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THE LIFE OF MOSES – LESSON 22

EGYPT'S TENTH JUDGMENT – DEATH

Today's lesson focuses on Exodus 11:1-8 and Exodus 12:29-36 about the tenth judgment that brought Israel's release from their land of bondage. It is the killing of all firstborn males, human and animal.

As Moses had journeyed from Midian to Egypt, God had already told him that Pharaoh would harden his heart. God told Moses right then how he was to give warning to the obstinate king. He was to tell him in Exodus 4:22-23, ***“Israel is my son, my firstborn...Let my son go...and if thou refuse...I will slay thy son, thy firstborn.”***

Although Moses delivered that message, Pharaoh consistently refused to let them go. In Exodus 11 we are now at the point where nine miraculous judgments have taken place. All the Egyptians now have great fear of Moses, all that is except for Pharaoh who considers himself a god.

Moses now gives God's instruction to the Hebrews telling them that all the firstborn males in Egypt would be struck dead. He gave them very specific instructions of how to protect their households in Exodus 12. No warning would be given to Pharaoh at this time.

Precisely at midnight on the 14th of Abib (Nisan, Nissin) all the firstborn males, human and animal alike died including Pharaoh's firstborn son. Pharaoh promptly sent for Moses and Aaron and let the Hebrews leave with all their families and animals.

The Egyptians were so eager to see them leave that when the Jews came to “borrow” things to leave with, the Egyptians gave them much spoil to take. It included raiment, jewels, silver, gold and like other valuables. Israel left with great wealth. Food was taken for their journey.

God had miraculously delivered them. Now Moses had the challenge of organizing and leading a multitude of more than two million people which included young children. It also included herds of cattle, sheep, goats, oxen, and such that probably also numbered in the millions. God gave him the wisdom of how to manage it.

Perhaps when you were saved from your “land of sin bondage” into a new way of life, you relied on God to show you also how to manage your new life venture. Fellow believers are usually a great help, but it is God's wisdom and word that guides us through His Spirit.