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**Introduction**

This week's portion Bo brings us to the climax of Israel's struggle for freedom.

**Exodus 10:1-2**

**1** Now the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him, **2** "and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I *am* the LORD."

There are those who believe that the Almighty forced Pharaoh to do something against his nature and that was that the Almighty hardened Pharaoh's heart. I do not believe there is any truth to this because we are told otherwise.

**Exodus 1:8** Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. **9** And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel *are* more and mightier than we.

Notice that in verse 8 we are told that a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. How many times have we seen this where after a few generations those who have gone before us are forgotten? A prime example of this is how our generation and those who have gone before us have forgotten the truth found in Torah. The Torah has been forgotten in almost the same way that Pharaoh's heart was hardened by the Almighty. He did not force Pharaoh to do anything that was not in his nature already the same way He does not force us to accept Yeshua as His Son and our Savior.

As human beings we have been given free-will to make our own choices. We can find ourselves going either way or sitting on the fence watching what is going on around us while waiting until we see a sign. It is this fence sitting that is going to cause us trouble because if we do not make a choice the Almighty will forget He ever knew us. We are told this in the Word.

**Revelation 3:15** "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. **16** "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

These were the words given to the congregation in Laodicea, one of the seven congregations in Revelation. They professed faith in Yeshua but their actions spoke louder than their words. The Almighty saw through the facade they had erected and had pronounced judgment over them because their actions were the opposite of their words. In Pharaoh's case he had already turned his heart against the Hebrews because he never knew Joseph and probably never heard the stories about what he had done for Egypt. Of course this made no difference because the Almighty had seen what would happen from the beginning and He had arranged for Jacob and his family to go down to Egypt where they would live until it was time for them to leave.

We go through the same thing today when we have to decide where we will live, what career we will choose, what we are going to do with our lives and whether we will choose Yeshua or not. The Hebrews living in Egypt did not choose to be there. That had been decided for them by the Almighty who told Jacob to go and not to worry that this was part of His plan. Don't we forget about the Lord when it becomes inconvenient? When something comes up in our lives that would cause the ways of God to interfere in what we want to do don't we turn a blind eye to His ways rather than to follow His ways?

I know that I have made decisions like that numerous times over the years and the older I get the more these decisions weigh heavy on me. When we are young we believe that we have so much time ahead of us and as we grow older we are faced with the reality that time is not as never-ending as we once thought it was. Faced with new realities we must make new decisions and one of those decisions should be to come before the Lord and ask for forgiveness for decisions we have made as Believers that we knew better than to do. We are standing at a unique point in human history. We are at a crux of sorts where the prophecies found in the Bible are coming to pass right before our eyes and we are facing a whole new set of decisions. Some believe that Yeshua will return in our generation and some do not but one thing is for sure that a lot of things are happening throughout the world that certainly bring the prophecies to life for us.

This is the time to become serious students of the Word of the Lord because we must learn what it is that the Almighty has planned and we must become watchmen on the wall.

**Isaiah 56:10** His watchmen *are* blind, they are all ignorant; they *are* all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

Does this describe you or anyone you know? We have to learn to stop worrying about ourselves so much and what is going on with someone else and to be about the King's business preparing the way for His coming. He left here 2,000 years ago but He promised that one day He would return. I believe that day is drawing closer than ever before. The world around us is moving closer towards a one world government and a one world religion. This is what Satan desires for the world and what will happen has been promised by the Lord from long ago and Satan is doing the Lord's bidding in this.

The Holy One of Israel desires a one world government based on His Torah and His King Yeshua. His one world religion is one based on His Torah as given to His Son and by His Son to all of mankind. This world is based on hate and anger, everything that is contradictory to what the Lord desires. He desires for love to reign supreme and it will take His judgment upon mankind and the earth to accomplish this. What happened to Egypt all those centuries ago was a small taste of what will happen when the *Day of the Lord* arrives in all of the righteous wrath the Lord has at His disposal.

### **Jeremiah 46:13-17**

**13** The word that the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon would come *and* strike the land of Egypt. **14** "Declare in Egypt, and proclaim in Migdol; proclaim in Noph and in Tahpanhes; say, 'Stand fast and prepare yourselves, for the sword devours all around you.' **15** Why are your valiant *men* swept away? They did not stand because the LORD drove them away. **16** He made many fall; yes, one fell upon another. And they said, 'Arise! Let us go back to our own people and to the land of our nativity from the oppressing sword.' **17** They cried there, 'Pharaoh, king of Egypt, is *but* a noise. He has passed by the appointed time!'

It is interesting how many times the Almighty has used Egypt to accomplish His will and to keep safe His chosen vessels. Abraham went down to Egypt during a time of famine as well as Isaac and Jacob. Joseph was taken down to Egypt and sold into slavery and rose up out of the ashes of his life to begin life anew as the second most powerful man in Egypt next to Pharaoh. He knew about the famine and had interpreted the Pharaoh's dreams correctly. It would be through this gift from the Almighty that Joseph would be able to take care of his family. He called for them to come down to Egypt but Jacob was hesitant perhaps remembering his father and grandfather's stories about their time in Egypt.

**Genesis 46:1** So Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. **2** Then God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!" And he said, "Here I am." **3** So He said, "I *am* God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there. **4** "I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up *again*; and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes."

The Holy One spoke to Jacob in a dream and told him not to be afraid about going down to Egypt. The Almighty had a plan, one that He had shown to many of His servants before us. Our ancestors had a relationship with their Creator that many of us wish we had. I desire that I could walk with my Creator closer than I do. At times I feel torn into doing what the Almighty wants and what man wants. This is a struggle that most of us go through. We try to do what the Al Kadosh Yisrael-the Holy One of Israel wants. The Jewish sages of old call this the Evil Inclination and the Good Inclination, the two parts of all human beings where we struggle to follow the Good Inclination-the *Yetzer Tov* and the Evil Inclination-the *Yetzer Hara*. As Job discovered it is not easy to fathom the ways of the Almighty. Job did not deserve what happened to him but the Al Kadosh Yisrael allowed Satan to test Job the way He allows Satan to test us. Even Satan must do as the Almighty instructs.

We stand at a point in time where the Creator and Satan are coming to blows as His plan unfolds in the physical realm. The Almighty and Satan have been battling since the day Satan turned away from his Creator and caused 1/3 of the heavenly host to follow him rather than the One who had created them. Since that day Satan had been cast down to the earth along with those who had

chosen to follow him and he has been given dominion over the earth until the day the Father chooses to send His Son to put things right once again.

It will be out of this final battle that the true Israel of the Holy One will be gathered and He will create a new heavens and a new earth, one where man and angels will dwell in eternal peace with their Savior and His Father. Finally the Ruach HaKodesh-the Holy Spirit will take up residence within each and every one of us and will bring the Holy One's ways to His creation as He meant it to be from the very beginning.

### **Acts 7:35-42**

**35** "This Moses whom they disowned, saying, 'WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND A JUDGE?' is the one whom God sent *to be* both a ruler and a deliverer with the help of the angel who appeared to him in the thorn bush. **36** "This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years. **37** "This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, 'GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN.' [Exodus 2:14] **38** "This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness together with the angel who was speaking to him on Mount Sinai, and *who was* with our fathers; and he received living oracles to pass on to you. **39** "Our fathers were unwilling to be obedient to him, but repudiated him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt, [Deuteronomy 18:15, 18] **40** SAYING TO AARON, 'MAKE FOR US GODS WHO WILL GO BEFORE US; FOR THIS MOSES WHO LED US OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT-- WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.' [Exodus 32:1, 23] **41** "At that time they made a calf and brought a sacrifice to the idol, and were rejoicing in the works of their hands. **42** "But God turned away and delivered them up to serve the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, 'IT WAS NOT TO ME THAT YOU OFFERED VICTIMS AND SACRIFICES FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS, WAS IT, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL?' [Joshua 24:20, Isaiah 63:10, Jeremiah 19:13, Ezekiel 20:39, Amos 5:25]

Here in the book of Acts we see that man has still not discovered that it is the Almighty they are to follow. Stephen was standing before the Jewish people gathered at Jerusalem and was sharing with them the history of the Hebrew nation through the story of Moses. The Exodus was and still is a great story that is shared every year since the Holy One of Israel brought the Hebrew people out of captivity from Egypt. This is what is central to the Passover Seder we celebrate every year. It is not simply a time to gather together to eat and drink. It is a time when we come together to listen and share in wonder what the Almighty did for His people.

The Passover Seder should also be a time for us to consider what He will do for Israel again when He turns back to His people and "*remembers*" them. Do you think He hears our groans as we go from one day to the next waiting for Yeshua to come back? Do you think He could have forgotten about us because we face daily tribulations of our own that test us to our limit? People, you know who your Master is and I pray that you never forget that. In the days and years ahead we may possibly be tested to the limits of our duration. We might reach the point where we cry out, "I cannot take anymore!" Yet you may be pushed even further and this is when your faith in Messiah will be tested and when you must stand strong for Him as a witness for the One who created you.

**Revelation 4:11** "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."

Everything that was, is and will be came into being through Him. All that exists came into existence because He willed it to be so. Can you even fathom that? He **willed** them into existence! We think, we make, and we believe we have created but we are only imitators of the original because before them there was nothing. This was the lesson the Holy One brought Job to realize. In the end result it is only what He wants that counts and that our wants must be subject to His or to that of the God head. He is beyond all comprehension and the little bit He has shown us confuses the heck out of us. We believe we understand Him but the longer we walk this path the less we find we know. One day we will know all things because that is the way it will be.

**Job 42:1** Then Job answered the LORD and said: **2** "I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. **3** You asked, 'Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. **4** Listen, please, and let me speak; You said, 'I will question you, and you shall answer Me.' **5** "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You. **6** Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

***Help me to reach out to those around me, and to welcome them when they seek me out; remind me continually that I need them as they need me, for I am part of them as they are of me.***

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