

Exodus 11

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Sunday Morning

1. We have been studying the birth of the nation of Israel
 - a. We didn't start at the very beginning where God called Abram from Ur of the Chaldees but we started where they went from **being a family** to being a nation

Exodus 1:5 And all the persons who came from the loins of Jacob were seventy in number, but Joseph was *already* in Egypt.
 - b. They will leave Egypt a nation **consisting of millions**

Exodus 1:7 But the sons of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly, and multiplied, and became exceedingly mighty, so that the land was filled with them.
 - c. Why is this important to the Church what happened 4000 years ago?
 - i. Today many denominations are turning against Israel –
 - ii. Most nations are turning against them
 - iii. There is an accountability of those who do turn against Israel – **Mt.25**
 - d. The reasons we study the O.T. is so that we may know what God thinks about certain things & Israel is one of those things
 - i. **#1.** They help show us how God feels about certain the issues of life

Romans 15:4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
 - ii. **#2.** It helps us understand anti-Semitism –
 - a. It is a satanic conspiracy – b/c Messiah comes from the Jew
 - iii. **#3.** The Church's access to Christ comes thru Israel

Rom.11:17 (NP)

Romans 11:17 But if some of the branches^(Jews) were broken off, and you, being a wild olive^(Gentiles), were grafted in among them and became partaker **with** them of the rich root of the olive tree,
¹⁸ do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, *remember that* it is not you^(church) who supports the root^(Israel), but the root *supports* you.
V.25 For I do **not** want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in;
²⁶ and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, " THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB."

iv. This isn't **just** O.T. "stuff" – this information should dictate how we live

v. For instance: God has promised blessings and curses directly related to Israel – O.T.

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, " Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you;

² And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;

³ And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

vi. Example – Alexander the Great

e. We have gone thru 9 of the 10 plagues God brought on Egypt

f. The 9th a supernatural darkness spread over Egypt **V.21**

10:21 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even a darkness which may be felt." **V.22 (NP)**

V.22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days.

1. "there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt"
 - a. This **physical** darkness symbolic **spiritual** darkness
 - b. The Bible talks a lot about spiritual darkness
 - c. There is a **certain darkness that can infect** a person – **greed!**

Matthew 6:23 "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

*The consequences of becoming greedy

- d. There is a black darkness mentioned for creatures that rebel against God

- i. Fallen angels restrained in darkness now

Jude 1:6 And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day.

- ii. **Punishment of false teachers** – men who distort the truth

Jude 1:12 These men are those who are ^{#1}hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you ^{#2}without fear, ^{#3}caring for themselves; ^{#4}clouds without water, ^{#5}carried along by winds; autumn trees ^{#6}without fruit, ^{#7}doubly dead, ^{#8}uprooted; ¹³ ^{#9}wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; ^{#10}wandering stars, **for whom** the black darkness has been reserved forever.

2 Peter 2:17 These are springs without water, and mists driven by a storm, **for whom** the black darkness has been reserved.

- iii. There is a darkness that all unbelievers live in at the present time

Ephesians 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, but **now** you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light

Colossians 1:13 (NP)

Colossians 1:13 For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

iv. Unbelievers live in darkness by choice

John 3:19 "And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil.

v. There is a darkness awaiting all who reject Christ

Matthew 25:29 " For to everyone who has^(Christ) shall *more* be given, and he shall have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, ^(Christ) even what he does have shall be taken away.

³⁰ "And cast out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

vi. Believers are instructed to live in light – a choice we make

1 Thessalonians 5:5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; ⁶ so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.

⁷ For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night.

⁸ But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

⁹ For God has **not** destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him.

¹¹ Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

10:27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he was not willing to let them go.

V.28 Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Beware, do not see my face again, for in the day you see my face you shall die!" **V.29 (NP)**

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1. *Verses 1-3 of chapter 11 are parenthetical
2. The conversation between Moses & Pharaoh continues in V.4
3. There is also no chapter break here – the conversation continues

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11:4 Moses said, "Thus says the LORD, 'About midnight I am going out into the midst of Egypt,

V.5 and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of the Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the millstones; all the firstborn of the cattle^(cattle or animals) as well.

V.6 'Moreover, there shall be a great cry in all the land of Egypt, such as there has not been before and such as shall never be again.

V.7 'But against any of the sons of Israel a dog will not even bark, whether against man or beast, that you may understand how the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.'

V.8 "All these your servants will come down to me and bow themselves before me, saying, 'Go out, you and all the people who follow you,' and after that I will go out." And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger.

1. *So went the conversation between Moses & Pharaoh!
 - a. Now we back up to what God told Moses before his meeting w/ Pharaoh **V.1**

Ex.11:1 Now the LORD said to Moses, "One more plague I will bring on Pharaoh and on Egypt; after that he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will surely drive you out from here completely.

V.2 "Speak now in the hearing of the people that each man *ask from his neighbor and each woman from her neighbor for articles of silver and articles of gold.*"

1. "ask from his neighbor...for articles of silver and articles of gold"
 - a. This conversation took place I assume right before Moses met Pharaoh for the last time
 - i. God had to tell Moses when he was really going out of Egypt – Pharaoh had promised many times
 - b. We see silver mentioned before gold again as in **Ex.3:22 (NP)**

Exodus 3:22 "But every woman shall ask of her neighbor and the woman who lives in her house, articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; and you will put them on your sons and daughters. Thus you will plunder the Egyptians."

- c. The people didn't know God was telling them this b/c of the tabernacle

V.3 The LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians.

Furthermore, the man Moses himself was greatly esteemed in the land of Egypt, both in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.

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- 1. "all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die"
 - a. The law of sowing and reaping is seen here
 - b. There is a reaping in kind of what was sown

Exodus 1:22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, " Every son who is born you are to cast into the Nile, and every daughter you are to keep alive."

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- 1. "he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger"
 - a. We see the flaw in Moses
 - b. Everyone has flaws – Moses was his temper
 - c. His temper caused him to not be allowed to bring Israel into the promise land

Num.20:8 (NP)

Numbers 20:8 "Take the rod; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and **speak to the rock** before their eyes, that it may yield its water. You shall thus bring forth water for them out of the rock and let the congregation and their beasts drink."

¹⁰ and Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, "Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?"

¹¹ Then Moses lifted up his hand and **struck the rock twice** with his rod; and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation and their beasts drank.

¹² But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them." <

1. "Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel"
 - a. 2 things really stand out here for us
 - b. **#1.** God is not satisfied w/ partial obedience
 - i. When He said "speak to the rock" He **didn't mean hit it!**
 - ii. **Moses was mad** – that doesn't make any difference where obedience is concerned
 - iii. Your feelings **never justify disobedience** – if your feelings don't match w/ God's feelings – yours don't count!
 - iv. **Our words don't matter either** – we live in a society where what is said means more than what is real – **Not so in God's economy**

1 Corinthians 4:18^(Paul warning Corinthians) Now some have become arrogant, as though I were not coming to you.

¹⁹ But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I shall find out, not the words of those who are arrogant, but their power.

V.20 (NP)

V.20 For the kingdom of God does not consist in words, but in power.

²¹ What do you desire? Shall I come to you with a rod or with love and a spirit of gentleness?

2. "you shall not bring this assembly into the land"
 - a. **#2.** Just b/c you have been forgiven of a sin – that doesn't mean that there are no ramifications from that sin
 - i. What Moses was made to do (to deliver Israel to the promise land) he was not allowed to complete – b/c of sin
 - b. Moses **was** the meekest man on earth

Numbers 12:3 Now the man Moses was very humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.
 - c. How was he the meekest man on earth w/ such a temper?
 - i. He knew above all men what he was inside

V.9 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not listen to you, so that My wonders will be multiplied in the land of Egypt."

V.10 Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh; yet the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the sons of Israel go out of his land.

Ex.12:1 Now the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,

V.2 "This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you.

V.40 Now the time that the sons of Israel lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years.

V.41 And at the end of four hundred and thirty years, to the very day, all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

1. "it is to be the first month of the year to you"
 - a. All those slaves – starting **a brand New Year!** –
 - b. They are being delivered on the **exactly** when God planned
 - c. When someone comes to Christ they get a brand new start!

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come ^(happy New Year!)