

“OUT OF EGYPT” - PART IV (EXODUS 13-15)

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INTRO: Egypt represents trusting in man rather than God (Isa. 31:1). Going to Egypt leads to bondage, but God wants to lead us out of Egypt. Pharaoh hardened his heart and wouldn't let God's people go so God sent a series of ten plagues on Egypt. The last plague was the death of the firstborn (Ex. 11-12). God's people were protected!

I. THE EXODUS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD FROM EGYPT (Ex. 12:31-51).

A. The people of God left in a hurry, but didn't leave empty handed (Ex. 12:35-37).

II. GOD INSTITUTES GUIDELINES FOR LIFE & WORSHIP (Exodus 13 - Numbers).

A. How to worship and maintain right relationship with God.

B. How to treat other people.

C. How to have a united, healthy community.

D. O.T. laws aren't for today unless repeated in N.T.

III. THE LONG WAY AROUND (Exodus 13:17-22)

A. God led them the long way because He knew they would be tempted to go back to Egypt when threatened (v. 17).

B. It's easier to get people out of Egypt than to get Egypt out of people!

C. Never go back to Egypt (Deut. 17:16; Hos. 11:1, 5)!

D. They were supernaturally led by God (vv. 21-22).

IV. CROSSING THE RED SEA (Exodus 14).

A. Pharaoh's armies followed after the people of God.

B. Israel complained to Moses (vv. 11-12; Phil. 2:14-15).

C. Moses' response to the people of God (vv. 13-14).

D. God's response – do not fear! Stand still (vv. 15-18)!

1. There's a time to cry out to God and there's a time to go forward in faith. What time is it?

E. God parted the sea, the Israelites' crossed over, the Egyptians followed and were drowned (vv. 19-31).

V. IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE (Exodus 15:1-21)!

CONCLUSION: It's time to come out of Egypt, celebrate and head for the Promised Land! Will you?