

“GOD’S PLAN ‘A’ VS. GOD’S PLAN ‘B’ - PART II”

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INTRO: In some areas God only has a Plan “A” (Salvation). In other areas, God has both a Plan “A” and a Plan “B” (Ex. 4:10-16). Always pursue Plan “A” first, but if you miss Plan “A”, persevere with Plan “B” (Rom. 8:28). There are times we may not know for sure if something was God’s Plan “A” or God’s Plan “B” (God’s people going to Egypt).

• **Going to Egypt represents trusting man instead of God.**

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

(Gen. 12:1; 26:1-4; 27:28-29)

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

• How did God’s people end up in Egypt?

A. Family disfunction sent Joseph to Egypt (Gen. 37).

B. False accusation sent Joseph to prison (Gen. 39).

C. Interpreting dreams brought Joseph to the Palace (Gen. 40-41).

D. Famine brought Joseph’s family to Egypt (Gen. 42-46), where Joseph provided for them (Gen. 47:11-12).

• How much of the above was God’s Plan “A”?

WHAT DOES EGYPT REPRESENT?

1. Trusting mankind instead of God (Jer. 26:20-23; 42:13-14; Isa. 30:1-3, 7; 31:1, 3).

2. A place of moral compromise (Gen. 12:10-13; Ezek. 16:26; Heb. 11:25-26; Rev. 11:8).

3. “*The House of Bondage*” (Ex. 13:3, 14; 20:2; etc.).

4. A place of sickness and disease (Deut. 7:15).

5. A place to leave in order to fulfill God’s destiny (Lev. 26:13; Matt. 2:13-20; Hos. 11:1; Jer. 31:15).

6. A Place *NOT* to go back to (Gen. 26:1-2; Jer. 42:19; 43:7; Deut. 17:16; Hos. 11:1, 5; etc.)!

7. A place of God’s judgment (Gen. 15:14; Isa. 19:1-3; Joel 3:19; Jer. 43:8-18; Jer. 46; Ezek. 29-32).

CONCLUSION: Given what Egypt represents, was it God’s Plan “A” for God’s people to go to Egypt? Next week we’ll look at “The Great Reset” (Gen. 47:13-26). Pursue God’s Plan “A”, but if you miss it, persevere with His Plan “B”.