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### **Introduction**

It took fifty chapters in the first Book of Genesis to cover 2,000 years; in contrast, the book of Shemot or Exodus covers less than 200 years in 40 chapters; and the majority of those chapters – from the Patriarchs to the Exodus – only cover a few years. The title to this week's momentous Parashah, ancient Israel's foundation epic, comes from its opening, V'eileh Shemot, "and these are the names...", a genealogical introduction to the house of Jacob and its twelve sons, "each with his household."<sup>1</sup>

### **Exodus 6:1**

**6:1** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will let them go, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land."

I always come back to this because I find it intriguing how many people feel that God forced Pharaoh to harden his heart against the Hebrews and then had him relent in order to have Pharaoh drive the Hebrews out of Egypt. If we are indeed free-will creations made in the image of our heavenly Father and His Son Yeshua we know that He allows us to freely choose between listening to Him or listening to Satan. We are not limited to this free-will choice because our lives are a walk according to the choices we make.

**John 8:36** "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

We have been free from the very beginning of when God created us through the Son. We were given free-will to choose His ways or Satan's ways. This has always been the choice since the beginning. When Pharaoh hardened his heart against the Hebrews he had already decided to do this because he had made the decision to make the Hebrews slaves.

**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; **10** "come,

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<sup>1</sup> From Torah with a Twist of Humor

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." **11** Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses.

The Pharaoh did not know Joseph and what Joseph had done for Egypt. All he could see is much the Israelites had grown and saw them as threat to his kingdom in the event an enemy attacked Egypt and the Israelites sided with their enemies. So, he decided to deal shrewdly with the Hebrews, and his idea of being shrewd was to enslave them. Had he not taken this course of action perhaps we would not have the book of Exodus and anything beyond that but God had other plans and we can speculate until the cows come home and it will not matter because God has a plan and his plan will win out in the end.

**2449** חָכָם chakam {khaw-kam'}

**Meaning:** to be wise, to be or become wise, act wisely, to make wise, teach wisdom, instruct, to be made wise, to show oneself wise, deceive, show one's wisdom

*Chacham* is the Hebrew word that is translated as wisdom. In the translation I used, the New King James version, they translated the word as shrewdly which carries a somewhat different meaning and intent. I guess, in its own way, dealing shrewdly with someone could indicate wisdom or deceit. I believe that it is not wisdom the Pharaoh showed but deceit. Based on his thinking and the advice of his counselors Pharaoh decided to follow a certain course of action and God used this to show His power over the nations of the earth. While Satan was given dominion over the earth God does step in from time to time to accomplish what He wants despite what Satan wants.

**Ephesians 2:2** in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

**Matthew 4:1** Then Yeshua was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **2** And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. **3** And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." **4** But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" [Deu. 8:3] **5** Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, **6** and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON *their* HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" [Psalm 91:11-12] **7** Yeshua said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'" [Deu. 6:16] **8** Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; **9** and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." **10** Then Yeshua said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'" [Deu. 6:13, 10:20] **11** Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and *began* to minister to Him.

Even the Messiah was tested by the Adversary and He withstood the onslaught of the enemy. We can find our strength through Him because He stood up to the enemy and overcame Him at the beginning of His ministry and in His death and resurrection. With His resurrection, I believe,

the enemy knew He had been defeated but Satan will not take his defeat lying down. He will continue to hammer away at Believers, throwing trials and tribulations our way in ever growing intensity. This is where we need to stand united if we are to get through these times of trial. If we are here during the great tribulation we will need all of our faith and that of our fellow Believers to persevere during that period of time.

I do believe that a select group, chosen by Yeshua, will be kept safe during the tribulation because we are told this in Revelation chapter 3.

**Revelation 3:7** "And to the angel of the congregation in Philadelphia write, `These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": **8** "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. **9** "Indeed I will make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie-- indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. **10** "**Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.** **11** "Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. **12** "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him* My new name. **13** "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the congregations."

It is clear from verse 10 that a group who resembles the Philadelphia congregation will be kept safe during the time of the Great Tribulation that will come upon the world. The early Believers thought they were going through the tribulation when persecution came upon them but they were not. They were going through a tribulation which mirrors the tribulation to come. These times of tribulation have come upon the Body of Messiah throughout its 2,000 year history. They will not end until Yeshua returns. There will be a brief respite during the initial time of false peace ushered in by the anti-Messiah during the first 3 ½ years of his reign. This will lull the world into a time of false hope until the anti-Messiah pulls the rug from out from underneath them and God turns His attention to dealing with the world and all who are in it at that point in time.

What happens during that period of time will be like the plagues that struck Egypt except this time they will be on a world-wide scale. The earth will be devastated and it will take the healing power of God to fix it. He will send the Messiah to lead His army into battle with the nations of the earth who oppose Yeshua. Even some from Judah will join with the enemies of the Holy One. What we need to keep in mind is that we must never waiver in our faith and hold tightly to the source of our salvation – Yeshua!

### **Isaiah 28:5**

**28:5** In that day the LORD of hosts will be for a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty to the remnant of His people.

<07605> שֵׂאֵר *shear* (984b)

**Meaning:** *rest, residue, remnant*

**Origin:** from 7604

**Usage:** remainder(1), remnant(11), rest(13), survivors(1)

I always like to point out that only a remnant will be left when all is said and done. Even though a remnant can be a large group of people, when taken in the context of how many Believers have lived since the beginning of man being created, when measured against the multitude of mankind who have populated the earth it will still be a remnant in the end. Notice that one of the usages of the word *she-ahr* is survivors. This is an apt description of those who will be left when the Great Tribulation is over and when we finally see those who have gone before us in the faith.

I look forward to that day when I can meet the people of the Bible who walked the road of faith before us. Imagine Abraham who had been called out by God to leave his homeland and travel to a place where apparently Cain had been sent to as his punishment for killing his brother Abel. God sent Abraham into the lion's den armed only with his faith in the Holy One who had given him His covenant with the promises of land and progeny. Though Abraham only had one son through his marriage to Sarah that was more than enough to bring a multitude of descendants that would be like the sand on the shore and the stars in the sky. Yet in the end they would only be a remnant.

#### **1 Peter 5:4-6**

**5:4** And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. **5** You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. [Proverbs 3:34] **6** Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time.

My friends we are entering the time of the last days, or at least I believe we may be. Are you staying strong in the faith or are you beginning to waiver a little bit? We must all hold fast to our faith in the Messiah and we must do as He has commanded us and that is to follow the Torah where we will find the instructions of our God. Yeshua was obedient to His Father out of His love for Him and we are to be obedient to Yeshua because of our love for Him. It is the way things should be if everything is functioning the way it should be but in these times they are not. They have not been following the right course since man first chose to disobey the instructions of his Creator.

**John 15:9** "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. **10** "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. **11** "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full. **12** "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. **13** "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. **14** "You are My friends if you do what I command you.

In Yeshua's time the only commandments He could have been referring to are those found in the Torah. The change made to these commandments did not come until later when the Church decided to take a different course than the one laid out by Yeshua. Some say that the commandments changed as the Church changed and I would agree wholeheartedly with that statement. The Church turned from the way that had been given by Yeshua to His talmidim or students. He brought them new insight into the proper way to observe the Torah of God not the Torah of man. His desire was to get them back on the right path. He wanted them to understand

Torah the way His Father had given it to man and at the same time we need to keep something in mind – what about what rules He had given to the angels? Were they given a form of the Torah like He had given to man? The angels were created immortal but they had the same gift as man and that was free-will. They could choose to follow the ways of God or to follow after Satan. In their case, I would assume and this is just my opinion, that since they were created as immortal beings their decisions were binding forever.

It might also be that they were given a higher position than man in the beginning and they were in heaven with God. They knew the Son and who He was and what His mission was. They knew the plan of God differently than man did. Given their place much had been given to them and much had been expected. One-third of the heavenly host chose to follow after Satan and turn away from God to follow the created being who exalted himself as the god of the earth. In the end there will be a day of reckoning for the fallen angels as there will be for mankind. It would seem the Lake of Fire will be a busy place when the Judge of all takes up the Great White Throne and all of mankind will pass before Him in judgment.

**Revelation 20:7** When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, **8** and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. **9** And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. **10** And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. **11** Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. **12** And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. **13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds. **14** Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. **15** And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Amen!

***A Mid-East speaker was denouncing the Jews for causing the problems in early Egypt, when a heckler interjects, "yes, the Jews and the bicyclists." Thrown off course, the speaker asks, "Why the bicyclists?" The heckler replies, "Why the Jews?"<sup>2</sup>***

May the Lord bless you and yours... *Mordecai Silver*

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