God.

How far out of Egypt have you gone?

**Exodus 10:24: And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.**

Moses said, “there shall not an hoof be left behind.” God's property has no business being left in Egypt — leaving nothing behind to lure us back to the old

life. No compromise.

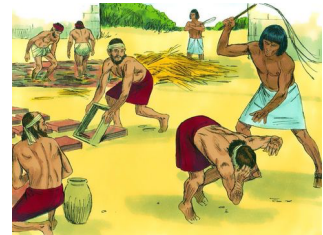


Pharaoh is a picture of satan in the Word of God holding oppressive sway over the entire human race, working thru the demons of the gods of Egypt, and holding people in subjection according to the influence of those particular demons. Through strong judgment upon the gods of Egypt, the Lord overthrew the kingdom of satan.

The Master warns and teaches about the spirit of the world — not just worldly things — but about the power or spirit which will dominate the life so enticed.

***Galatians 1:4 Who gave Himself [Jesus] for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the Will of God and our Father: Love not the world.***

Their bondage began in Egypt where God had blessed them, and where they multiplied in number and in goods. However, their life in Egypt soon became an iron chain and a furnace of suffering when a king (a new Pharaoh) arose who knew not Joseph, and imposed upon them decrees of bondage and oppression. So, too, man's life on earth began in innocence and happiness in the Garden of Eden. Pharaoh repeatedly and stubbornly refused to let God's people go so they could worship Him, which is exactly what satan tries to do.



***Exodus 5:2: And Pharaoh said, "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."***

After having experienced some of God's judgments, Pharaoh relents — but not fully.

***Exodus 8:25: And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, "Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land."***

"Go a little way." Have a little religion, but it must not involve real separation from the world. Serve in the land.

***Exodus 10:10: And he [Pharaoh] said unto them, "Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it; for evil is before you."***

Satan holds multitudes of people, thru their children, which keep them from going

to church. He also wants to take our possessions so that we have nothing to give to the Lord. Don't let your belongings become a snare or stumbling block that keep you from serving the Lord.

## REDEMPTION THROUGH BLOOD

The condition of the Children of Israel was helpless and hopeless.

**Exodus 3:7-9:**

***7 And the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;***



***8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.***

***9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto Me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them."***

At first, they refused their deliverer:

**Exodus 2:14:** *[Moses had killed an Egyptian and two Hebrews came to him asking] And he [the Hebrew] said, "Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killest the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, "Surely this thing is known."*



**John 1:11:** *He came unto His Own, and His Own received Him not.*

The bondage of the Children of Israel increased as deliverance drew near for them to follow Moses. God awakened His people to a sense of their need, and prepared them for their deliverance. They, at last, cried to God with groaning for redemption. Like our deliverance from bondage, this begins by faith.

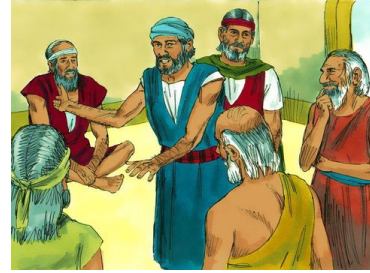
**Exodus 4:29-31:**

***29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel:***



***30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.***

***31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that He had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.***



## **REDEMPTION BEGINS WITH JUDGMENT**

The first time we see judgment against the enemy of our soul — the devil — is in the Garden of Eden on the Serpent (the devil) who deceived Eve and caused her to sin.

***Genesis 3:14-15:***

***14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:***

***15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her Seed; It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel.***

The judgment pronounced in verse 14 was immediate, and the judgment pronounced in verse 15 was fulfilled at Calvary when Christ made atonement for the sin of the world.

Here in Exodus, we see God's Judgment on the so-called 'gods' of Egypt to prove their impotence:

**Nile River** The Nile River was turned to blood. This was a general blow against the religion of Egypt since the river was regarded as a deity and life giver. God made it a death stream.

**Frogs** The infestation of frogs insulted Heki and Ptah, who were regarded as gods with heads like frogs.

**Lice** Swarms of lice were throughout Egypt and were on men and beasts alike. This defiled the priests of Egypt and prevented their worship.



## Flies

Swarms of flies came upon the land, upon all the people, and into their houses — including the house of Pharaoh — corrupting the land, despite efforts of Zeb, the Egyptian fly god.



## Murrain

God sent a grievous plague upon the livestock of Egypt, causing their livestock to die. This touched the honor of their religion in its tenderest point — the worship of Isis and Osiris, in whom the cow and ox were sacred.

Beginning with this plague, God makes a distinction between Israel and Egypt for the rest of the judgments. The plague did not affect the livestock of Israel, and not one of their cattle died.

## Boils

The Egyptians and all the beasts throughout the land of Egypt were covered with boils. The magicians and priests could no longer stand before Moses because they were covered with boils.



**Hail** God sent hail from His refrigerator, with thunder and lightning running on the ground, terrifying the king. The hail struck every herb of the field, broke the branches of the trees, and killed those out in the field. Their gods were utterly impotent in the presence of the wrathful Judgments of God.

## Locusts

Swarms of locusts were sent that covered the entire land of Egypt so that the land could not be seen. They destroyed what the hail had left. This judgment was aimed at the worship of Serapis, who was supposed to protect the country from them.

## Darkness

Darkness fell as a crushing blow upon the supreme god of Egypt — the sun god Ra. The darkness was so thick that they could not see one another, and no one moved from his place for three days. But there was light in the dwellings of the Children of Israel.

When the Creator of the sun vindicated Himself, Pharaoh became alarmed and dismayed, and he sent for Moses in haste.

## Death of the Firstborn

This was the most terrible plague of all. The firstborn of both man and beast were stricken. There was not a house in Egypt untouched by death. Not only did this destroy all hope in the protection by their false gods, but it brought retribution for the crimes that had been committed against the Israelites — the cruel taskmasters, a cruel king, etc.



The Egyptians were all stricken in awful, agonizing distress. But those who loved and believed in Jehovah, The Lord God of Israel, began to reverence Him as they were protected on that awful night by the blood that He had instructed them to put on the doorposts of their houses.

The entire ten plagues represent the judgments of God upon satan, the world, and ultimately upon the antichrist in the last days. They show all the world that the only means or way of escaping judgment is through the Blood applied to the doorposts of their house.

The blood was taken from a lamb that was undefiled and had been separated for fourteen days. The lamb taken was not just for the individual, but was also for the household; and if the household were too small for the lamb, then another household was added, suggesting gentile neighbors.

### ***Exodus 12:3-5:***

***<sup>3</sup> Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:***

***<sup>4</sup> And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.***

***<sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:***



The lamb was slain in the evening. So, also, was Jesus, the Lamb of God.

The sprinkling of blood on the doorposts of the house vividly expresses that we are to apply the blood to our hearts. The blood **must** be applied. It wasn't enough to



just believe about it, for God, Himself — not an angel — was to march thru the streets of Egypt!

***Exodus 12:29: And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.***

The danger of judgment which was unrealized by many came to all — rich, poor, friend or foe, Israel or Egypt — who did not have the blood applied to the doorpost. God sees not the person, but the Blood.

Judgment is certain. It came to pass in Sodom and in Noah's day.

Deliverance is planned by God through a substitute, but God's plan must be followed. One man may have placed the lamb at his front door which may have seemed like a good example, but if he did not apply to blood to the doorpost as directed, he and his household would not be saved from God's judgment. Jesus did not come just to show sinners a good example. They needed a Saviour, not just an example! It is useless to show a sinner how to live a life he doesn't possess.



Another may have slain the lamb, but was afraid of persecution or the laughter of friends, and so he applied the blood to the back door.

Redeemed folks must be **inside** the ark where deliverance is certain and immediate.

God's way to teach us about the value of the Blood of Jesus in the Passover is by remembering the price He paid on Calvary in the Lord's Supper.

The Israelite, inside, feasted on the lamb. This is what Jesus meant in:

***John 6:53: Then Jesus said unto them, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His Blood, ye have no life in you."***

This is what Jesus meant when He said "eat the flesh and drink the Blood of the Son of Man". They must put away and out all unleavened bread — they must cleanup their homes. All Israel could say, "I am redeemed by the blood." The blood was never to be put on the threshold where it would be trampled under feet.

'When I see the blood I will pass over you' — conditional salvation.

**Exodus 12:13: And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.**

This speaks of conditional salvation.

They put nothing but the blood of the unblemished lamb on the doorpost — nothing but the BLOOD. This is a shadow and foretype of the Lord Jesus Christ Who was the unblemished Lamb of God Who shed His Blood to make atonement for the sin of the world, once and for all.

**Hebrews 7:25-27:**

**<sup>25</sup> Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.**

**<sup>26</sup> For such an High Priest became us, Who is Holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the Heavens; [Jesus]**

**<sup>27</sup> Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins [priests'], and then for the people's: for this He did once, when He offered up Himself.**

The Children of Israel were also commanded to EAT the lamb, not just slay it in order to put its blood on their doorposts. This tells us we cannot live on justification only, but must have the Lamb (Jesus) abiding WITHIN us. We are to live by Jesus Christ — the Living Bread — for He says:



**John 6:55: "For My Flesh is meat indeed, and my Blood is drink indeed."**

How can we do this? Just as the physical body cannot live without food which must be ingested in order to give us nourishment to sustain physical life, so too we must accept Jesus into our hearts — feed on

Him, if you would, through His Word — in order that we will have eternal life. We are commanded to remember the price He paid by eating the Bread (wafer) and drinking the Wine (representative of His Blood) during the act of Communion. "*For My Flesh [the bread in communion] is meat indeed, and My Blood [the wine in communion] is drink indeed.*"



They were to eat the lamb with their loins girded, their shoes on their feet, and their staff in hand, signifying they were strangers and pilgrims there, seeking a better city to come. We, too, are pilgrims here on this earth — just passing through — and are looking for a better dwelling place in the world to come.

The lifeboat is coming to gather His jewels home. So, then cheer up my brother, cheer up — we don't have long to stay.

Their crossing the Red Sea is symbolic of water baptism — a symbol of being washed of their sins where they cross from death to life. Thus, they are redeemed (set free from the bondage of their enemy) in the natural, and redeemed from their sins in the spiritual.



***Romans 6:5: For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His Resurrection:***

***1 Corinthians 10:1-2:***

***<sup>1</sup> Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;***

***<sup>2</sup> And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;***

Listen to their Redemption Song as recorded in **Exodus 15:**

***Exodus 15:1-21:***

***<sup>1</sup> Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for He hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the Sea.***

***<sup>2</sup> The LORD is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation: He is my God, and I will prepare Him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt Him.***

***<sup>3</sup> The LORD is a Man of War: the LORD is His Name.***

***<sup>4</sup> Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath He [the Lord] cast into the Sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.***

***<sup>5</sup> The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.***

***<sup>6</sup> Thy Right Hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: Thy Right Hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.***

***<sup>7</sup> And in the greatness of Thine excellency Thou hast overthrown them that rose up against Thee: Thou sentest forth Thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.***

**8 And with the blast of Thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.**

**9 The enemy [satan] said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.**



**10 Thou didst blow with Thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters.**

**11 Who is like unto Thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like Thee, glorious in Holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?**

**12 Thou stretchedst out Thy Right Hand, the earth swallowed them.**

**13 Thou in Thy mercy hast led forth the people which Thou hast redeemed: Thou hast guided them in Thy strength unto Thy Holy habitation.**

**14 The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina.**

**15 Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.**

**16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of Thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till Thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, which Thou hast purchased.**

**17 Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of Thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which Thou hast made for Thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O LORD, which Thy hands have established.**



**18 The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.**

**19 For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.**

**20 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.**

**21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for He hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea.**

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