

Going Home to Egypt

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Introduction:

- A. The land of Egypt in Bible usage appears to be a type of the world.
 - 1. It holds the people of God in bondage
 - 2. It leads to immorality and death for the righteous
 - 3. It is ruled over by an evil tyrant - 2Cor. 4:4
 - 4. It had an inexplicable pull over those who escaped it only to be drawn back toward it
- B. It was a problematic place for God's people
 - 1. Abraham went down to Egypt during a time of famine and got into trouble - Gen. 12:10-20.
 - 2. Jacob did the same thing, and his offspring ended up slaves for two hundred years - Gen. 42:1-3.
 - 3. When Hagar wanted a bride for Ishmael, she took him a bride from Egypt, and it wasn't long after that the Ishmael and his descendants abandoned Jehovah - Gen. 21:21.
 - 4. Even after the children of Israel had been delivered from bondage in that land, they longed to return to Egypt.

I. ISRAEL DOMINATED BY EGYPT

- A. Pain of their domination - Ex. 1:10-22
 - 1. The bondage endured by the captives of this world - Eph. 2:1-3
- B. Progression of their domination - Ex. 5:5-19
 - 1. Sin is not static - 2Tim. 2:16, 3:13
- C. Product of their domination - Ex. 2:1-10
 - 1. In the midst of their slavery, a redeemer was born in their midst. They took little notice of him at the time, but one day, he would rise up to deliver them from their bondage.
 - 2. John 1:10-11; Luke 4:18-21

II. ISRAEL DELIVERED FROM EGYPT

- A. Delivered by the plan of God - Ex. 3:7-10, 16, 4:21-23; Gen. 15:13-14
 - 1. The plan of salvation that delivered us from the bondage of sin was not an afterthought when Jesus died on the cross. It was not a plan B.
 - 2. Since before the foundation of the world, there has been but one plan to save the lost - Rev. 13:8; Eph. 2:8-10
- B. Delivered by the power of God - Ex. 5-13
 - 1. God unleashed His wrath against Egypt and delivered His people in a tremendous display of power.
 - 2. Even greater power in our salvation - Eph. 1:17-23
- C. Delivered in praise of God - Ex. 14:8 KJV
 - 1. Acts 8:39, 5:41

III. ISRAEL DESIRED EGYPT

- A. Desired the worldly safety of Egypt - Ex. 14:10-11
 - 1. They had jobs, food, water, dwellings; Pharaoh oppressed them, but did not pursue them to kill them; they were slaves, but were not in the uncertain, unsafe wilderness
 - 2. Finding sin and its attendant shame and suffering to be one's comfort zone is testimony to the power of the Adversary and the fear of change in the sinner
- B. Desired the supplies of Egypt - Ex. 16:2-3, 17:3; Num. 20:4
 - 1. Psalm 37:25; Phil. 4:19
- C. Desired the spirits of Egypt - Ex. 32:1-8
 - 1. Luke 9:62; 2Peter 2:20-22
- D. Desired the stability of Egypt - Num. 21:4-5
 - 1. The question becomes, do you prefer stability here for a little while or stability forever in heaven? - Heb. 12:1-4
- E. Despised the savior from Egypt - Deut. 1:27
 - 1. Heb. 6:6, 10:28-29

IV. ISRAEL DYING TO EGYPT

- A. The majority died in a polluted land - Num. 14:3, 29
 - 1. Heb. 10:26-27, 3:12-19
- B. The minority died in the promised land - Num. 14:30
 - 1. Phil. 3:13-15, 1:21-22; 2Tim. 4:6-8

Conclusion:

- A. Gen. 19:26; Luke 17:32; Heb. 11:15 - It can happen to us.