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Ex 1:8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

Acts 7:18-28

The children of Israel from being the honored guests of Pharaoh became his slaves. As slaves they desired freedom, but their struggles for freedom only increased their bondage (Exodus 1:13-14).

In their despair they called upon God (Exodus 2:23-25; Job 34:28), and God sent a "Deliverer" – Moses, and through him said to Pharaoh – "Let 'my people' go that they may serve me." Exodus 8:1. The Children of Israel were not made for Egypt, nor Egypt for them, they were made for Canaan. God intended that they should drink of the water of Jordan and not of the water of the Nile. While they were born in bondage they were made for liberty.

Prophetic destiny-

God had told Abraham that his seed should be a stranger in a land that was not theirs, where they should be afflicted for 400 years, and afterwards should come out with great substance. Genesis 15:13-14.

Increased Hunger for deliverance. 1 Peter 4:1

When the time for their deliverance and return to Canaan had come, God found it necessary to wean them from Egypt by making their lot in Egypt unendurable. To this end He stirred up the heart of Pharaoh to increase their burdens.

Composition of the World- 1 John 2:15-17

The deliverance of the children of Israel from Egypt is a type of the deliverance of the sinner from the bondage of sin. Egypt is a type of this present "Evil World." In Moses' day it presented the best specimen of worldly glory and magnificence that the world has ever seen. In it were gathered the world's wealth, art, and commerce. As seen in its ruins there was nothing lacking in that which would gratify the "Lust of the Flesh," the "Lust of the Eye," and the "Pride of Life."

The food of Egypt was not only plentiful, but gross and stimulating. It was composed of cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. Egypt was also famous for its fish.

Numbers 11:4-5.

But Egypt was not to be compared with Canaan for beauty or food, for Canaan was a land of figs and pomegranates, of olive oil and honey, of new corn and wine.

Deuteronomy 8:8-9.

Pharaoh was a type of "Satan." Egypt was full of idolatry, the very stronghold of Satan, and a "hotbed" of every species of sin. Having Israel in his power Pharaoh tried to make it permanent. That is what Satan tries to do with the sinner.

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EGYPTIAN COMPROMISES

When Moses and Aaron appeared before Pharaoh they said – “Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a Feast unto me in the Wilderness.” And Pharaoh said—“Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go.” Exodus 5:1-2. Then Moses and Aaron demanded that Pharaoh let Israel go a three days’ journey into the Wilderness. Pharaoh again refused, and practically said, the service of God is a waste of time. He then increased the Children of Israel’s burdens. But when after the first 3 Plagues there came the “Plague of Flies” upon the Egyptians only, Pharaoh thought it was time to “compromise,” so he sent for Moses and said – “Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.” Exodus 8:25.

First Compromise

Pharaoh would not object to an occasional sacrifice in the land if that would make the Children of Israel satisfied to remain in Egypt where he could retain his power over them. So Satan does not object to an occasional “spasm” of religious endeavor as long as we still remain in the world. If Pharaoh’s advice had been followed the Children of Israel would never have left Egypt. To it Moses replied – “It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the ‘Abomination of the Egyptians’ to the Lord our God ... and they will Stone Us.” Exodus 8:26. As we have seen the “Sacred Bull” – APIS, was one of the gods of Egypt, and if the Children of Israel offered sacrifices of “bullocks” to Jehovah “in the land,” that would be an “abomination” to the Egyptians, and they would Stone Them for sacrificing the “gods of Egypt.” This compromise means that a man cannot be a Christian and worship God “in the land” without offending the world.

Satan would. have a sinner to believe that he can "turn over a new leaf" and that God will accept his worship even if he still remains a partaker of the things of the world. Satan know that such a "convert" can be used as an effective stumbling block to others. How the enemy of our souls hates separation! II Cor. 6:17-18; Rev. 18:4; I Tim. 5:6. Their separation from Egypt and their redemption were synonymous. God could not redeem them from the power of the King without taking them away from the country.

Moses refused to accede to Pharaoh’s proposal, and said, “We will go three days’ journey into the Wilderness, and sacrifice to the Lord our God, as He shall command us” (Exodus 8:27), and, because the “Plague of Flies” was unendurable, Pharaoh proposed a second compromise.

Second Compromise

“I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the Lord your God in the Wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away.” Exodus 8:28. The lesson is, Stand your ground, do not give in, and Satan will begin to compromise. This second proposition or compromise is more

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dangerous than the first; for Pharaoh knew it would be easy to get Israel back if they did not go very far away.

If they insist on leaving Egypt, he would have them stay so close to the border that he will be able to conquer them again after their religious fervor has cooled. If one insists on taking his stand for God, Satan would have him live, act and talk so much like the people of the world that his light is concealed. The only safe place for the Christian is "far away" from Egypt, acting in such direct contrast to the world, that men will "see our good works and glorify the Father in heaven." The man who drives his car as close to the edge as possible without going over, usually lands in the ditch.

So Satan says – "Yes, become a professing Christian, join the Church, but do not go very far away, observe religious seasons, but the rest of the year be back in Egypt (the World) enjoying its pleasures." How could the Children of Israel reach Canaan by going only three days' journey into the Wilderness? "Not very far away" is incompatible with a happy Christian life for it means a vacillating life. The Israelites in the Wilderness did not like the manna God gave them. Their taste had been spoiled by eating cucumbers, garlic and onions, and they longed for the old Egyptian diet. When professing Christians no longer take delight in spiritual food it is plain that they long for their old worldly fare, if they have not already been down to Egypt and had a square meal of onions and garlic. Of all the distasteful dishes that can be imagined a mixture of "Manna and Onions" is the worst. An Egyptian dog would turn away from it. When you hear Christians ask—"Is it right or wrong to do this?" you may know that they have been caught in the "not very far away" Compromise.

Third Compromise

Between the Second and Third Compromise there were the Plagues of Murrain, Boils and Hail. Then Pharaoh's servants said unto him – "How long shall this man Moses be a snare unto us? . . . knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?" Exodus 10:7. Then Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron and said unto them – "Go, serve the Lord your God, but who are they that shall go?" And Moses said – "We will go with our Young, and with our Old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our Flocks and with our Herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the lord." Exodus 10:8-11. They needed their flocks and herds for sacrifices. But Pharaoh said—"Not so; go now ye that are Men."

Pharaoh knew that if the men left their loved ones in Egypt it would not be long before they would be back. This Compromise means let the older people become Christians if they want to, but do not force the faith of Jesus Christ on the young. Be a Christian if you want to, but do not instruct your wife and children, for it is a personal matter. Let

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them enjoy their "Egyptian Pleasures" and you show no concern or direction as to their salvation.

If you exclude the children Satan would whisper to young people that the worship of God is not for them. If he can get them to spend the best part of their lives in sin they are much less likely to be saved when they are old, -- if they live to see old age! Many young people who planned to get saved some day, when they are too old to enjoy the pleasures of the world have been unexpectedly snatched out of the world, unprepared to meet God. Parents! Never neglect the spiritual welfare of your children, lest when the Lord comes they be left behind.

With the offer of this Compromise Pharaoh drove Moses and Aaron away. Then followed the Plagues of the Locusts and the Darkness. These Plagues were too much for Pharaoh, so he sent again for Moses and offered a fourth compromise.

Fourth Compromise

"Go ye, serve the Lord; only let your Flocks and Herds be stayed (remain in Egypt); let your little ones also go with you." Exodus 10:24. Moses, seeing that Pharaoh was weakening, now demands to be paid for going – "Thou must give us also 'Sacrifices' and 'Burnt-Offerings,' that we may sacrifice unto the Lord our God. Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an 'Hoof' be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the Lord our God; and we know not with what we must serve the Lord until we come thither." Exodus 10:25-26. They knew not what sacrifices would be required, for the "Law of the Sacrifices" was not given until they reached Sinai.

This Compromise means to be a Christian, give your soul to God, but keep your possessions for yourself. Satan would have one believe that he can worship God with his heart and not with his substance. But God has said, "Honor the Lord with thy substance" and also with the firstfruits of your increase. Some have tried to stay saved and leave God out of their business matters, but have found such a course impossible. No, the flocks and herds must go alone! If Pharaoh could keep the flocks, he could feel reasonably sure that they would come back after them. Satan does not want us to put our treasure into the Gospel work, for he knows full well that where our treasure is, there will our heart be also.

Some important principles...

1. Don't underestimate the seriousness of your sin. "The smallest sin contains more evil than all the torments of hell." God gave the law that the exceeding sinfulness of sin would be evident. Romans 7:13.

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2. Purpose in your heart not to sin. Make a solemn vow to oppose all sin in your life. (Psalm 119:106). It is a bold affirmation and an earnest heart that is at the root of all holy living. If a person does not make a conscious commitment to the Lord, they will battle the same things over and over again. Like a distance runner that builds up the stamina of his heart, we must run (Psalm 119:32).

3. Be suspicious of your own spirituality. "Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1Corinthians 10:12). Jeremiah 17:9- The seducing subtlety of our own heart will sometimes ensnare us at the moment of our greatest victory. Philippians 3:3 - We can be deceived easily, except for the grace of God.

4. Resist the first hint of evil desire. James 1:15. The time to stop sin is at conception, not after it has been born and gets a life of its own. Exterminate the lustful thoughts before they hatch and begin to bring forth their own diabolical offspring.

5. Meditate on the Word. Psalm 37:30. The Word of God fills the mind and controls the thinking.

6. Be instantly repentant over your lapses. Matthew 26:75. When Peter sinned his great sin, he found the immediacy of remorse. 1 John 1:9. When you confess your sin to God; name it! Let your ear hear the specific sin you are repenting for. This is one way to develop a high accountability to God and keep from falling into the same sin over again. If you hold back from naming it, it may be that secretly you want to continue in the same sin.

7. Continually watch and pray. Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2; Matthew 26:41.

8. Be involved in church with other saints who hold you accountable. 1 Corinthians 10:13 - We all struggle with the same temptations. Galatians 6:2- We need each other. Can we keep each other from sinning? Not always. But we can encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:11).
Hebrews 10:24-25 - We can stimulate one another to love and good works.
Leviticus 19:17; Galatians 6:1; Matthew 18:15-17