

EGYPT IN THE DAY OF VISITATION

There Are Biblical Kingdom Principles That Pertain To:

- A. EGYPT
- B. GOD'S VISITATION
- C. THE TEN PLAGUES

A. Facts About Egypt

1. In scripture EGYPT is symbolic of THE WORLD (system) and SLAVERY to SIN.
2. God called Abraham out of Egypt; Genesis 13:1. God calls each of His covenant people to "come out of" the land of Egypt, away from its influence. This includes devotion to its values, philosophies, interests, practices and lifestyle. It includes the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.
3. The "son" (ministry, promise) born to Abram through Hagar the Egyptian (a worldly method), must be sent away; Gen. 21:9-14. "Ishmael" is the result of impatience, human reasoning; this is a man-made attempt to bring forth the promise of God; Gal. 4:22-25.
4. Joseph, a type of Jesus Christ, was sold as a slave, and then raised up, in the midst of Egypt, to become a DELIVERER for the people during a time of famine; Genesis 39:1-4.
5. "Pharaoh" is a type of "satan", who RULES OVER the land of EGYPT; his heart is hardened; Exodus 7:13-14. Disease, death and darkness are everywhere upon his land. God said that He has broken the "arms of Pharaoh", the king of Egypt; Ezekiel 30:21-26.
6. Moses (another deliverer) FORSOOK THE THRONE of Egypt. All of the training, wisdom and knowledge that he acquired in the land of Egypt could not equip him for the work of God. He fled from the palace of Pharaoh as a "somebody" to spend 40 years in obscurity becoming a "nobody". He had to be drained of all self-sufficiency; he had to be made humble, meek and broken.
7. "Israel" (God's chosen people, which consists of both Jews and Gentiles); Galatians 3:29, are LED OUT OF EGYPT, so that they can be led INTO THE PROMISED LAND of God's Kingdom. He wants us to know the abundant life, and the present reality of the Kingdom within us; Exodus 12:31-33; Luke 17:20-21; Romans 14:17
8. The ARMY of Egypt PERISHES by the hand of God; Exodus 14:26-28

B. There Are Appointed Times Of God's Visitation, in which He visits the Earth and "comes down". We see this in both the Old and New Testaments:

1. The Days of God's Visitation are appointed times; Hosea 9:7,9; Jeremiah 5:29. Some will recognize the Lord's visitation, and some will not. Jesus wept over Jerusalem because she did not know the "time" ("kairos": season, appointed time, opportunity) of her visitation; Luke 19:41-44; John 1:11; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Jeremiah 46:21.
2. There is a visitation that comes as a result of faith-filled prayer: "...Abraham prayed unto God...And the Lord VISITED Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken. For Sarah conceived, and bore Abraham a son..."; Genesis 20:17; 21:1
3. There is a visitation that comes when sin / iniquity is full: "And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I WILL GO DOWN NOW, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me"; Genesis 6:5-22; 11:5-9; 18:20-21; Jonah 1:2.

4. There is a visitation that comes as a result of God seeing the affliction of the people and hearing their cries for deliverance: “I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry...And I am COME DOWN to deliver them...”; Exodus 3:7-8.

5. There is a visitation that comes as a result of a vow made before God: Hannah made a vow before the Lord in the hope that He would give her a son: “And the Lord VISITED Hannah, so that she conceived...And the child Samuel grew before the Lord”; 1 Samuel 2:21.

6. There was, and shall be, a visitation of the WORD HIMSELF, Jesus Christ, Who comes in the “fullness of time”:

a. “But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons”; Galatians 4:4-5; Romans 11:25.

b. “And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth”; John 1:14; Luke 7:16

c. “...this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven”; Acts 1:11; John 14:2-3.

7. There is a visitation that comes when God “overshadows” His people:

a. “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall OVERSHADOW thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God”; Luke 1:35.

b. “While he yet spake, behold a bright cloud OVERSHADOWED them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him”; Matthew 17:5

c. “...they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might OVERSHADOW some of them”; Acts 5:15.

8. There was a VISITATION of God in the PASSOVER. It was to be a MEMORIAL, a CELEBRATION; it is a Feast of the Lord; Leviticus 23. It also points to the LORD’S SUPPER, instituted by the Lord Jesus; Mark 14:12-25; John 13:1-30; 1 Cor. 11:23-30.

a. A VISITATION of WRATH came upon “Pharaoh” and his kingdom, the gods of Egypt; Ex. 10:16; 12:12. The prince of this world (satan) is already judged; John 16:11.

b. A VISITATION of DEATH, which points to spiritual death, comes upon those who do not believe, who do not come under the protection of the Blood of Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb; Revelation 20:14; 21:8.

c. A VISITATION of LIFE, which points to eternal life, comes to those who believe, and have found refuge under the Blood of Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb; they have passed from death to life; John 10:27-28; 1 Corinthians 5:7.

d. A VISITATION of DELIVERANCE:

1. Some Egyptians were delivered when they sought asylum in the houses of the Israelites at the Midnight hour. There was a “mixed multitude” that came out of the land of Egypt; Exodus 12:38.

2. The Israelites were delivered from the pain of slavery and from the bondage of Pharaoh’s dominion. They “spoiled the Egyptians” before they left Egypt; Exodus 12:36. Now they were free to worship the Lord and it was the beginning of their journey to the Promised Land.

C. The Ten Plagues

- 1. The Plagues have PHYSICAL and SPIRITUAL APPLICATIONS:**
 - a.** The number TEN speaks of a COMPLETE TESTING; Daniel 1:12; Revelation 2:10.
 - b.** The Plagues of Egypt are a manifestation of the POWER of God, which is the FINGER of God; they reveal that Yahweh is greater than all gods; Exod. 8:19; 18:10-11.
 - c.** God said: “That ye may know how that the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel”; Exodus 11:7.
 - d.** The Father has heard the GROANING CREATION. He uses “great judgments” (plagues) to bring His people out of the land of “Egypt”; Ex. 2:24; 6:5; 7:4; Rom. 8:22-23
- 2. There are PARALLELS in the book of Exodus and the book of Revelation:**
 - a.** God sends two witnesses to work miracles; Exodus 7:1, 10; Rev. 11:3-4
 - b.** The enemies of God will also work miracles; Ex. 7:11; 2 Tim. 3:8-9; Rev. 13:13-15
 - c.** God protects His people in the hour of trial; Ex. 8:22-23; Rev. 7:4; 12:6-16
- 3. The PLAGUES ARE SIMILAR in the books of Exodus and Revelation:**
 - a.** Water is turned into blood; Exodus 7:14-15; Rev. 8:8; 16:4-5
 - b.** “Frogs” appear; Exodus 8:1-15; Rev. 16:13
 - c.** A plague of “locusts” are sent; Exodus 10:1-20; Rev. 9:1-11
 - d.** God sends boils and sores upon man and beasts; Exodus 9:8-12; Rev. 16:2
 - e.** Terrible hail stones descend; Exodus 9:13-35; Rev. 8:7
 - f.** There is an awful darkness; Exodus 10:21-35; Rev. 16:10
 - g.** Death consumes multitudes; Exodus 11:1-10; Rev. 9:15
- 4. The Ten Plagues give a VIVID DESCRIPTION of EGYPT (the world system):**
 - 1.** The water (seas of humanity) turned into blood, tells of death covering the world.
 - 2.** The multiplying of the frogs speaks of the unclean spirits in the world; Rev. 16:13
 - 3.** Lice comes from the dust; it reveals uncleanness and filth of the world; Ex. 8:16-17
 - 4.** “Swarms” of flies are unclean people, sons of Beelzebub; Matt. 12:24-26; Is. 7:18
 - 5.** Disease comes upon Egyptian “sacred cows”; He judges the “cattle”; Ezekiel 34:17
 - 6.** Boils describe the condition of the worldly; Isaiah 1:6
 - 7.** The Hail reveals that the wrath of God comes upon the disobedient; Rev. 16:21.
 - 8.** Locusts bring desolation, the result of worldly living; Deut. 28:38, 42
 - 9.** The Darkness tells us that the world is alienated from the Light; John 12:36; Eph. 5:8
 - 10.** The death of the firstborn foretells of the Second Death; Rev. 2:11

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