

From Egypt to Canaan, Part 1 - Choose It or Lose It

1. Israel object lesson for us
 - A. 1Co 10:11 - "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."
 - B. DA 77 - "The deliverance of Israel from Egypt was an object lesson of redemption..." (See PP 293.1, 420.2; CT 166.1; Ed 50.4; ST, August 18, 1881 par. 12; UL 232.4) (See also 1BC 1114; 3BC 1142; 4BC 1173; 7BC 954; CD 378; CT 457; DA 106; FE 374; MH 438; PK 177; PP 457; 3SG 5, 251; 4SG-a 88; 2SM 393; SR 152; 1T 533, 609; 3T 358; 4T 11, 43; 6T 410; 8T 115; TM 420, 428, 434)
2. All Israelites were in Egypt, none in Canaan
 - A. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom 3:23)
 - B. "For the wages of sin is death..." (Rom 6:23)
 - C. Nobody saved by default
 - 1) Because he was an Israelite, Nicodemus was sure he was saved. (DA 171.3)
 - 2) He felt that he needed no change. (DA 171.3)
 - D. "Ye must be born again." (Jn 3:7)
 - E. This applies to all (FW 88.3)
3. Want to avoid eternal death -> actively choose eternal life
 - A. Impossible to drift into heaven (COL 280.2)
 - B. Christianity does not happen by accident (COL 331.1, PP 223.1)
4. What are options?
 - A. Represented as:
 - 1) Egypt vs. Canaan
 - 2) hell vs. heaven
 - 3) death vs. life
 - 4) flesh vs. spirit
 - B. There are really only two options:
 - 1) Christ
 - 2) None of the above
 - C. Anything other than actively choosing Christ will land you on the bad side of the equation
5. First work: choose Christ
 - A. Midwives/Amram
 - 1) Ex 1:17 - "But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive."
 - a) These women feared God, choosing to please and follow Him at the risk of their own lives. (PP 242.1)
 - 2) Heb 11:23 - "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment."
 - a) Amram and Jochebed also chose to trust God, disregarding the king's command. (PP 242.2)
 - 3) These are those who know what is right, and take their stand for Christ, regardless of the consequences
 - B. Moses
 - 1) Heb 11:24-25 - "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."
 - a) Only 12 years old when taken to Egyptian palace. (Ed 61.2)
 - b) Learned his mother's lessons well. (Ed 61.3)

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- c) When faced with the choice, he chose God.
- 2) Influences of Egypt had left deep impressions. (PP 248.1)
 - a) He had mistaken God's purpose. (Ed 62.2)
 - b) He had much to unlearn. (PP 248.1)
 - c) God undertook his training. (Ed 62.1)
- 3) These are those who "have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge." (Rom 10:2)
 - a) They know Christ.
 - b) They have chosen to follow Christ.
 - c) Do not always know how.

C. Israelites

- 1) Ex 2:23 - "And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage."
- 2) Before this, God had revealed to Israel that Moses would deliver them. (PP 245.2)
 - a) Not yet prepared for freedom (PP 246.2)
 - b) Not ready to be delivered by Moses (Acts 7:25)
- 3) After years of cruel bondage -> decided they wanted God's way
- 4) These are those who suffer under Satan's yoke of bondage before crying out to God for salvation.
 - a) Spent part of their lives – often years – as Satan's servants
 - b) Indulged in the pleasures of sin
 - c) Realized that sin never results in true happiness
 - d) Turn to God for a better way

D. Mixed multitude

- 1) Num 11:4 - "And the mixed multitude that was among them fell a lusting..."
- 2) Ever a hindrance and a snare to Israel (PP 281.2)
 - a) Professed to worship the true God (PP 408.3)
 - b) Desired only to escape from plagues (PP 281.2)
 - c) Or followed merely from excitement and curiosity (PP 281.2)
 - d) Most often the ones to stir up strife and the first to complain (PP 408.3)
- 3) Their bodies headed for Canaan, their hearts in Egypt
- 4) These are those who are with God's people, but are not really part of God's people
 - a) Go to church on right day
 - b) Know the right doctrines
 - c) Speak the right words
 - d) NOT made the right choice
 - e) In their hearts, long for Egypt
 - f) NOT children of God

6. Crisis prompts choice

- A. Amram – king's death decree
- B. Moses – taken from family
- C. Israel – yoke of bondage
- D. Mixed multitude – none
 - 1) Did not recognize the crisis

7. What category are you?

- A. 1st three -> OK
 - 1) God will finish what He started
- B. mixed multitude -> problem

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- 1) Left Egypt -> died in wilderness
- 2) Speak in tongues -> tinkling cymbal
- 3) Preach to others -> cast away
- 4) Prophecy -> not know Christ

8. Are you mixed multitude?

A. Partial Description

- 1) Unable to obey
- 2) Know what is good, but don't really want to do it
- 3) Attend church because you've always done it
- 4) Spend less time thinking and talking about Christ than about other things
- 5) Bickering with church members rather than working with and for them
- 6) Much nicer in public than at home

B. "I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil." (Dt 30:15)

- 1) Close to home
- 2) Deal truly with your own soul. *{SC 35.1}*
- 3) SC 47 – "Desires for goodness and holiness are right as far as they go; but if you stop here, they will avail nothing. Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians. They do not come to the point of yielding the will to God. They do not now choose to be Christians."
- 4) Let **THIS** message be your crisis
- 5) If not, God can create a much bigger crisis

9. Choosing Christ is not really a sacrifice

A. Heb 11:26 – "Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward."

- 1) Worldly gain sank to its proper insignificance in comparison *(PP 246.1)*
- 2) Moses counted the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt. He counted it so because it was so. *{Ed 68.3}*

B. But what do we give up, when we give all?

- 1) A sin-polluted heart *{SC 46.1}*
- 2) misery and destruction *{SC 46.2}*
- 3) death (Rom 6:23)

10. Choose

- A. 1Jn 5:12 – "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."
- B. Choose Christ today, you will never regret it.