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Introduction

In Shemot, the opening book of Exodus, we find the Children of Israel are slaves in Egypt and God calls Moses to bring them out of slavery to freedom.

Exodus 1:1-10

1 Now these *are* the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt; each man and his household came with Jacob: **2** Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah; **3** Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin; **4** Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. **5** All those who were descendants of Jacob were seventy persons (for Joseph was in Egypt *already*). **6** And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation. **7** But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them. **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; **10** "come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land."

God had Jacob take his family down to Egypt to save them from the famine that gripped the land of Canaan but as much as it was about saving them it was also about preparing them for the next step that God had in store for them. Isn't this what God does to us? Doesn't He take us from one step to another as He sets about using us in His plan for mankind and in building up His Kingdom? Isn't this why we humble ourselves before the Lord and ask Yeshua to forgive us for our sins against His Father? Are we not being readied for what is to come?

How can we serve God if we do not know Him? I have said it before that knowing God means more than knowing Him in a casual manner. The Hebrew intent of knowing is the same as the intimacy of the sexual relations between a husband and his wife. We are instructed in the 2nd Testament on how a husband and wife are to conduct themselves in their relationship.

Ephesians 5:21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Messiah. **22** Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, as to the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife, as Messiah also is the head of the congregation, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body. **24** But as the congregation is subject to Messiah, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything. **25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Messiah also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, **26** so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **27** that He might present to Himself the congregation in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. **28** So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; **29** for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Messiah also *does* the congregation, **30** because we are members of His body. **31** FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. [Genesis 2:24]

Notice what the relationship is supposed to be between husband and wife? It is not simply a matter of the wife submitting to her husband but that her husband is submitted to Messiah and in turn he is submitted to his wife as Messiah was submitted to the Body where He died on her behalf. This is what God desires from us in the marital relationship. The husband cannot require his wife to submit to him if he is not prepared to die for as Messiah died for us. This takes the submission issue to a whole other level that too many Churches and Messianic congregations ignore. Some go so far as to change this passage in the wedding ceremony by changing submits to respect. It is not an issue of submission but one of love. Love brings the husband to the point of his being willing to die for his wife and love brings the wife to be willing to follow her husband's lead.

When God brought Israel out of Egypt they were not a nation but a group of tribes and a mixed multitude that had no relationship with God. God was bringing His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to fruition though it would be enacted again throughout the course of Biblical prophecy. God would bring this rag-tag group out of slavery and mold them into a nation who would proudly bear the name of Israel. Herein lays the mystery and the revelation of God's plan. His plan was simple on the surface but tough on a deeper level. In the admonishment by Rav Shaul on the relationship between husband and wife was to be found the relationship of the Godhead.

Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 5:19 Then Yeshua answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

What we have in Matthew is the reality of the Godhead that is made up of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is the great mystery of how they work together in unison for a common purpose and it sets the stage for John 5:19 where we see that the Son is in submission to the Father and imitates the Father in all that He does. This is the perfect example for how a marriage is to properly function

and ultimately for how the nation of Israel is to function. The Body of Messiah is the nation of Israel but an Israel that is made up of many more people than a husband and wife and the Father and the Son. It becomes much more complicated on many levels than we can fathom but yet it can function smoothly if we take it at its literal level.

There is a nation that God has called out to be His own and He has given them a set of rules so they would know what is expected of them in this relationship with their Creator. God, being who He is, already knows that this group will fail but that out of this nation He will build a better one that brings together all those who have submitted themselves to the Son who redeems them from the penalty of death. Redemption is at the heart of God's plan in order to build the nation of Israel that He desires out of the remnant that remains out of all of mankind, past, present, and future who give themselves over to Yeshua. Yeshua is the key without whom none of us would ever have the chance to have redemption from our sins for which the penalty is death.

Hebrews 9:12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Hebrews 9:15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the **fresh** covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

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Meaning: *new, fresh*

We focus so much on the term **new covenant** that we lose sight of the fact that this is not a new covenant but a renewal of one that already exists and was promised in the Torah.

Deuteronomy 30:6 "And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

Ezekiel 11:19 "Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, **20** "that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

Jeremiah 31:33 "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My Torah in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Take notice of the fact that the Torah is the **new covenant** being spoken about here. See the progression from Deuteronomy through Ezekiel and finally to Jeremiah which is the passage most quoted to the detriment of Deuteronomy. The Torah is left out of the equation and brings confusion to the issue and should explain why the Church and many Messianic congregations have no clue as to what the new covenant is? The Torah is at the heart of God's healing for the nations and for His people. The Torah, in its application as commandments, statutes, precepts, ordinances, and judgments, does not bring healing but in its application as the Living Word of God it does reach out to draw all men to Messiah who is the Living Word of the Father made manifest in His Son.

Once again this is a mystery of God and one which we should not allow to deter us from following Yeshua as the revealed will of the Father.

Deuteronomy 29:29 "The *secret things belong* to the LORD our God, but those *things which are revealed belong* to us and to our children forever, that *we* may do all the words of this Torah.

Romans 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

Romans 3:21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the Torah is revealed, being witnessed by the Torah and the Prophets,

1 Corinthians 2:9 but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." [Isaiah 64:4, 65:17] **10** For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. **11** For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Faith brings redemption not the Torah but the Torah reveals what God expects from His people. When we fail to live up to God's expectations as laid out in the Torah He has given us His Son Yeshua who took away the sins of mankind so that we could receive the promise of eternal life. Eternal life was lost in the Garden when man sinned but the promise has always been there just out of reach for those who reject the Son of God – Yeshua! He is the fruit of the Tree of Life from which man was barred from tasting. Man fell from grace and was denied that which had been promised from the beginning – eternal life.

Yeshua has always been there waiting for His people, Israel, to come forth from out of the nations to receive Him as the gift of life from a Living God and not an idol made of stone or wood. He is waiting patiently for you as He waited for Israel to come to Him in the Wilderness. Will you choose to die in the Wilderness or enter into the promise?

Isaiah 27:6

6 Those who come He shall cause to take root in Jacob; Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

Israel is the child of promise for whom God waits. We are part of that nation; we are part of the Children of Israel. The promise of Israel is not left to the Jewish people alone but is offered to all who desire the redemption of the Lord. God is moving in our day more than He has at any time in history. The students of His Word can see Him moving and we can feel the very foundations of His creation shaking.

We are living in an age where man has elevated himself to levels not seen before in history. The technological advances that mankind has made are outstanding and mind-boggling. The problem is that while we have advanced civilization to new heights we have also advanced our sin as well.

Look to history to see where are the civilizations that have gone before us are? Where is Greece? Where is Rome? Where are the Assyrian and Persian empires? Where is the nation of Israel as it was under David and Solomon? Israel exists today as a Jewish nation when it should be a nation of 12 tribes united under its true King Yeshua. Judah is the fulcrum for what God is doing. All of Biblical prophecy, at this point in time, revolves around Judah and soon the ten tribes of Ephraim will come forth to join them.

Colossians 1:9-14

9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; **10** that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11** strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; **12** giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. **13** He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, **14** in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

God's love is brought forth through His Son who we receive forgiveness for our sins if we choose to ask Him for forgiveness. Man did not seek God's forgiveness in Noah's day and look what happened? Mankind was wiped out except for 8 people, seven of whom were brought through the flood because of Noah.

Genesis 6:7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." **8** But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. **9** This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

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Meaning: *favor, grace*

It's interesting to note that Noah found favor with God and was a righteous man but the promise went to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Some have said it was because Noah was righteous only in his generation while the righteousness of Abraham was greater and would spread to a multitude of descendants. We will not know the answer to this and many other mysteries until the day we stand before Yeshua and His Father in the Kingdom that was promised to all since before the beginning.

Just as the flame does not harm the bush, so God's nearness is not a threat but a reassurance.

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