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The Tabernacle, Part 7:

I brought you out to dwell among you

Moses told Pharaoh what God's plan and purpose was for the children of Israel.

Everything Moses said went against the future plans Pharaoh had for them.

Generally, God wanted to bring them out of Egypt to worship Him.

It would be impossible for them to achieve God's purpose while they resided in Egypt.

Exodus 19 God wanted to bring them to Sinai.

God wanted to expose the people to the glory and presence of God that Moses had experienced.

God wanted to make them a Kingdom of priest and a holy nation.

They would be different from any other nation of people.

God brought them out of Egypt to Himself.

God is very jealous over His people.

His plan is to make them a special treasure for God above all people.

Listen to God's plan for those who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ.

#3

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light

God's plan for Israel and the church are parallel.

#4

*You need to know that sovereign
God has a plan for your life.*

Before Abram had realized any of God's blessings, God revealed what He was going to do for him.

God would make Abram a great nation.

He would abundantly bless him.

The whole earth would be blessed through his seed.

God's plan took into account all of the ages of man.

God's scope of knowledge and plan is immeasurably greater the ability to comprehend.

God was telling Abram about events that would occur after he had died.

God knows the right time to bring them into Egypt, and when they should be brought out.

They could not gain enough wisdom or will to order those kinds of events.

This is the area where God works.

Almighty God is in control of time and space.

At the right time God brought them out of Egypt.

God brought them out at the right time with the right possessions.

When they came to the Red Sea, God knew what He was going to do.

God Had a Plan

When Pharaoh came after them, God knew what He was going to do.

God Had a Plan

He had claimed them for His own hundreds of years before.

God Had a Plan

God says: "I know the plans I have for you..."

What is God's Plan?

#5

At the right time God brought them out of Egypt to be His own special people.

This is God's purpose for dealing with these people.

God wants to make them different than the world.

God is bringing them out of Egypt and He is going to take Egypt out of them.

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

God cannot dwell with you in Egypt.

You cannot live like the world and walk in the presence of God.

God wants to bring you to His tabernacle and dwell with you.

You have been brought out to worship God.

Worship is a mandate.

God is worthy of all praise, honor, and glory.

God chose you to worship.

#6

When Moses came down from Sinai and found the golden calf that Aaron had made, and the people were worshipping it as the god who brought them out, God is ready to destroy them because of their sin.

Moses interceded to God for their lives.

But, God said: "whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book."

The people still had too much of Egypt in them.

In Exodus 33, after the plague, the Lord is ready to abandon them to their future.

He was told Moses to leave that place, and take the people into the land He had promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

#7

*God was not going to go with them,
because their rebellion was so great.*

Do you know that God is holy?

He cannot dwell in the midst of rebellious people?

He told them if He went with them in their condition, He might destroy them along the way.

#8

Exodus 33:5-7 (NLT) For the Lord had told Moses to tell them, “You are a stubborn and rebellious people. If I were to travel with you for even a moment, I would destroy you. Remove your jewelry and fine clothes while I decide what to do with you.”

#9

So from the time they left Mount Sinai, the Israelites wore no more jewelry or fine clothes. It was Moses’ practice to take the Tent of Meeting and set it up some distance from the camp. Everyone who wanted to make a request of the Lord would go to the Tent of Meeting outside the camp.

This was a temporary tabernacle.

It was a provisional tabernacle.

#10

Fadeout

God was upset with them.

This is not what God wanted.

The symbolism is great.

The people wanted God to be with them, but not too close.

***God does not want to dwell
on the outside of your life.***

When the finished tabernacle was built, it was in the middle of the congregation.

The 12 tribes camped all around.

When the tabernacle is on the outside:

God is not really involved in their lives.

They are doing many other things.

They are involved in everything else.

God is on outside.

They are not prepared to fellowship with the Almighty God.
The Holiness of God and His presence frightens them.

God is telling them: "I am not into the stuff you are into."

*God will be in the center of your life
or He will not be in your life at all.*

#11

Hebrews 12:18-21 For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore.

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(For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow." And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.")

God came close and they were not ready for Him!

They have come to Sinai to meet with God.

The mountain is on fire.

Blackness and a tempest have surrounded the mountain.

There is a loud sound of trumpets blowing.

Sinai is shaking under the presence of God.

These people have been witnessing the Almighty God up close.

They have walked under His cloud.

They have been warmed by the pillar of His fire.

Now, God has come down and this is more powerful than what they have known.

They are coming to realize that God is great and mighty.

How great is our God?

Moses has been on Holy Ground before.

He knew what it was to take off his shoes on Holy Ground and trembled before God.

This time God came down in His power.

Moses was exceedingly afraid.

Then God calls him to come up to the mountain.

Moses had been before God and He still trembled.

Moses started up the mountain to meet with God face-to-face.

The people had been warned to not even touch the mountain or the foothills.

Moses was walking up to meet with God.

They were all terrified.

The Bible says: "the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom."

When we come to worship God, we need to understand that God is not a man.

Moses was exceedingly afraid and trembled.

God was preparing them to come and worship Him.

They were to wash themselves and their garments.

They were to sanctify themselves and be clean.

They were to separate themselves from the world.

God's goal is to bring to them into His Presence.

The tabernacle is a place God has provided where humanity and Divinity can meet together.

God was preparing them to be able to come in and worship Him as they had seen Moses do.

Exodus is the exit of God's people from Egypt.

They were the first church, the ecclesia.

They were called out of Egypt.

The word ecclesia means: the called out ones.

We have been called out of the world.

We have been called out of sin.

We have been called out of darkness.

Have you been called out?

Once this is settled God starts the preparation for the Tabernacle.

#15

Exodus 25:1-9 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering.

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And this is the offering which you shall take from them: gold, silver, and bronze; blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair; ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood; oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense; onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate.

#17

And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.

God told them to give willingly.

Then God required specific things from them.

They had to willing give.

They had to give specifically.

God has a purpose in their giving.

When you come into the House of God, you must bring something that has purpose.

Don't bring your leftovers to God.

These people are giving their wealth to God.

If you have been invited to someone's house for a meal and you ask: "can I bring something?"

You want to bring something that has a purpose.

You don't want to bring that pizza you had three days ago.

They are willing to commit their wealth to the work of God.

They have seen Moses enter into the glory of God.

They have witnessed the Power of God.

They are willing to commit their possessions to provide for the vision.

They want to know this God.

They want to walk in the glory cloud.

#19

God is not going to build a tabernacle without the people committing to the building of it.

God did not need their gifts to build a tabernacle.

He established the earth without help.

He is the God who made the gold.

He told Moses to tell the people to give their gold so that I may have a tabernacle.

If you are going to have a place to worship God, you're going to have to make a sacrifice to build it.

Each man had given up something to bring up this tabernacle.

It will cost you something.

If you are going to meet with God, it will cost you something.

God is ready to give you the riches of heaven.

He is ready to pour out blessings that you will not be able to receive.

He is ready to give you double for all your trouble.

He is going to have fellowship with you.

He is ready to come down.

He wants to dwell with you.

Are you ready to come aside and meet with Him?