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The Tabernacle, Part 4: Come Out of Egypt

God is preparing a people to meet with Him.
The preparation and the promise is a great process.

God started this process with Abraham back when he was in Ur of the Chaldeans.

God Called Abram out from His family and His home land.

Before there were a people for God, there was a man whose heart was given to God.

When Abram responded to God's voice and call the Lord responded.

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Genesis 15:1 (NIV) After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

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Genesis 15:5-6 (NIV) He took him outside and said, “Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Abram believed the Lord, and He credited it to him as righteousness.

*Abram is still childless when
the Lord God made this promise.*

But Abram believed the Lord, the Great I AM.

Without evident physical evidence, Abram held on to his faith in God.

On account of his faith, God credited it to him as righteousness.

In Genesis 32:12 God promised Abraham that His descendents would be as the sand of the sea, which could not be numbered for multitude.

On account of Abram's faith God renewed the promise that He made when he brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans.

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Genesis 15:8-15 (NKJV) The Abram asked, “Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?” So He said to him, “Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”

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Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

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Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him.

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Then He said to Abram: “Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.

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And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.

Now God is telling Abraham that his seed will fall into slavery for 400 years.

Seventy of Abraham's descendents went into Egypt when there was a great famine in the land.

Joseph had been used of God to bring deliverance from that famine.

After thirty years, Abraham's descendents fell into slavery.

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For 400 years, the seed of Abraham was afflicted.

Exodus 1:12 shows us that Israel flourished in Egypt. The Egypt's task masters afflicted them the more they multiplied and grew.

When God brought them out of Egypt there was over a million men, plus the women and the children.

God promised Abraham that He would establish a new generation, a new people.

During those 400 years it appeared to them that God did not know where they were.

They kept repeating the promise that God would send a deliverer.

They cried out and groaned because of their bondage, but nothing seemed to be happening.

Many times when God is working it is silent.

No one can be as quite as God.

We don't have to know what God is doing, for Him to be working things out.

10 generations passed without a prophet of God or a word from the Lord.

God was quiet.

Israel's God was the living God.

He was the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Abraham was dead.

Isaac is dead.

Jacob is dead.

The people kept crying out, but for 400 years nothing seemed to be happening.

Israel's God was not the same as any of the gods the Egyptian's served.

Egypt had its own gods.

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Egypt's gods took a preeminent place in Egyptian society.

Abraham's descendants were exposed to all of the Egyptian gods.

Everywhere they turned in Egypt there was another god.

Amon-Re, their sun god of Thebes, was the chief god of Upper Egypt.

Amon-Re was their guardian of the dead.

Horus, Re, or Osiris was their chief god.

Ha'pi, the Nile-god of floods or waters

Heqit, a goddess of fruitfulness

Egypt had 22 districts called nomes.

Each nome had a key city and a local god was worshiped in that territory.

Ptah in Memphis, Amun-Re in Thebes, Thoth in Hermopolis.

The goddess Maat personified truth and the cosmic force of harmony and stability.

Israel's God was different.

Israel's God is the Creator of the world and the giver of Life.

He is superior to all of the gods of Egypt.

Finally, God saw the oppression of His people and heard their cry because of their task masters and sorrows.

Moses was calling for Pharaoh to listen to the living God.

Moses' command from God to Pharaoh was: "Let My people go that they may worship me."

Pharaoh kept asking: "who is the Lord your God that I should obey him?"

After God had sent nine (9) plagues on Egypt, Pharaoh let the God's people go.

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Exodus 19:1-4 In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai.

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For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain.

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And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel:

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‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself.

After Abraham was dead

After 400 years of crying and moaning

It is God's appointed time to recover, reconcile, and redeem His people.

God made a promise to Abraham.

When He was ready, nothing could stand in the way of it being done.

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Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

God had a plan for delivering Israel.

He told Abraham what he was going to do.

God said they would come out with great possessions.

Almighty Sovereign God was in control for Israel.

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God always has a reason for what He does for you.

*God claimed them as His very own special treasure.
It was not the will of man that brought them out of
bondage.*

*In God's appointed time, He brought them out with His
mighty hand.*

*All things work in Gods' appointed time and God's
appointed ways.*

It is the Will and plan of God that brought you out of sin.

God wants to work it out for His own glory.

*It is difficult for us to understand the ways God has
chosen.*

Who can know the mind of the Lord?

*It always amazes me to see what God did with Israel in
Egypt.*

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They entered Egypt during a famine, as 70 souls.

*During the 430 years they were in Egypt, they became a
mighty nation of people.*

*When they left Egypt, they took the silver, gold, and
wealth of the Egyptians with them.*

They left with more than 70 souls could handle.

*They left with over a million men plus women and
children.*

*God told Abraham what was going to happen to his
descendents.*

*How many times do you question why you had to go
through the things you have faced?*

Why does it seem like God is not listening?

*Why are you exposed to all of the negative things the
enemy of your soul brings against you?*

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*Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) "For I know the plans I have for
you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to
harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

***God had a plan that they did not understand.
They could not see from the beginning of the story to the
reward that lay ahead for them.***

*When it looked like nothing would work out God
called them out of Egypt.*

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John 14:1-3 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

Jesus said He is going to the father’s house.

Then He said He would come again and receive them unto Himself.

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God wants to draw people unto Himself.

Pharaoh was standing in the way of what God wanted to do.

You don't want to get in the God’s way when He is ready.

It may take a while, but when God is ready, He will act rapidly.

The Scriptures says: "God brought them out on eagle's wings."

Nothing could hinder what God planned.

Pharaoh couldn't stop God's program.

The Red Sea couldn't block God's deliverance.

The wilderness couldn't destroy God's people.

Moses told Pharaoh, God has said: "let My people go, that they may worship me."

They were serving Pharaoh.

God had a plan that was much greater than Pharaoh.

They are going to meet with God, and serve Him.

Whatever it took, God was ready to do it.

They would come out of Egypt and serve Him.

God expected them to serve Him, with the same vigor that they served Pharaoh.

If God knows that you will serve Him, He will take you out of anything.

It does not matter what holds you captive my God is able to set you free.

These people became known by their God.

They were known by their faith.

They walked with God.

They were a peculiar people.

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Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

This is God's purpose when He is dealing with people.

God wants us to be different than the world.

We will never be able to walk with God until we are willing to give up to Him.

We cannot be like the world.

We cannot act like Egyptians.

God is calling you to be different.

If you are going to be a man or woman of God, you are going to be pulled out of the world.

This is God's purpose in dealing with people.

For 400 years it appeared that God had forsaken them to slavery and oppression.

They did not know God like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob knew Him.

Suddenly God moved in and started the process of bringing them out.

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*God is telling the world **I will have my people.***

God is establishing a place for them to fellowship with the invisible God.

The people did not know what it would be like to tabernacle with the Almighty God.

The Egyptian gods were easy to dwell among.

You could put one on the wall and nothing would happen.

Those strange gods did not live and move and have being.

The Lord God Almighty was bringing His people into His presence.

They would see His glory.

They would recognize His power.

They would eat His provision.

They would drink His water out of a rock.

God is preparing to bring us into a place where He will walk with us and talk with us.

God will reconcile His people to Himself.

He will make things right.

God will tabernacle with His people.

When they began to understand who God was, He removed the tabernacle and revealed Christ.

God is opening up a new and living way into His presence.