

# A Revelation of the Nature, Meaning, and Issue of the Life in Egypt (the World)

Exodus Chapters 7-11

## **Exodus 7:**

4 ...I will lay My hand upon Egypt and bring forth My armies, My people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment.

5 And the Egyptians will know that I am Jehovah, when I stretch forth My hand upon Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

16a And you shall say to him, Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to you, saying, Let My people go that they may serve Me in the wilderness.

## **Exodus 11:**

7b ...that you may know that Jehovah makes a distinction between the Egyptians and Israel.

## **Ephesians 2:**

1 And you, though dead in your offenses and sins,

2 In which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit which is now operating in the sons of disobedience;

3 Among whom we also all conducted ourselves once in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the thoughts, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest;

12 That you were at that time apart from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

## **1 John 2:**

15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;

16 Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.

17 And the world is passing away, and its lust, but he who does the will of God abides forever.

## **1 John 5:**

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the evil one.

## **James 4:**

4 Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever determines to be a friend of the world is constituted an enemy of God.

## **1 Corinthians 15:**

33 Do not be deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals.

## **Romans 12:**

1b ...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.

2a And do not be fashioned according to this age...

- I. The book of Exodus reveals that God desires to rescue His chosen people from every form of usurpation and preoccupation so that they may have nothing besides God Himself –Eph. 2:1-3, 12; Gal. 1:4
  - A. To be saved is to be brought to a place where there is nothing but God-Mark 9:7-8
  - B. In the wilderness, especially at Mt. Horeb, the mountain of God, God was His chosen people's center, their purpose, their life, their home, and their everything-Psa. 90:1; Psa. 91:2

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- II. God's intention in giving His chosen people a revelation of the true nature, meaning, and issue of life in Egypt (the world) is to cause His people to hate and become disgusted with Egypt, to leave Egypt behind, and to be separated to God for His dwelling place-Exo. 5:1; 40:34; Rom. 12:1-2:
  - A. Significance of 4 of the 10 plagues
    1. The plague of the water in the whole land of Egypt becoming blood portrays that the nature and result of life in the world with its entertainment and amusement is death-Exo. 7:14-15
    2. The plague of the frogs portrays that life in the world is a life of nuisance and unending trouble-8:1-15
    3. The plague of the dust becoming lice throughout all the land of Egypt portrays that the source of the supply of our living in the world eventually becomes a great discomfort and a cause of extreme irritation-vv. 16-19
    4. The plague of thick darkness in all the land of Egypt portrays that the worldly life outside of God's presence is filled with terrible darkness-vv. 21-29
- III. It is only by receiving a revelation of the nature, significance, and result of life in the world and of God's attitude toward such a life that we can truly become detached from the world and hate the worldly life-1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4:
  - A. To God worldliness is worse than sinfulness; sinfulness is against God's righteousness, whereas worldliness is against God's holiness, which is higher than His righteousness.
  - B. If we have a detailed vision of the world, we shall know God's attitude toward it, and we shall spontaneously cease to love it.
  - C. If we would be God's dwelling place on the earth, we must know the world in a thorough way, and the element of the world must be purged out of our being.