

“GOD’S PLAN ‘A’ VS. GOD’S PLAN ‘B’”

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INTRO: This message may surface more question than it answers! Use that to think more deeply and study!

I. IN SOME AREAS GOD ONLY HAS A PLAN “A”. Salvation.

II. IN OTHER AREAS, GOD HAS BOTH A PLAN “A” & “B”.

A. Aaron to be the spokesman for Moses (Ex. 4:10-16).

B. Israel taking 40 years before entering Canaan.

C. Israel wanting a human king (1Sam. 8:4-9, 22).

D. Differences between God’s Plan “A” and God’s Plan “B”:

1. Plan “A” is pay now but pay less; Plan “B” is pay later but pay more (with interest).

2. Plan “A” is the most efficient way to the destination, whereas Plan “B” takes longer and has more detours.

3. Always pursue Plan “A” first, but if you miss Plan “A”, persevere with Plan “B”. God doesn’t give up on you!

4. Remember Romans 8:28!

III. THERE ARE TIMES WE MAY NOT KNOW IF WHAT HAPPENS WAS GOD’S PLAN “A” OR GOD’S PLAN “B”.

A. Was manna & quail God’s Plan “A” or “B” (Num. 11:18-20)?

B. Was going to Egypt God’s Plan “A” or God’s Plan “B”?

IV. OUT OF EGYPT – Part 1 [Abraham to Jacob (Gen. 12:35)].

A. God promised to give Abraham Canaan (Gen. 12:1; 17:7-8).

B. During a famine, Abraham went to Egypt (Gen. 12:10-13).

C. Prophecy of slaves in Egypt 400 years (Gen. 15:12-16).

D. God told Isaac not to go to Egypt (Gen. 26:1-4).

E. Prophecy of provision in Canaan (Gen. 27:28-29).

F. Command to dwell in Canaan (Gen. 35:1, 6, 10, 12).

V. OUT OF EGYPT – Part 2 [the life of Joseph (Gen. 37-50)].

A. Family Dysfunction (Gen. 37:2-11, 14, 19-36).

B. From Potiphar’s house to the Prison (Gen. 39).

C. From the Prison to the Palace (Gen. 40-41).

D. Israel goes to Egypt (Gen. 42-46).

E. The Great Reset – a transfer of wealth from the middle class to the government elite (Gen. 47).

***How much of this was God’s Plan “A”? God’s Plan “B”?**

Pursue God’s Plan “A”. Persevere with God’s Plan “B”.