

**Children of the Covenant:
Delivered from Bondage**

Egypt's Destruction

Lament of Ipuwar describes a time of societal breakdown, loss of ma'at, destruction of all law and order in Egypt.

“There's blood everywhere, no shortage of dead...

Lo, many dead are buried in the river, the stream is the grave, the tomb became stream...

Lo, the river is blood, As one drinks of it one shrinks from people and thirsts for water....

Lo, crocodiles gorge on their catch, People go to them of their own will...

He who puts his brother in the ground is everywhere...

Egypt Upside Down

Lament of Ipuwar:

The wealthy and powerful are pillaged by marauding bands

“Crime is everywhere... The servant takes what he finds...

Lo, nobles lament, the poor rejoice, every town says ‘Let us expel our rulers’...

Towns are ravaged, Upper Egypt became wasteland...

What belongs to the palace has been stripped.”

Egypt Is Fallen

Lament of Ipuwar:

“All is ruin...

Lo, merriment has ceased, is made no more,
Groaning is throughout the land, mingled with laments...

Lo, great and small say, ‘I wish I were dead,’
Little children say, ‘He should not have made me live!’

See, Egypt has fallen to pouring water”

Judgment on the gods

“Lo, Hapy inundates and none plow for him...

Khnum does not fashion because of the state of the land...

Singers are at the looms in the weaving-rooms,
What they sing to the goddess are dirges...

Khnum groans in weariness...

Lo, magic spells are divulged, Spells are made worthless through
being repeated by people...

[Stolen] is the crown of Re, who pacifies the Two Lands.

“Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment” Exodus 12:12

Pharaoh Is Judged

“Beggars come and go in the great mansions...

See now, things are done that never were before,
The king has been robbed by beggars...

See now, the land is deprived of kingship...

See now, men rebel against the Serpent...

The secrets of Egypt's kings are bared...

Lower Egypt weeps. The king's storehouse is 'I go get it' for everyone, and the whole palace is without its revenues.

Hyksos Invasion

This turmoil lasted for many years

Civil war ensued

Without leadership, Egypt was invaded from east and west

Foreign rulers conquered the north

They adopted Egypt's gods, but with one alteration...

They worshipped Seth as the highest god.
Seth was the god of chaos, lies, and murder.

The Hyksos were most likely Amalekites

Hyksos Invasion

Manetho, a Ptolemaic pseudo-historian of Egypt, quoted by Josephus (regretfully, Manetho's original work is lost to history)

“In his reign, for what cause I know not, a blast of God smote us; and unexpectedly, from the regions of the East, invaders of obscure race marched in confidence of victory against our land. By main force they easily seized it without striking a blow; and having overpowered the rulers of the land, they then burned our cities ruthlessly, razed to the ground the temples of the gods, and treated all the natives with a cruel hostility, massacring some and leading into slavery the wives and children of others.” (Rohl, Test of Time, 280)

Pharaoh's Attack on Israel

Israel's Route

Pharaoh's Attack

Chariots of War

Israel's Doom

Israel's Salvation

Life from Certain Death



Flood-Exodus Parallels

Creation: God brings forth His creation by His power alone

Flood: God judges the reprobate by undoing creation's blessings

Israel: God creates a Covenant people, Israel contributes nothing

Egypt: God judges Pharaoh and Egypt by undoing creation's blessings

Since they worship nature, God undoes the blessings of creation

- As in creation days 1-3, God created light, separated the waters, and created dry ground for Israel to have new life
- During the flood, God un-separated the waters, brought them back together, eliminated the land, and destroyed all life as judgment
- Likewise, God un-separated the waters, bringing the Red Sea back together upon Pharaoh and his army, eliminating all land, and destroying their lives and destroying all of Egypt along with them.

“See, Egypt has fallen to pouring water” – Lamentation of Ipuwar

Flood as De-Creation

Creation

Day 2: God separated the waters from the waters

Day 3: God separated dry land from the seas

Day 5: God created fish and birds

Day 6: God created the land animals and people

Flood: God undid Creation blessings of Days 2, 3, and 6

Day 2 Undone: Waters from above and below come back together

Gen. 7:11 “on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.”

Day 3 Undone: Land is subsumed back into the sea

Gen. 7:19 “and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered.”

Day 5-6 Undone: Birds, all land animals and human life are killed off

Gen. 7:21 “and all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man.”

Plagues as De-Creation

Creation Days

- 1: Light from darkness
- 2: Separation of waters from waters
- 3: Dry land and vegetation
- 4: Sun, moon, stars
- 5: Birds, fish, aquatic creatures
- 6: Land animals and humans

Plagues

- 9: Darkness prevails over light
- 1: Water turned into blood
Red Sea: waters brought together on Pharaoh and his army
- 7-8: Crops destroyed by hail and locusts
- 9: sun, moon, stars give no light
- 1: Blood kills fish and aquatic creatures
- 2: Frog multiplication then mass death
- 3-4: gnats and stinging flies afflict all land creatures, cattle, and men
- 5: livestock plagued and die
- 6: boils on cattle and humans
- 10: death of the firstborn

Exodus as Re-Creation

Day 1: Light

Genesis 1:3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

Exodus 13:21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.

Day 2 and 3: Waters divided from the waters (Day 2), then dry land appears (Day 3)

Genesis 1:9 And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so.

Exodus 14:21-22

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Exodus as Israel's Birth

“Thus says Yahweh, ‘Israel is my son, my first-born.’”

-Exodus 4:22

Moses' name

Moshe = “Drawn out”

Princess draws Moses out of the waters of the Nile

God draws Israel out of the Nile / out of the Red Sea

In Egyptian, Mose = “Is Born”

drawing a baby from the waters of the Nile: born

God organizes Israel as a new Covenant people

Calling, Birth, New Life

New Life / Birth, Regeneration, Born Again

Deliverance prior to law

Regeneration: Brought from death to life

Regeneration (New Creation / Re-Birth) precedes Faith

Called to faith: obedience to the law

Deut 32:18 You were unmindful of the Rock that bore you, and you forgot the God who gave you birth.

Numbers 11:11-12

11 Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? 12 Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers?"

Calling, Birth, New Life

Is 46:3

3 “Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb;

Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

Why?

Why does God bring Israel to Egypt?

Why does God allow Israel to be enslaved?

Why does God remember Israel?

Why does God harden Pharaoh's heart?

God remembered His Covenant with Abraham

Show Himself: character, power, grace, judgment, salvation

Romans 9: God's purposes in the elect and the reprobate

God is glorified in Pharaoh: Romans 9

Family History

10 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may show these signs of mine among them, 2 and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and of your grandson how I have dealt harshly with the Egyptians and what signs I have done among them, that you may know that I am the Lord.” Exodus 10:1

This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. Exodus 12:14

We are Israel and we must study our family history
We must remember and share what God has done for us...
in history and in our own lives
We must pass on this legacy to each generation