

MULTIPLYING
THE BREAD OF LIFE

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TO MY READERS:

This booklet is about multiplying or increasing the Bread of Life that God has sent you through His Son Jesus Christ, and how that Life inside you can be multiplied to others. Have you every thought, how can the Word (Bible) have so much in it when it is so small? It seems like the concordance is bigger than the Bible. You start to study a subject and the subject gets so vast you don't know where to stop. You look up a word and there are 45 other verses that have that word in it, and you thought it was an inconsequential word. There are so many verses on so many subjects it seems impossible that it would be contained in so small a space.

You can study the Bible for years and there are always new words and new thoughts you didn't know were in there. Every time you study, every subject is vast and can go in different directions and never end. Magic isn't a word we would use for the Word but it seems like that, it is so supernatural it expands, increases, and multiplies with life in front of our eyes. You hear people say, oh I've read the Bible through twice. That's good, but you're never through reading the Bible, it's a constant revolving swirling revelation speaking and trying to speak to His people. It's His voice imploring us to fellowship with Him continually, not just read the Bible through.

What are we handling when we read this miraculous Book? It's not dead words, but we're reading something alive that can grow and take on its own life on whatever subject we're reading. And God can quicken it to me to understand things even others don't know (none of us are limited!), like for my life or calling, just like He's made us all different. His Word is so supernatural it applies to the whole world and it applies differently to every single person for their personal life.

His Word is so vast it can be alive to everyone in the same way and in different ways, as the Spirit can quicken (make alive) millions of ways at once. It's a supernatural happening that you can expect when you read, hear, or meditate on the Word. It brings expectation of new life every morning.

You can read other books and they are what they are, maybe exciting, something to think about and learn from, but they don't have a very life of their own that you can draw on anytime, anywhere, in any situation. It says many times that "Thy Word is life." And "In thy light shall we see light"; in other words the light expands and gets brighter.

A person who is alive moves around, goes from place to place, stops at different places for a while, some longer, some shorter, and does many different things. The Word being alive means you can stop at one place in it and that life will speak to you and multiply the thoughts of it before your very eyes (or spirit), and you can stop at the same place later and it will have a different life in its meaning to you for your life or others.

This supernatural Book, written by the Holy Spirit, is larger than life, life in the world or your personal life, it's not just words that *have* life but words *that have a continued unfolding of life*. This life is always there even when it talks about death because it teaches you how to avoid death by the words of life if you accept these words. We say we accept Christ as our Savior but we don't always accept all of His words, like it's optional. Accepting Christ gave us the beginning of life, continuing in His Word continues to give us life.

The thoughts and books about the Bible could fill many stadiums, but it still stems from only so many words, but the life in them spreads. My King James Bible is about 1½" wide, and yet it has more thoughts and ways than can ever be counted, and it stretches from eternity to eternity. Because it is God Himself—He can't stay still, He's always increasing. "In Him is life," and life is never stagnant.

The Word not only stretches your thoughts and teaches you how to think, but it can stretch your literal years of life because it promises long life, and as you claim this you are saying life, and that will multiply into more days or years. It is the same with your finances or other areas. When you believe and receive that Word that life of the Word comes into your body, soul, and spirit and gives you more life (or dollar bills!) because life automatically multiplies. Life is the only thing that is alive.

Everything that has God's life in it grows, your fruit, your gifts, your wisdom, your finances, as you reach out to hear and obey that Life. Listen to the Word in 2 Corinthians 3:18:

"And all of us, as with unveiled face, because we *continued to behold in the Word of God*, as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are *constantly* being transfigured into His very own image in *ever increasing* splendor and from *one degree of glory to another*; for this comes from the Lord."

To show that I practice what I preach, this book has been expanded with an added study on the Book of Exodus. It was hard to stop in the middle.



CHAPTER 1

THE ANOINTING

The anointing is a very important part of the Bible. You have probably heard of anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up, James 5:14-15.

In the Old Testament, anointing of oil was used as a sign of consecration and was poured upon or sprinkled upon the tabernacle and furniture inside. In the Old & New Testament there were 12 classes of people anointed, among them the high priests, priests, prophets, captives, kings, the living, guests, the sick, the dead, the two witnesses, ministers, and our Lord Jesus Christ was anointed by the Holy Spirit, not ordinary oil.

Jesus proclaimed that, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; to heal the brokenhearted; to preach deliverance to the captives; the recovering of sight to the blind; to set at liberty the bruised; and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord,” Luke 4:18-19.

The anointing, therefore, is so we can do the same works that Jesus did, who “went about doing good, healing all that were oppressed of the devil.” The anointing is the power and glory working in a Christian to set people free. If a Christian has accepted Christ as their Savior and yet the works of Jesus as stated above are not flowing out of their life, there needs to be further anointing and consecration. This can be obtained as we realize that the anointing of power and victory belongs to us, and we’re supposed to be operating in it. We need to study it, use it, pray for it, and desperately want it to help relieve the suffering of those around us.

It helps our faith to know that increase and multiplying is part of God’s kingdom because God is life and life is always living and increasing. In doing this study and seeing the different examples in the Bible of multiplying it

made me more conscious of that life in us multiplying when we pray for others or lay hands on them for their deliverance. The anointing is having the gifts operating in us, whether it's for miracles, healing, a word of knowledge, wisdom, whatever part of the life of God that He wants to impart to another person.

It is the gifts and the fruit, and the fruit is sometimes harder to operate in than the gifts at times (you know what I mean), and it says that God is glorified when we bear much fruit. He is glorified by our manifestations of Him on the face of this earth, and we need to be filled with this anointing and grow in it so we're not playing church and praying vague prayers for people, but actually seeing them delivered and set free. The church life and the setting free life can sometimes be at variance with one another, one busy and the other effective, depending on the strength of the anointing.



CHAPTER 2

MULTIPLYING THE ANOINTING

THE LOAVES & FISHES

FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND

The feeding of the five thousand where Jesus multiplied the loaves & fishes is the only miracle that is related in all four gospels. The feeding of the four thousand is related in two gospels. This feeding of the masses is the only miracle that is recorded twice although we know He did many other works twice and more.

In these cases we have Jesus multiplying His anointing to meet the needs of hungry people. This anointing increased the loaves & fishes to help supply a need that natural means could not accomplish.

So, applying that to today, when I lay hands on the sick to meet their need, I can expect that anointing to multiply as I pray, or maybe keep my hands there for a while with my spirit believing in the increase, just like Jesus had the natural food do. As He broke it off to minister it, it multiplied piece by piece. All the loaves didn't appear at once and then they made a mad scramble and dived into it; it was orderly and they had them sit down in companies.

I believe I receive a multiplied anointing as I pray or lay hands on the sick, and the more of the Word that teaches me this the more faith I will have as I relieve the oppressed. The little life in me can't help but grow as I believe it will, just like the apostles believed as they passed out the loaves & fishes. Life is created to grow.

God multiplies His Word, and He will multiply what every person needs, whether literal bread or the anointing to cast out spirits, which is instant, or

for sickness, and it could grow more instant as we ask (“you have not because you ask not”), for that anointing to multiply to meet the person’s need *until the anointing is bigger than the sickness*. Like the loaves & fishes were bigger than the empty stomachs.

We put our “little” anointing into the hands of the High Priest and ask that His anointing be multiplied to overcome whatever sickness or need there is (and aren’t we surrounded by serious needs?). Yes, some are anointed for instant workings of miracles, and of course we don’t always need to pray for the multiplication, but in some ways we all want to have our ministry and works increased.

Examples:

Jan Crouch of Trinity Broadcasting Network sent 2,000 dolls to a foreign country, and there were 6,000 children in line. They had counted the dolls and knew there were 2,000, but they kept handing them out and when the last child took the last doll they had passed out 6,000 dolls.

Marilyn Hickey tells the story when their church years ago couldn’t pay all the rent, a group of them had counted the money twice, someone suggested that they pray that it multiply to meet their need and that’s what happened. The next time they counted they had enough.

Bill Johnson, a pastor/writer, tells of their local church leaders who had a Native American reconciliation event, and many more people showed up than were expected. They had four salmon to feed about 900 people, but those four salmon fed everybody full to the brim, with leftovers! That’s not possible in the natural, but it is in the normal Christian life.

He also related in his book that besides the weekly feeding of the poor, they have an annual holiday feast, in which families from the church adopt a table and decorate it. They then bus the needy to this event held in their honor. He tells that this past year we served prime rib. We started with 34 roasts to feed two seatings of about 500 people each. After serving 19 roasts in the first seating we realized that the 15 left over were not enough for the 200 workers plus the second group of 500. The decision was made to not feed the workers. But when they went back in the kitchen there were 22 roasts. Seven more had mysteriously appeared. Everyone was fed and that should have exhausted the roasts but there were 12 more left! Multiplying bread is great, but I really like seeing prime rib multiply.

Feeding of the Five Thousand **Matthew 14:15-21**

“This is a desert place.” If we’re in a dry place God will feed us.

“When Jesus took the **5 loaves & 2 fishes**,” (Or our little fish of faith, our little anointing, what we have learned and are raising up to Him.)

“He looked up to heaven”

“He blessed”

“And brake” (the anointing off of Him and into our hands by our words & little faith)

“And gave the loaves to the disciples and the disciples to the multitude” (or put your name or ministry there)

“12 baskets remained” (always more where that came from, He will give us “exceedingly abundantly above what we think or ask”).

Jesus had said to the disciples, “You give them something to eat.” And because He said that the bread multiplied in the disciples’ hands as they gave it out because He had spoken that word of life to them. He has told us to feed His sheep if we love Him, that’s both spiritual and natural.

Jesus and His disciples participated in a mind-boggling miracle of a great multiplication of food. The multiplication actually took place in *their* hands, not in Jesus’ hands, and that’s a key point to remember. Jesus didn’t say, “Shazam!” and create a huge pile of food. He didn’t wave His hand over the food and watch it increase. He took the small portion they had and divided it into 12 groups, and as the disciples gave it away, it was replenished.

It took only 12 disciples to feed 5,000 plus. So four of us, or two of us, can deliver many by feeding them God’s spiritual food.

Background of The Feeding

(These same background events are also in the three other gospels that tell of the feeding of the 5000.)

Right *before* the feeding, in Matthew 14:

The disciples had told Jesus about John the Baptist, so

Jesus wanted to go to a solitary place to pray

Crowds followed Him on foot

His compassion healed the sick

Evening—the disciples said we need to send multitudes to get food

Jesus said, “you give them something to eat”

After feeding and dismissing crowd He went into the hills to pray

Between 3:00-6:00 Jesus came to a boat where disciples were and had the walking on water experience with Peter

When they got to the other side all the sick were brought to Him and He ministered

Then scribes and Pharisees came questioning Him, and He had conversations with them.

Busy day, and He acted as a man, not God.

We can have the same strength to minister. He accomplished a lot in the strength of God, and so can we.

Feeding of the Five Thousand

Mark 6:31-43

“After John the Baptist’s death Jesus and the disciples were going to a deserted place to rest, and had not even eaten.”

“When Jesus saw all the people He began to *teach* them many things.” (Matthew says that He *healed the sick*, so He did both.)

“He was moved with compassion towards them.”

“The disciples said, send crowds to villages to eat.

Jesus said, *Give them something to eat yourselves.*”

“Jesus asked His disciples, How many loaves have you? Go and see. And when they knew they told Him.” (Only gospel where it says He asked them how many loaves they had.)

“Taking the 5 loaves & 2 fishes, He:

Looked up to heaven

Blessed loaves

Broke the loaves

And kept on giving them to disciples.”

They had 12 baskets left. A loaf then was 5-6” long. As there were 5,000+ hungry people, Christ must have multiplied bread equal to 5,000 to 20,000 loaves.

He did this by the anointing of the Spirit, not because He was the Son of God. Elijah and Elisha were ordinary men and they multiplied oil.

“Basket” with fragments, in Greek meaning “kophinos,” a hand wicker basket in which Jews carried provisions for a journey so they would not have to eat Gentile food. It would hold two gallons.

Feeding of the Five Thousand

Luke 9:11-17

Jesus wanted to be private, but crowds gathered, and:

“He received them
Spoke unto them of the kingdom of God
Healed them that needed it.”

Disciples said, send the people away to get food:

Jesus said, “You give them to eat.” Jesus knew they didn’t
have food

“Disciples said, we only have 5 loaves & 2 fishes

He took them

Looked up to heaven

He blessed them

Brake the bread

Gave to disciples to set before the multitude.”

If you’re ministering and need a miracle it will be there as you “break it off” (the gifts, the fruit, the knowledge), and pass it out to meet a natural or spiritual need.

He made the crowd sit in “table groups”—companies of about 50 each. There was organization. God is a God of order.

So ask God to bless what you have, break it off and pass it out! Jesus asked God to bless the food and then gave it out. God, bless our anointing, multiply it as we lay hands so that the multiplication of life is larger than the death in that person. It may be instant or gradual multiplication.

No matter how things look we can’t send the multitudes away. It will never be too late or too desolate for Him.

As long as we remain blessed and obedient in His hands, our few loaves and fishes are enough. What we have learned is that Jesus does not need a lot to work His miracles; He just requires we give Him all we have.

Feeding of the Five Thousand

John 6:5-14

“Jesus and disciples went up into a mountain. He saw a great company come to Him.”

(The following is the only time this is related in the four accounts of the feeding):

“He said to Philip, Where shall we buy bread so they can eat?

He said this to prove him as He knew what He would do.

Philip said, what we have is not enough. Andrew said to

Him, There is a lad here with 5 loaves & 2 fishes, but what

is that among so many?"

(Other gospels don't mention Philip & Andrew talking to Jesus about it.)

"Jesus said, make the men sit down

He took the loaves

Gave thanks

Distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to the people

Likewise the fish."

"Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." Even if you have fragments to give, Jesus doesn't want them wasted, He wants them "eaten," or benefited by somebody.



CHAPTER 3

MULTIPLYING THE ANOINTING THE LOAVES & FISHES

FEEDING OF THE FOUR THOUSAND
MATTHEW 15:29-38

This miracle of feeding the 4,000 is in two of the gospels, the other being the book of Mark.

The feeding:

“Then Jesus departed and came by the Sea of Galilee and went up into a mountain and sat down. And great multitudes came to Him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others and cast them down at Jesus’ feet, and He healed them. And people glorified the God of Israel.”

Jesus said, “I have compassion on the multitude because *they continue with me now three days* (in the feeding of the 5,000 it wasn’t three days), I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.”

Disciples said we don’t have enough bread to feed the multitude.

“Jesus asked them, How many loaves do you have?”

They said they had *7 loaves & a few little fishes*. (The 5,000 had 5 loaves & 2 fishes.)

He commanded the multitude to sit down

Jesus took the food,

Gave thanks

Broke the loaves

Gave to the disciples, and disciples to the multitude.”

They took up seven baskets (with the 5,000 it was 12 small baskets). These

baskets are a different word meaning large baskets like our clothes baskets.

It's interesting that the story about the woman who was a Gentile (Canaanite) who went to Jesus about her daughter being vexed of a devil is in this same chapter and comes right before Jesus fed the bread to the multitude. She was happy with the crumbs, Matthew 15:22-28:

“And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried to Him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and besought Him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But He answered and said, I am not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord help me.

But He answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

And she said, Truth, Lord; yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

Then Jesus answered and said to her, O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto you even as you will. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.”

If the Gentiles can be healed by the crumbs from under the Master's table, how much more that we, as children of the Master, be given bread, not just crumbs. We can have the whole loaf, and some fish too.

Feeding of the Four Thousand

Mark 8:1-9

“Jesus said to His disciples, How many loaves have you? They said seven.

He commanded the people to sit down on the ground.

He took the seven loaves

Gave thanks

Broke loaves

Gave to His disciples to set before the people.

And they had a few small fishes, and

He blessed them, and

Commanded them to be set before the people.

They took up seven baskets of broken meat.”

In this gospel it says they gave thanks for the bread, then passed it out, and gave thanks separately for the fish, then passed it out.



CHAPTER 4

ELISHA MULTIPLIED BREAD

Elisha multiplied bread for 100 men in 2 Kings 4:42-44. This was his 11th miracle.

“And there came a man from Baalshalisha and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in the husk in his sack. And Elisha said, Give to the men that they may eat.

His servant said, How am I to set only this before a hundred hungry men?

He said, Give to the men that they may eat. For *thus says the Lord: They shall be fed and have some left.*

So he set it before them, and they ate and left some, *as the Lord had said.*”

Elisha multiplied the food by prophesying over it, saying, For thus says the Lord, they shall be fed.

Our spiritual food has already been prophesied over by God, particularly in the New Covenant, but we can prophesy and command and multiply healing in the Name of Jesus, our Bread from Heaven. God can feed one person at a time or multitudes at times, depending on the need, our faith and our anointing or our faith in Him to multiply what we have.



CHAPTER 5

ELIJAH MULTIPLIED MEAL & OIL

Elijah multiplied this meal and oil in 1 Kings 17:8-16. This was his third miracle.

This is the story of a **widow and her son** who would die soon because of famine in the land.

“From a handful of meal from a barrel or jar and a little oil
in a bottle

Elijah said, make a cake and give it to me
Then to you and your son.”

“For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: The jar of meal
shall not waste away or the bottle of oil fail until the day
that the Lord sends rain on the earth.”

“The jar of meal was not spent nor did the bottle of oil fail,
according to the word which the Lord spoke through Elijah.”

The oil multiplied by prophecy (words) spoken, according to the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah. Here is a need of just *two people* that was supernaturally met by God through a man. Elisha had multiplied the bread to feed 100 (hungry) men by saying, Thus says the Lord, they shall be fed. If you save even one person from death, you have also kept alive the future generations that would come from that one person or son.

Our victory over darkness that has been trying to rob us of our spiritual food has already been prophesied over by God, because when Jesus arose from the dead He put all principalities and powers under His feet as we have faith in what He did. Our physical food has been prophesied over, that “When we lay hands on the sick they shall recover.”

When Elijah was fed by the ravens twice daily because of this famine, and the brook dried up, the Lord said in verses 8-9 of this chapter:

“And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath and dwell there: behold, *I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.*”

So the miracle started with God’s word to Elijah that He would feed him and it branched out to the widow and her son.

The widow’s son died and Elijah did his fourth miracle. He stretched himself upon the son three times and the boy lived.

Wherever there is a need God will meet it by the anointing (son lived) or by the natural (food in famine).



CHAPTER 6

ELISHA MULTIPLIED OIL

The story of Elisha multiplying the widow's oil is in 2 Kings 4:1-7. It is his seventh miracle. It concerns the **widow and her two sons**. The previous chapter talks of Elijah multiplying meal and oil for a widow and her only son. Elisha did double the miracles of Elijah.

This widow had only a "pot of oil."

Elisha said, "Go, borrow empty vessels of all your neighbors, then
Shut the door of your house upon you and your sons, and
Pour out into all those vessels and set aside one when it is full.

Her sons brought her the vessels and she poured out until there was not one vessel left,

Then the oil stopped multiplying

When the vessels were full she went and told the man of God.

He said, Go and sell the oil."

She was married to one of the sons of the prophets who died, and his wife, like the wives of most prophets, was left penniless. His creditors couldn't get money from her, so were determined to take her two sons as bondmen. She came to Elisha who was now the head of the schools of the prophets, and begged for relief. He told her to borrow all the vessels she could and pour into them from the little pot of oil which she had in the house. When she obeyed that, all the vessels were filled and innumerable others could have been filled if she had borrowed them. She was told to sell the oil and pay her debt. What a great miracle. Even multiplying one ounce of oil would be a miracle, but here many vessels were filled and her two sons were saved from slavery.

Believing in multiplication and increase will save people from slavery because they'll always have enough of whatever the need is. The widow had

to believe in that increase from the words of Elisha as she kept pouring the oil, because Elisha wasn't there in her house for the miracle. She heard and obeyed, and then went and told him of the miracle.

These stories remind you of the verse in James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction." Visit means to do something to help them, not show up or have a talk with them. There are many verses in the Old and New Testament of God "visiting His people," taking notice of a certain situation, and doing something to relieve their oppression, especially in answer to their cry for help.

Remember that great prophecy by Zachariah, John the Baptist's father, in Luke 1. It starts out, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He has *visited* and redeemed His people." The amplified says, "Blessed be the God of Israel, because He has come and brought deliverance and redemption to His people!"

For your information, directly after this story and in the same chapter is where Elisha was passing through Shunem where there was a "great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread." So as often as he passed by there he went there for food. The "great woman" fixed a chamber for him to stay. Because of this hospitality Elisha asked her what he could do for her.

She hadn't been able to have children and her husband was old, and she wanted a child. So Elisha prophesied a son to her and she conceived, (Elisha's 8th miracle).

Later when the child was grown he died. Elisha then performed his 9th miracle. He went to the boy's room, "shut the door, and prayed. He laid upon the child, put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child became warm. He left the room, walked in the house to and fro; went back into the room, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times," and he lived.

The anointing on Elisha was multiplied into the child. This wasn't instant (although pretty fast to raise a dead person!) because he had to do various things, leave the room, come back and stretch himself upon the child the second time.



CHAPTER 7

JESUS IS THE BREAD

JOHN 6:48-58

Jesus is the Bread, the Food, the Life, that we pass out to people to meet their needs. We distribute the fruit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help people become whole in their body, soul, spirit, financially, socially, and mentally. That takes a lot of bread, but He says, Take, eat, this is My body which was broken for you. We pass out His words, His warnings, His exhortations, His prophecies, His miracles, His love, His joy, whatever is of that whole loaf of the gospel. He gives these to us and we multiply them as the need may be and give them to others.

How do we multiply them? An example is when we pray for the sick we sometimes think or say, Jesus, we not only put our fragment of anointing into your hands to multiply, but multiply yourself, your anointing, your life into this person to the point it multiplies greater than the sickness or problem. We can ask as we pray for God to *multiply the anointing, and multiply the effects*. The Spirit of the Lord is the anointing so we can ask that the Holy Spirit be multiplied toward that person(s).

We asked the Lord, can our anointing be multiplied like the bread and fish? The Lord said “that in the spirit you are not limited by dimension, and so there is no limitation in numbers, and so you may.” So we can pray for 100 people in Seattle and send our/the anointing to minister to them. Our hearts going with them to minister and speaking words of multiplication with faith can have more effect than just saying Lord, bless them. It’s actually making contact with them in the spirit. The more faith we have that this can be one of His ways to help others, the more effective our prayers will be. There are many people you want to pray for but seldom or never see them in person for the personal touch, but you can touch them in the spirit.

When we pray for our enemies the Lord said to “ask the Lord to bless them with truth, that they would receive the truth and walk in the truth, and their hearts would be filled with love.” The spirit of the heart of compassion can be, and in that sense reach out to them and touch them, even though you don’t send your spirit as that could cause bindings. Your spirit is only one, but the anointing can be multiplied and sent.

As we pray for a certain group other than enemies we can ask or expect that we can be multiplied in the anointing so that the anointing may be increased and flow to many at one time. Then as you lay hands on them in the spirit to contact them, you pray a prayer of faith as God leads.

When you feel compassion or love towards someone, even while walking down the street, and you see a handicapped person, you can *ask God to send a ministering spirit of healing*, or whatever you feel to ask. You can name the spirit by faith that you want God to send; if you don’t know ask God to send the ministering spirit that is needed for that person’s life.

For this kind of spirit-praying, you don’t have to be in a church setting, or any particular setting, as we’re dealing in the spiritual, not the natural, and we can always pray a prayer of compassion for anyone, but it helps us to know certain words and ways from God to specifically help that person rather than a vague, I hope it does some good, prayer. This way of praying is also in Chapter 10.

We need to be increasing and growing and in a sense multiplying what God has put in us all the time, and letting the seeds of the word of God thrive in the life that God has given us. Stagnation and being lukewarm is too easy to lapse into, like a spiritual coma sometimes, and we’re so busy with the cares of this life we can’t fight the good fight of faith for ourselves let alone others.

Every day should be filled with expectation of what our new meal from God will be even if it’s reminding you of something old that needs to be refreshed in your life. The hardest bread for us to chew and gulp down is really being open to God and from others the things that are not pleasing to Him or not pleasing to others. It seems almost impossible for many to take correction, and that seems to be God’s biggest problem with His people throughout the Bible, as they always rebelled against being told what to do, and in their pride thought they knew better.

We build up this image and reputation of how we are and don’t want anybody to touch it, we don’t want to be found out, or we want to hide, or we

have a fear of facing what's in us. That bread seems pretty raw to swallow, but the rewards of increase in our life are great if we will face the problems in us and get delivered. Part of that dough is that "God chastens those that He loves."

In John 6:48, Jesus says a profound statement: "**I am the Bread of Life.**" He says this four times. How much living bread do you have in you to give out? Could you feed the multitudes if you had to? I heard a well-known preacher say one time that in the story of Mary and Martha, since Martha knew of the feeding of the four and five thousand and how Jesus had multiplied the bread, she could have had the faith to believe Jesus would increase the meal that was cumbering her about so much. Sometimes we don't apply what Jesus did and what's available to us and transfer those truths into our everyday life.

John 6:51 says, "**I am the living Bread from heaven.**" The amplified says "I am the Bread of Life that gives life." That is good. Three times He reminds us that He is from heaven. So your bread is from heaven, and in heaven there is constant increase. "He will meet all our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." The word "living" here is "Zoe"—He is the life producing Bread.

If He did miracles to provide bread for thousands for their bodies, how much more the anointing (bread) to break a yoke of bondage that would destroy that person physically or spiritually or mentally. God wants us to be whole in every way so He gave us the whole loaf so to speak and we can meet the need of anyone that God wants us to.

It says, "In Him we live and move and have our being." "Give us this day our daily Bread," our daily portion of Him for ourselves and others.

John 6:33 says, "For the Bread of God is He Who came down out of heaven and *gives life* to the world." How much do you eat of the Bread of Life? And how much do we eat of the bread of this world? What kind of person are you spiritually, depending on your diet?

Think of receiving actual life from heaven when you read the Bible and pray and partake of Him.

Galatians 4:6 says, "And because you really are His sons, God has sent the Holy Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying Abba Father." Think of the Bread that we

have in our hearts to give, the Holy Spirit of His Son, sent by God, into our hearts. That's why Proverbs 4:23 says, "Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life."

Isaiah 58:7 says we are to divide or deal out our bread to the hungry. This is stated in the natural, but it has a spiritual counterpart of dealing our bread out for spiritual needs also.

Even if bodies and minds get older, our spirits grow stronger and are refreshed day by day, and "spirit-praying" is an effective way to help many people you would never see or know. Our spirit is speaking to their spirit, and the thoughts and prayers we put into their spirit will help them, even if they're not aware of where the help is coming from.

The Lord has told us that we can speak and preach and heal, and it would go out and there will be those that will be blessed. He also said that what we pray in secret will be cried from the housetops, not us or our names, but the effects, for if a person is healed or saved they will be talking about it.

Many times as we have gathered certain people in front of us, or asked the Lord to gather, we are very conscious of them, and sometimes can even see vague forms in front of us. We then pray for them, speak to them, and you can feel your heart of compassion going out to help them. It's a prayer of faith and not by sight.

We asked the Lord once if there was any prayer to be made first to clear the air as we pray spirit to spirit, and darkness tries to control certain airways. The Lord said, "And the Father says to you that you need to remember that which is in the Name of Jesus Christ the Anointed One, and when you take that Name you can do many things and you may clear the air with that Name."

Many times as we have prayed multiplying prayers the Lord has encouraged us to continue in this way. It may not be that much different than what you're praying now, but the feeling is more intimate that you are right there with them and that the multiplying in the anointing in your spirit is going out to them. Also if you gather them by faith in front of you, you're more likely to speak encouraging words of faith and healing to them. It's like talking to someone in person you love or want to help, but their body isn't there, but we don't hear spiritual things with our minds or bodies, but with our spirits, for that is where the Spirit of God and of Christ is.



CHAPTER 8

“BE FRUITFUL & MULTIPLY”

Genesis is the “book of beginnings,” and establishes God’s heart and ways with people and situations, and particularly family life. There again is the law of first mention and how God works throughout the Bible. It’s good to remember that you’re trying to catch the spirit of the Bible and not just the literal facts.

Maybe I should add here when God tells His people to be fruitful and multiply in Genesis He’s not necessarily talking about having a child every year (unless you want to!), but the spirit of it is to be fruitful spiritually and increase in every way in your life.

We learn from Genesis that God has always intended for His Word and works to multiply and grow on the face of the earth and to cover the earth with Him and His increase, whether it’s kids, bread, apples, houses, lands, love, because if He’s involved in certain areas of your life that life of God can’t stop growing, even if He wanted to, because He’s life itself.

The word “multiply” occurs 18 times in Genesis.

“Be fruitful and multiply” occurs 8 times in Genesis.

If you want something good expanded and increased, here’s a truth to use that God used:

“And God blessed them (sea creatures and fowls) **saying** (say the blessing)

Be fruitful, **multiply**, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the fowl **multiply** in the earth,” Genesis 1:22.

“And God blessed them (male/female) and God **said** to them: Be fruitful and **multiply** and replenish the earth, subdue it and have dominion.”

When we **say** and **ask** for multiplication we will have dominion over what we’re praying for.

God said to Noah regarding animals that they be “fruitful and multiply,” 8:17.

God said to Noah and his sons, “be fruitful and multiply,” 9:1.

God said to Noah and his sons, “be fruitful and multiply,” 9:7.

God also added in this verse to “bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.” Abundantly here means to “swarm” and multiply. This scripture can be applied naturally or spiritually.

God said to Jacob, “make thee fruitful and multiply,” 28:3.

God said to Jacob when he changed his name to Israel, “be fruitful & multiply,” 35:10.

Jacob said to Joseph, “make thee fruitful and multiply,” 48:4.

God obviously wants everything good to be multiplied because He wants you connected to Him, Who is Life, and the more that good is multiplied in your life the more everything that is not good or is oppressing you is destroyed by that life and light.



CHAPTER 9

THOUGHTS TO EXPAND THINKING

The Bible says: “Peace be multiplied,” “grace be multiplied,” “love be multiplied” to name a few quotes.

The opposite is also true that darkness can be multiplied. Ezekiel speaks in 16:25-26 that you have “multiplied your whoredoms,” and you have “increased your whoredoms.”

It says God will “multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness,” 2 Cor. 9:10.

So we can expect our High Priest to multiply what we give and return it to us, and this is spoken of many times in the Bible concerning finances also. With finances our increased return can be a process as other people may be involved, stocks to grow, business to increase. But many times the increase of anointing has to be *now*, as the person may be dying otherwise.

Why can't we say, because now we know God is a God of multiplication, “gifts be multiplied” for that occasion, or “miracle be multiplied” for the instant need. Our words don't always have to be there when we're anointed, but words have power, and even your thoughts have power if you're believing for the increase.

Job says, “I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.” Because of this attitude of heart that Job had, “the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.”

“The words that I speak to you, they are *spirit* (not understood in the natural), and they are *life*.” A person who needs healing or deliverance needs the spirit in someone and the life of Jesus in someone. We don't understand how a few loaves of bread can multiply and feed 5,000 but Jesus' words to the disciples were, You feed them, and these words were spirit and life. All the words He speaks to us are spirit and life for **now**.

As we look at His words this way and not just instructional words or informational words or interesting words, but words for us to **act** on now because we're surrounded by more than 5,000 people who need the Bread of Life.

“So shall my Word be that goes forth out of My mouth; it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and *it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it,*” Isaiah 55:11.

“Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? Is it not to **deal thy bread to the hungry?** Then shall thy light break forth as the morning and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward,” Isaiah 58:6-8. Part of this is quoted elsewhere, but to divide or deal our bread from Christ to the hungry spiritually, as well as in the natural, is important.

“The yoke (of burdens, problems around people’s necks) shall be destroyed because of the anointing,” Isaiah 10:27. So multiply the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

We can look at our faith as a small faith and then draw back, but if we consider our faith as a seed that God will water and grow, then we can multiply our little faith to be passed out to break a big yoke. Then our eyes are on God and His Word of multiplying, and we can have the faith and boldness for any situation (even if we’ve had a bad day!). Our faith is in His faith, and what He has already done and spoken in His Word.

We have the authority to take all that He has, all that He has said and done, and use it for deliverance! Remember, the “Word of God is quick and powerful; and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing...” Hebrews 4:12.

I like the following verse (truth): “Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. Passing through the Valley of Weeping (passing through that valley of deliverance & need), they make it a place of springs: the early rain also fills the pools with blessings. They go from *strength to strength, increasing in victorious power,*” Psalm 84:5-7.

In reading the wondrous stories in the Bible, and in reading about the feeding of the people, that Word is like touching and seeing life, not words,

and I would like to actually feel like I'm a part of them and with them, as we are one in the Spirit, and the life in me and the life that was in them, and this life swirling around me when I'm reading and meditating on the Word would have that aliveness and pierce my heart. In other words, the Word would have a reality for *now*.

God gives some the gift of discernment and they can see into the spirit world, so He wants us to see into the spirit world for deliverance. Then why wouldn't He want us to see into the eternal life stories of the Word, to see into the good kingdom of God, what He wants us to see, feel, and believe? We don't want to just have the Word in us, but to see into the Word, to feel its truths to where we obey, and to be *there* in the stories (books) that God has left us. There is so much revelation in the Word that we need to receive into our hearts, and the stronger our spirits are the more effective our deliverance.

There is a wonderful author and deliverance minister, Kimberly Daniels, from *Spoken Word Ministries*, and you should read her books if you're interested in deliverance, meaning casting out curses, demons, and spirits, one book being "Clean House, Strong House." I mention her because of the life she gets out of the Old Testament stories for deliverance for today is amazing and true. Her books and tapes are filled with life for deliverance.

In 2 Kings 5:26 is the story of Gehazi, Elisha's servant. After Naaman was healed of his leprosy in the river Jordan, Gehazi went after Naaman and asked him for money and raiment when he wasn't supposed to. When he came back to Elisha he denied that he did that. But Elisha knew and said, "*Did not my heart go with you* when Naaman turned from his chariot to meet you?" He "saw" what was happening by discernment. Your heart or spirit can know what is going on if you need to, as if you're right there in the situation even though you may be miles away. There is no distance in the spirit. He may just have known by the "knowing" in his heart, or he may have seen the actual picture of it before him. Those with gifts of discernment, by God's direction, can tell what is happening in a situation by actually seeing it in their spirit-man.

A main point of this study is that "My God will supply all of my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus," and that takes life and anointing, but Jesus has it to give out when we need it, the gifts are bigger and have more power than the needs.

Listen to this in John 1:16, “For out of His fullness, abundance, we have all received, all had a share and we were all supplied with, *one grace after another* and *spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing*, and even *favor upon favor*, and *gift heaped upon gift*.”

We operate the bread He has given us *out of His fullness*. We take it out of Him to us and then to others.

When Life (His Spirit) appears on the scene things can't help but multiply. So when I appear on the scene things should automatically get/grow better because I have the same life in me that He does in Him.

In 1 Samuel 1 is the story of Hannah, who was barren, and God came into the oppressive situation and gave life in the form of Samuel. That life multiplied into a great life that helped the whole nation (if they listened). There are many examples where barrenness was there (Sarah!) and God couldn't help but come in and give life at their request. It's so easy for God to create life. He turns the barren land fruitful in the natural and spiritual.

Remember that all these stories and examples are to help us know how God *is*. And that He is that way in our life today, and you've heard many times the verse that “God is the same, yesterday, today, and forever.”

The promise of the light to come, our Savior in the Old Testament, was enough light for the substitution of bulls and goats to forgive sins and set people free. The power of that light, even in the promises, was enough to carry a nation to victory if they believed God. How much more now that the True Light has come and is in us?

John 1:45, “In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines on in the darkness for the darkness has never overpowered it, put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it.” Darkness can't create or multiply light because darkness is unreceptive to it. But we're created to be light and to be receptive to it.

There is nothing that can overpower us as we give this Light of Life to men. As we use God's power it will multiply in us and around us, and “He upholds all things by the word of His power.” Power is a substance He is and has, and that power will continue to work in us as we have faith in the Word and speak it. Ephesians 4:20, “Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the *power that works in us*.” If He

can uphold all things He can uphold me, my family, my bank account, my house, my ministry.

This abundant life is ours. Believe it. God uses hands and words to provide that life to people, and we have both and more of that Bread of Life. He wants us to use His power because it takes power to set people free, and to take the kingdom of God by force, if necessary; in other words get intense and serious about yours or others deliverances.

John 1:9 says, “He is the Light that illumines every person.” We are illuminated to do God’s work and bear His fruit with His power, and it will continue to multiply and increase as we use it.

In the natural you can listen to two people playing the piano, same keys, same song, but there is life in one and a flatness or deadness in another; the same with someone singing, preaching, or acting. What’s the difference? It has to be the condition of their heart and what they are thinking about when they’re playing, and what they are feeling about it is coming out of their hands and voice, and the life is being multiplied. The love of what they’re doing is coming out. That’s why God says to love Him, and to be filled with love, it will come out of your ministry.

After studying this we asked the Lord if there was anything else we needed to know. The Lord spoke through tongues and interpretation:

“And the Lord says to you that you have done well in that which you have sought the Lord for, but the Lord says that there still is much more. But you need to learn about the Word of God for I am My Word, and to know My Word you know Me, and the Lord says continue on in your studies and the Lord will help you and guide and direct you. And you need to think in your heart and mind concerning that which you could do to give to others.”

“There still is much more.” There is more to this study than what is being given here, but as we give what we have the Lord will increase. When He said, “think in your heart and mind that which you could do to give to others,” brought to mind the need to write it down for others to read.



CHAPTER 10

MULTIPLYING THE ANOINTING

While being quiet before the Lord one morning, the Lord was speaking to me along the lines of, “You don’t realize the power you have in you, even to send your anointing somewhere to heal and deliver. Even the power to go to nations because in the spirit distance doesn’t matter. Be open if the Lord gives you a name, like Jack in West Africa, and say, I send my anointing through my hands and lay hands on Jack for the healing of that cancer.” (Or however the instructions are.)

We already believed the truth of God multiplying so it was easy to think of multiplying the anointing of the Holy Spirit in us to send to help people. We’re not all called to travel and minister in nations and cities and it would take our ministry a while to get our own jet, and when we got there people wouldn’t have heard of us, like Benny I know and Reinhard I know, but who are you? So, how do we reach more people in a way that fits in with our age, schedule, and life? We’re not limited in the spiritual like we are in the natural.

The main thing you need in your prayer life is to pray in truth and love, and use the weapons God has given you, the gifts, the Word, to pray for others. We have good agreement in our prayer life with those we pray with. There is power in numbers, but there is more power in agreement. Sometimes a person or a group is laid on our hearts and we will pray our “multiplying” prayers. Otherwise we can ask the Lord specifically who to pray for, and as we pray answers will come into our hearts and minds, or He sometimes answers us by tongues and interpretation. We then use the gifts God has given us and pray. It’s not a vague shotgun prayer hoping something will help, but it’s a definite prayer of faith that changes things.

There are just “mention” prayers for people, Lord, let Your will be done in their life, or God, be merciful to them, or Lord, send a ministering spirit of peace to them.

To some degree people believe that what they say and what they think has some power. We know that evil thoughts and words against a person can bring curses; and good words and thoughts can bring blessings into lives. So why not use the effect of the anointing in our spirits, especially if we have a spirit that God has renewed (“renew a right spirit within me” David said).

Someone in Africa can send a curse thousands of miles away (no distance in the spirit), especially if they have an object, even a picture of that person, and that person can get a headache or even die. Many ministers have dealt with this and it’s not only in foreign countries, it’s just more subtle or hidden in the United States, and the churches are just recently realizing they need to deal with these things as many people are not being set free from bondages.

There are examples in the Bible where people were temporarily transported bodily in their bodies by the Spirit. This isn’t unusual in the supernatural, we’re just not used to thinking supernaturally, but if it’s in the Bible, God is still working that way. (There is a small list of these at the end of this chapter.)

We can send God’s anointing in us, which is in our spirit-man, and remove curses and bindings from people no matter where they are. God can direct you in who and what to pray for. In dealing with curses and spirits always be led by God in your prayers as some people have deliberately invited things in and you may not have the right to try to remove them; others have not asked or invited or opened up their life to a spirit or curse, and God wants to use you to help them get set free.

As you deal out your anointed bread to help others think of Jesus multiplying the bread and fish to meet the need of thousands. There is no limit in your prayers and help for others in the spirit. It is not a one-on-one basis; it’s a one person needing help, and one person praying that has a multiplied anointing. Or it’s 100 people with arthritis, with perhaps two praying with their anointing multiplied. We’ve never asked specifically how much it should be multiplied because the obvious answer would be to overcome the need.

God is a Deliverer, and He isn’t bound by how much we know, how long we’ve been in the ministry, that we have to know that person or necessarily be with them to pray. It’s “according to the power that works in us,” and we send that power in our spirits out.

The Lord told our ministry a few years ago that He had a work for us and it may not be that which we think, but we needed to open our eyes. This way of praying is part of that ministry.

We have a ceaseless supply of oil from the Holy Spirit that never runs dry, and the mountain of human obstacles can become a molehill. We're the new temple of God now, and we can cry *Grace, Grace* to the mountains.

We can stand in the gap for those who have no-one, and we will never cross their path except in the Spirit.

Paul believed in doing this, in this case being to send judgment, 1 Corinthians 5:1-5:

“It is reported that there is sexual immorality among you, a man having his own father’s wife, you ought to mourn until the person who has done this is removed from your fellowship and your midst!

As for my attitude, **though I am absent from you in body, I am present in spirit**, and I have already decided and passed judgment, **as if actually present**.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, on the man who has committed such a deed, when **you and my own spirit are met together with the power of our Lord Jesus**.

You are to deliver this man over to Satan for physical discipline to destroy carnal lusts which prompted him to incest, that his spirit may yet be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.”

Do you see the power that we as believers have to heal and to judge? If you were forced to live alone in a cave somewhere you could still minister and reach many people, although it would be better if you got a friend to cave it with you, so you'd have the agreement of two!

Paul was agreeing with those in the church and their agreement in their spirits (anointing) was so strong that they delivered a man over to Satan. Paul said it was the same as if he were actually present. You can see the power we have to do the works of God long distance.

On April 10, 2005, our ministry team asked the Lord to gather all the arthritis sufferers in front of us that He wanted to have prayer. We prayed and the Lord spoke in tongues and interpretation:

“And the Lord says to you, My children, that you need to realize that the seed needs to be planted for it to grow, for it to multiply, and even in your prayer for those with arthritis, someone needed to plant the seed, and if the seed is never planted it will never grow.

But you planted the seed, and only in eternity will you know that which you planted and how it multiplied and how many were blessed. For the Lord says to you, continue to hold yourselves open to the Lord and be aware that *your anointing may be sent, and that seed will be planted.*

For the Lord says that as you read the Word you see that the Lord says many times to do it in secret, not that you would be glorified but the Name of the Lord would be glorified, but only in secret can you do this. And there will be those who will never know who prayed, but they will be blessed, and in eternity there will be glory for the Lord.”

Since then we have gathered others in front of us, people who have the spirit of depression on them, and maybe have even had prayer for depression, but never the spirit of depression which is prevalent in depression cases. Zechariah 4:6 says it’s “not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit.”

God had told us that His work is done by faith, and not by sight, so by faith we could imagine all the crippled ones in front of us. Before we pray for a group we ask His direction on what to pray. Unless we have a direct leading on who to pray for, we ask the Lord to gather all those under the category of heart problems (or whatever) that He wants gathered, and then pray.

In Acts 3:7 Peter said to the crippled man, and of course this was in person, but “he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up, and immediately His feet and ankle bones received strength, and he leaping up stood, and walked.”

So we can lift them up by faith and pray that they receive strength to stand. Then the Lord says to pray the strengthening of the Lord upon them, and that the will of the Lord be done in their lives or different prayers to send them away filled with good for the evil that had been attacking them.

When we asked God to gather another group of people one time, the Lord said in tongues and interpretation:

“And the Lord your God moves and the Lord moves in love towards the people of God, and the *Lord says to all of them*

to hear and come unto the Lord and be healed, for the Lord moves for healing, and the Lord says that the Lord has led you.

And do not become weary in well doing, and do not allow lack of faith to come into your lives, but hold fast to the faith that the Lord has placed in you and allow that faith to grow and increase, and allow the love to flow.

And the Lord says be faithful in your prayers, be faithful in your believing, be faithful to the Lord, and *you will see the results.*

And the Lord says you have done that which the Lord has instructed you, and now the Lord instructs you further, believe.”

On April 20, 2003, Resurrection Sunday Service we remembered the arthritis group we had prayed for previously and asked the Lord to remember them and continue the healing. The Lord spoke through tongues and interpretation:

“And the Lord says to you that you do well to remember these, for *the Lord remembers them*, and the Lord is pleased that you remember them. And you need to be faithful in all of your prayers, and you need to be faithful in all of your admonitions, *that you love those that are lost*; and the Lord desires to use you and the Lord desires to use you in many ways, but the Lord is pleased when you remember.”

We pray regularly for cancer victims also.

We have been speaking of anointing transporting, but there were those in the Bible who were literally transported bodily somewhere so they could minister or receive visions. This is also a means of helping others. You can be open to actually having yourself literally transported to help another person and then be returned. When Paul received revelations of heaven he didn't know if he was in the spirit there or literally there in his body, guess it doesn't matter as long as you're “there.”

Examples of People being Transported by the Spirit

“He carried me in the Spirit to a great and high mountain” (John in Rev. 21:10).

“He carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness” (John in Rev. 17:31).
The “Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip” (Acts 8:39).

Ezekiel, pretty common for this man of God:

“So the spirit took me up and brought me into the inner court” (Ezekiel

in 43:5).

“The hand of the Lord was upon me, and brought me thither, in the visions of God brought He me into the land of Israel and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south” (40:1-2).

“The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones” (37:1).

“The spirit lifted me up, and brought me to the east gate of the Lord’s house” (11:1).

“And he took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heavens, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem” (8:3).

“The spirit took me up” (3:12).

The spirit lifted me up and took me away” (3:14).

“And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet” (2:2).

Elijah:

“Lest the Spirit of the Lord has taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain or some valley” (2 Ki. 2:16). These were people mocking about Elijah’s disappearance to Elisha, but they got the idea of the Spirit of the Lord transporting people from somewhere.

“The Lord took up Elijah in a whirlwind into heaven” (2:11).

“The Spirit of the Lord shall carry thee whither I know not” (1 Ki. 18:12).



CHAPTER 11

MIRACLES MULTIPLIED IN EGYPT

BACKGROUND BEFORE THE PLAGUES

Exodus:

The “exodus” is Israel’s escape from slavery in Egypt and journey towards the promised land under Moses’ leadership. Historically and theologically this is the most important event in the Old Testament. More than 100 times in many parts of the O.T., “*Yahweh*” is proclaimed as “the One who brought you up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.”

Israel remembered the exodus as God’s mighty redemptive act. She celebrated it in her creeds (Deut. 26:5-9; 1 Sam. 12:6-8). She sang of it in worship (Psalms 78, 105, 106, 114, 135, 136).

The prophets constantly reminded Israel of the exodus and covenant (Isa. 11:16; Jer. 2:6; 7:22-25; Ezek. 20:6, 10; Hos. 2:15; 11:1; Amos 2:10; 3:1; Mic. 6:4; Hag. 2:5).

The exodus in the O.T. was to Israel what the death and resurrection of Christ was to Christians in the N.T. Just as Israel commemorated her deliverance from Egyptian bondage in the feast of Passover, Christians celebrate their redemption from sin in the observance of the Lord’s Supper (Luke 22:1-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26).

EXODUS CHAPTER 3, Preliminary

The Burning Bush—The Call of God

The reason God talked to Moses out of the burning bush:

“And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters and oppressors: for I know their sorrows

and sufferings and trials.

And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand and power of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a land good and large, a land flowing with milk and honey.”

Moses’ reaction, the 1st of 11 “complaints” by Moses:

“And Moses said to God, Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

God’s answer:

“I will surely be with you....”

Moses’ 2nd complaint:

“When I come to the Israelites and say The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they say to me, What is His name? What shall I say to them?”

God’s answer:

“I AM WHO I AM and WHAT I AM, and I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE: and you shall say this to the Israelites, I AM has sent me to you! Say to the Israelites, The Lord, the God of your fathers of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has sent me to you! This is My name forever.”

This divine name, “I am the Self-existent One; the Eternal, the One who always has been and always will be.”

Enlarged commission by God to Moses:

“Gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, I have surely visited you and seen that which is done to you in Egypt.

I will bring you up out of the ‘affliction’ of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite....to a land flowing with milk and honey.”

‘Affliction’ is used 177 times in Bible; 175 times refers to sufferings *other* than sickness or disease.

“And the elders shall believe and obey your voice. You and the elders go to the king of Egypt and say to him, The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now let us go, we beseech you, three days’ journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.

The king will not let you go unless forced to do so. So I will stretch out My hand and smite Egypt with all My wonders...and after that he will let you go.

And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians,

and when you go, you shall not go empty-handed. But *every woman* shall solicit of her neighbor jewels and silver and gold and garments, and you shall strip the Egyptians of belongings due you.”

CHAPTER 4

Moses’ reply, 3rd complaint:

“But they will not believe me: for they will say, The Lord has not appeared to you.”

(That’s why we need miracles, no-one knew Moses ‘till he did miracles.)

God said:

“What is that in your hand? Moses said, A rod. God said *cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent* (the symbol of royal and divine power worn on the crown of the Pharaohs).

The Lord said, Put forth your hand and take it by the tail. Moses caught it, and it became a rod in his hand.

The Lord said also to Moses, *Put your hand into your bosom. And when he took it out, his hand was leprous, as white as snow.*

God said, do it again. So Moses put his hand back into his bosom, and when he took it out, it was restored as the rest of his flesh.”

The reason for these two signs or miracles:

“God said, if they will not believe the testimony of the first sign, they may believe the voice or the witness of the second sign.”

(God’s miracles are a voice and witness to people.)

“But if they will not believe these two signs or heed your voice, *you shall take some water of the river Nile and pour it upon the dry land; and the water which you take out of the river shall become blood on the dry land.*”

(God gives three miracles here to help the people believe.)

Moses’ 4th complaint:

“O Lord, I am not eloquent or a man of words...for I am slow of speech and have a heavy and awkward tongue.”

God’s reply:

“Who has made man’s mouth? Is it not I, the Lord. So go, and

I will be with your mouth and will teach you what you shall say.”

Moses’ 5th complaint:

“O Lord, send by the hand of some other whom You will send.”

God’s reply:

“Then the anger of the Lord blazed against Moses. Is there not Aaron your brother, the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is coming out to meet you and when he sees you, he will be overjoyed.

And you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth: and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you what you shall do.

He shall speak for you to the people, acting as a mouthpiece for you, and you shall be as God to him.

And you shall *take this rod in your hand with which you shall work the signs that prove I sent you.*”

Moses took his wife and his sons and returned to the land of Egypt, and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

Lord to Moses:

“When you return into Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all those miracles and wonders *which I have put in your hand*. I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.”

(When the word of the Lord goes forth it causes some people’s hearts to grow harder as their hearts are already hard; with some the words fall into the soft ground of their heart and their hearts become softer.)

God’s merciful words:

“Say to Pharaoh, Thus says the Lord, Israel is My son, even My firstborn. And I say to you, Let My son go, that he may serve Me; and if you refuse to let him go, behold, *I will slay your son, your firstborn.*”

(God knows how He feels about His Son and how we feel about our sons and He warned Pharaoh up front before even the first plague that He would slay Pharaoh’s son. After the first plague Pharaoh should have remembered these words and saved his son.)

Aaron and Moses meet up and Aaron kissed him. They hadn't seen each other for 40 years.

They gathered together all of the elders:

“Aaron spoke all the words which the Lord had spoken to Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.”

The people's reaction:

“And the people believed: and when they heard that the Lord had looked upon their affliction, then *they bowed their heads and worshipped.*”

CHAPTER 5

First demand by God.

Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh:

“Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.”

Pharaoh's reaction:

“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.”

Moses continued: (2nd demand by God)

“The God of the Hebrews has met with us; let us go, we pray you, three days journey into the desert and sacrifice to the Lord our God, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword.”

Pharaoh then accused him of taking the people away from their burdens. Then he made their work load heavier, even impossible.

The people's reaction: (The 1st of 12 complaints of Israel)

“The foremen met Moses and Aaron and said to them, The Lord look upon you and judge, because you have made us a rotten stench to be detested by Pharaoh and his servants and have put a sword in their hand to slay us.”

Moses' 6th complaint:

“Moses turned to the Lord and said, O Lord, why have *You dealt evil to this people? Why did you ever send me?* For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil to this people, *neither have You delivered Your people at all.*”

CHAPTER 6

God's reply & commission renewed:

“Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: for compelled by a strong hand he will not only let them go, but he will drive them out of his land with a strong hand.

I am the Lord.

And I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as God Almighty (El-Shaddai), but by My name the Lord (Yahweh, the redemptive name of God) I did not make Myself known to them, in acts and great miracles).

I have also established My covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan...

I have heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians have enslaved: and I have earnestly remembered My covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Say to the Israelites, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will free you from their bondage, and I will rescue you with an outstretched arm, with special and vigorous action and by mighty acts of judgment.

And I will take you to Me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and you shall know that it is I, the Lord your God, Who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

And I will bring you into the land concerning which I lifted up My hand and swore that I would give it to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: and I will give it to you for a heritage. I am the Lord, *you have the pledge of My changeless omnipotence and faithfulness.*"

The People's Response: (First of five rebellions of Israel)

"Moses told this to the Israelites, but *they refused to listen to Moses* because of their impatience and anguish of spirit and because of their cruel bondage."

Call to Moses renewed:

"The Lord said, Go in, tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his land."

Moses' 7th complaint:

"But Lord, my own people, the Israelites, have not listened to me; how then shall Pharaoh give heed to me, who am of deficient and impeded speech?"

Commission renewed:

"The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them a command for the Israelites and for Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the Israelites out of the land of Egypt."

In this command the Lord then gives in vs. 14-25 the genealogy of Moses and Aaron. This was to show the descent and position in Israel's genealogy of Moses and Aaron, thus satisfying every Hebrew that the leaders were from Abraham. And to show that the two great leaders, Moses the lawgiver and Aaron the first high priest, came from Kohath, who was a son of Levi.

The Lord continued the authenticity of Moses & Aaron to convince the people and Pharaoh:

“These are the same Aaron and Moses to whom the Lord said,
Bring out the Israelites from the land of Egypt by their
hosts.

And who spoke to Pharaoh about bringing the Israelites out
of Egypt: these are that Moses and Aaron.”

To Moses:

“I am the Lord: speak to Pharaoh all that I say to you.”

Moses' 8th complaint:

“And Moses said before the Lord, Behold, I am of uncircumcised
lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?”

CHAPTER 7

God's answer:

“I make you as a god to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother
shall be your prophet.

Speak all that I command you, and Aaron your brother shall
tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his land.

I will make Pharaoh's heart hard, *and multiply My signs My
wonders, and miracles in the land of Egypt.*

I will bring forth My people by great acts of judgment.

The Egyptians shall know that *I am the Lord* when I stretch
forth my hand upon Egypt and bring out the Israelites
from among them.”

Moses and Aaron obeyed the Lord, Moses was 80 years old and Aaron 83.

Lord to Moses, First miracle: (God's third demand)

“When Pharaoh says to you, *prove your authority by a miracle,*
then tell Aaron, Throw your rod down before Pharaoh
that it may become a serpent.

Aaron cast the rod down and it became a serpent.”

Magicians' first miracle:

This was the first actual contest of power between God and
Satan.

“Then the magicians cast down their rods and they became serpents.”

The result of this contest:

“But Aaron’s rod swallowed up their rods.”

Lord to Moses on what to do with Pharaoh: (God’s fourth demand)

“Go to Pharaoh in the morning; he will be going out to the water; wait for him by the river’s brink; take the rod which was turned to a serpent in your hand,

And say to him, The Lord, the God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, *Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness, and you have not listened.*”

What God wants besides the people set free:

“In this you shall know, recognize, and understand that I am the Lord: I will smite with the rod in my hand (it was actually in Moses & Aaron’s hand, same thing) *the waters in the Nile River, and they shall be turned to blood, and the fish shall die.*”



CHAPTER 12

THE TEN PLAGUES

First Plague—Water into Blood (Ch. 7:19-25):

The River Nile was worshipped by the Egyptians. It was called the father of life and the father of the gods. This miracle was a blow to the gods of Egypt. The Egyptians abhorred blood.

This first plague lasted seven days; the ninth plague three days. The whole 10 plagues lasted from three to seven weeks.

Lord spoke to Moses:

“Say to Aaron, Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, rivers, pools, and ponds of water, *that they may become blood:*

Aaron lifted up the rod and smote the waters in the river *and all the waters in the river were turned to blood.* And the fish died, the river was foul smelling, the Egyptians could not drink its water and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.”

Second miracle of the Magicians:

“The magicians did the same by their enchantments and secret arts.”

Pharoah’s reaction:

“Pharoah’s heart was made hard and obstinate and he did not listen to Moses and Aaron.

He turned and went into his house; neither did he take even this to heart.”

Seven days passed after the Lord had smitten the river.

CHAPTER 8

Fifth Demand by God (Ch. 8:1-4):

“The Lord said to Moses, Go to Pharoah and say to him, thus

says the Lord, Let My people go, that they may serve Me.
If you refuse I will smite your entire land with frogs.
They will come into your house, into your beds, into your
ovens...and on you and on your people.”

Second Plague—Frogs (8:5-15):

This plague directed against the frog-god, an object of worship in Egypt.

“The Lord spoke to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch out your hand
with your rod over the rivers, the streams and canals, over
the pools, and cause frogs to come up on the land of Egypt.
So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and
the frogs came up and covered the land.”

Third miracle of the Magicians:

“And the magicians did the same thing with their
enchantments and secret arts, and brought up more frogs
upon the land of Egypt.”

Pharaoh’s reaction—a plea for mercy:

“Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, Intreat the
Lord that he may take away the frogs from me and my people;
and I will let the people go that they may sacrifice to the Lord.”

Moses to Pharaoh:

“Glory over me (i.e. the honor is yours to tell me when you want
them removed): dictate when I shall pray to the Lord for you,
your servants, and your people, that the frogs may be destroyed
from you and your houses and remain only in the river.”

Pharaoh:

“Tomorrow.”

(Hello!) If you had frogs in your soup and hair,
would you say tomorrow?

Moses:

“Let it be as you say, *that you may know that there is no one
like the Lord our God.*

And the frogs shall depart from you and your houses and
from your servants and your people; they shall remain in
the river only.”

Fourth miracle:

“So Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses
cried to the Lord concerning the frogs which He had
brought against him.

And the Lord did *according to the word of Moses*, and the
frogs died out of the houses, villages....

The people gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank.”

Pharaoh’s reaction:

“When Pharaoh saw that there was temporary relief, *he made his heart stubborn and hard and would not listen or heed them*, just as the Lord had said.”

Third Plague—Lice (8:16-19):

(Biting gnats or mosquitoes, some versions)—5th **Miracle**

“The Lord said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch out your rod and strike the dust of the ground, that it may become biting gnats or mosquitoes throughout all the land of Egypt.

Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and there came lice on man and beast; all the dust of the land became lice.”

The Magicians:

“The magicians tried by their enchantments to bring forth lice but they could not.

They said to Pharaoh, *This is the finger of God!*”

This showed the utter helplessness of the insect-god to protect Egypt. The magicians finally recognized this to be God and not the result of witchcraft which they practiced.

Pharaoh’s reaction:

“And Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and strong and he would not listen to them.”

Sixth demand by God:

“The Lord said to Moses, Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh as he comes to the water, and say to him, Thus says the Lord, Let My people go, that they may serve Me.”

Warning:

“If you will not let My people go I will send swarms of bloodsucking gadflies upon you, your people and into your houses, and the houses of Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand.”

First time separation of Israel & Egypt mentioned:

“But on that day I will sever and set apart the land of Goshen in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there, *so that you may know that I am the Lord in the midst of the earth.*

And I will put a division between my people and thy people tomorrow shall this sign be.”

Fourth Plague—Flies—6th miracle (8:21-32):

“And the Lord did so; and there came a grievous swarm of flies into the houses and all the land of Egypt.”

Pharaoh’s reaction:

“Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron and said, *Go, sacrifice to your God here in the land of Egypt.*”

Moses:

“It is not suitable or right to do that; for the animals the Egyptians hold sacred and will not permit to be slain are those which we use to sacrifice to the Lord our God; if we did this before the eyes of the Egyptians, would they not stone us?

We will go a three days’ journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the Lord our God, as He will command us.”

Pharaoh:

“I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the Lord your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Entreat your God for me.”

Moses:

“I go out from you, and I will entreat the Lord that the flies may depart tomorrow; only let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the Lord.”

Seventh Miracle:

“Moses entreated the Lord, the Lord did as Moses had spoken and He removed the swarms of attacking gadflies....there remained not one.”

Pharaoh’s reaction:

“Pharaoh hardened his heart and made it stubborn this time also, nor would he let the people go.”

CHAPTER 9

Seventh demand by God:

“The Lord said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh and tell him, Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: Let My people go, that they may serve Me.”

Warning:

“If you refuse to let them go and still hold them, the hand of the Lord will fall upon your livestock, horses, donkeys, camels, the herds and the flocks; there shall be a very severe plague.”

Separation:

“But the Lord shall make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, and nothing shall die of all that belongs to the Israelites.”

Fifth Plague—Pestilence upon Animals—8th Miracle (Ch. 9:1-7):

Directed against the gods of Egypt who were supposed to be manifested in the various animal forms, all considered sacred.

“The Lord appointed a set time, tomorrow I will do this thing in the land.

And the Lord did that the next day and all kinds of the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the Israelites not one died.”

Pharaoh’s reaction:

“Pharaoh sent to find out, and there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead.

But the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, his mind was set, and he did not let the people go.”

Sixth Plague—Boils on Man and Beast—9th Miracle (9:8-12):

“The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, Take handfuls of ashes or soot from the brickkiln and let Moses sprinkle them toward the heavens in the sight of Pharaoh.”

(“Kibshan,” a smelting furnace for metals. In Gen. 19:28 it refers to the smoke of the destruction of Sodom, so the word is not limited to a smelting furnace. Here it could mean the place of human sacrifices, where such offerings were made in the fire to propitiate the god Typhon, the Evil Principle, in the hope of averting plagues. If so, Moses used those very ashes to produce another plague instead of averting one.)

“And it shall become small dust over all the land of Egypt, and become boils breaking out in sores on man and beast in all the land.

So they took ashes of the kiln and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses threw them toward the sky, and it became boils erupting in sores on man and beast.”

Magicians:

“The magicians could not stand before Moses because of their boils.”

Pharoah's reaction:

“The Lord hardened the heart of Pharoah, making it strong and obstinate, and he did not listen to them or heed them, just as the Lord had told Moses.”

Eighth demand by God:

“The Lord said to Moses, Rise up early in the morning, stand before Pharoah, and say to him, Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

For this time I will send all My plagues upon your heart, your servants and your people.”

(I am going to send a plague that will really speak to you, or this time I will send the full force of my plagues against you.)

God's purpose:

“That you may recognize and know that there is none like Me in all the earth.

For by now I could have struck you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from the earth.

But for this very purpose have I let you live, that *I might show you My power, and that My name may be declared throughout all the earth.*”

Warning & instructions:

“Since you are still exalting yourself in defiance against My people by not letting them go.

Tomorrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very heavy and dreadful fall of hail.

Gather your cattle in hastily and all that you have in the field, for every man and beast that is in the field shall be struck by the hail and shall die.”

Seventh Plague—Hail—10th Miracle (9:18-26):

This plague was directed against Isis and Osiris, the gods of light, health, fertility, arts, and agriculture. The water, fire, earth, and air were all objects of Egyptian idolatry. God was showing that He was the Supreme One over these elements.

“The Lord said to Moses, Stretch forth your hand toward the heavens, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man and beast, and upon all the vegetation of the field.

Moses stretched forth his rod (hand & rod are used interchangeably) toward the heavens, and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire (lightning) ran down to and along the ground, and the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt. So there was hail and fire flashing continually in the midst of the weighty hail.”

Separation:

“Only in the land of Goshen, where the Israelites were, was there no hail.”

Pharaoh’s reaction:

“Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron and said to them, *I have sinned this time: the Lord is in the right and I and my people are in the wrong.*”

Entreat the Lord, for there has been enough of these mighty thunderings and hail (these voices of God): *I will let you go: you shall stay here no longer.*”

Moses didn’t believe him:

“As soon as I leave the city, I will stretch out my hands to the Lord; the thunder and hail shall cease, *that you may know the earth is the Lord’s.*”

As for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet reverently fear the Lord God.”

Moses’ 11th miracle:

“Moses left the city and stretched forth his hands to the Lord: and the thunder and hail ceased, and rain was no longer poured upon the earth.”

Pharaoh’s reaction:

When Pharaoh saw that it has ceased, *he sinned yet more, and toughened his hard heart, he and his servants.*

CHAPTER 10

“The Lord said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh, for I have made his heart hard....”

Why?

“That I might show these My signs of divine power before him. And that you may recount in the ears of your son and of your grandsons what I have done in derision of the Egyptians and what things I have repeatedly done there—my signs of divine power done among them—*that you may recognize and know that I am the Lord.*”

Ninth demand by God:

“So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, that they may serve Me.”

Warning:

“For if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your country.

They shall cover the land so that one cannot see the ground, and they shall eat the remainder of what escaped and is left to you from the hail, and every tree of yours.”

(“What is left to you,” see 10:32, “But the wheat and spelt were not smitten, for they ripen late and were not grown up yet.”)

“The locusts shall fill your houses....”

Pharaoh’s servants said to Pharaoh:

“How long shall this man be a snare to us? *Let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God; do you not yet understand and know that Egypt is destroyed?*

So they brought Moses and Aaron again to Pharaoh.”

Pharaoh’s reaction:

“Go, serve the Lord your God; but just who are to go?”

Moses’ reply:

“We will go with our young and our old, with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds, all of us and all we have, *for we must hold a feast to the Lord.*”

Pharaoh’s reply:

“In the name of God I will not let you take your little ones! I can see your plot. Never! You that are men, go and serve the Lord, for that is what you asked for.

And they were driven out from Pharaoh’s presence.”

The Eighth Plague—Locusts—12th Miracle (Ch. 10:4-20):

This plague was directed against the god Serapis, who was supposed to protect the land from locusts, proving once again that the gods of Egypt were powerless.

The common locust is said to multiply faster than almost anything else in creation. The destructive locust, described as larger than the ordinary grasshopper, has a large mouth opening with four incisive teeth in its two jaws which can cut like scissors. The sun can be literally darkened by locusts in their flight from one place to another, and the noise of their flight is like the

rattling of hailstones. They completely destroy all plant life including the leaves of trees. They destroy even faster than fire, and there is not the slightest trace of vegetation left after they leave a place.

“And the Lord said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may eat all the vegetation of the land, all that the hail has left.

And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind upon the land all that day and all that night: when it was morning the east wind brought the locusts.

The locusts came up over all the land of Egypt and settled down on the whole country of Egypt, a very dreadful mass of them.

They covered the whole land so that the ground was darkened, and they ate every bit of vegetation of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left.”

Pharoah’s reaction:

“Pharoah sent for Moses and Aaron in haste. He said, *I have sinned against the Lord your God and you.*

Forgive my sin, I pray you, only this once, and entreat the Lord your God only that He may remove ‘from me’ this plague of death.”

God’s reaction after entreated by Moses: 13th miracle

“And the Lord turned a violent west wind, which lifted the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea; not one locust remained in all the country of Egypt.

But the Lord made Pharoah’s heart more strong and obstinate, and he would not let the Israelites go.”

The Ninth Plague—Darkness—14th Miracle (10:21-29):

This plague was directed against the sun god who was supposed to protect from any curse of the sun and bring natural blessings of light warmth, and fruitfulness.

“And the Lord said to Moses, Stretch out your hand toward the heavens, that there may be darkness over the Egypt, a darkness which may be felt.

Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and for three days a thick darkness was all over the land of Egypt.”

Contrast:

“But all the Israelites had natural light in their dwellings.”

Pharoah's reaction:

“Pharoah called to Moses, and said, Go, serve the Lord: let your little ones also go with you: *it is only your flocks and your herds that must not go.*”

Moses:

“You must give into our hand also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God. Our livestock also shall go with us; there shall not a hoof be left behind; for of them must we take to serve the Lord our God, and we know not with what we must serve the Lord until we arrive there.”

Pharoah's reaction:

“Pharoah said to Moses, Get away from me! See that you never enter my presence again, for the day you see my face again you shall die!”

Moses' reaction:

“You have spoken truly; I will never see your face again.”

CHAPTER 11**Warning—10th Plague Foretold (Ch. 11:4-6):**

“The Lord said to Moses, I will bring one plague more on Pharoah and Egypt: afterwards he will let you go.

Thus says the Lord, About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt.

And all the firstborn in the land, the pride, hope, and joy, of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharoah, who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the maidservant who is behind the hand mill, and all the firstborn of beasts.

There shall be a great cry in all the land of Egypt.”

Separation:

“But against any of the Israelites shall not so much as a dog move his tongue against man or beast.”

Moses continues to Pharoah:

“And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, Get out, and all the people who follow you! And after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharoah in great anger.”

Lord's reason:

“The Lord said to Moses, Pharoah will not listen to you, *that My wonders and miracles may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.*”

Pharaoh's reaction:

“Moses and Aaron did all these wonders and miracles before Pharaoh; and the Lord hardened Pharaoh's stubborn heart, and he did not let the Israelites go out of his land.”

Preparation to leave Egypt, vs. 2-3, gather the goods—this was done right before they left Egypt:

“Lord to Moses, speak now in the hearing of the people and let every man solicit and ask of his neighbor, and every woman of her neighbor, jewels of silver and jewels of gold. And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. The man Moses was exceedingly great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and of the people.”

CHAPTER 12

Preparation for the last plague, death of the firstborn.

The Passover instituted, celebrated by Jews today and even to go into eternity.

Feast of Unleavened Bread instituted at the same time.

Preparation:

Verses 1-23, Lord gave instructions for the Passover before the death angel passed through the land. They were to put blood on the lintel above the door and the two side posts with the blood: and none was to go out of his house until morning. The Lord would pass over every door that had the blood sprinkled by not suffering the destroyer to come near.

The Lord says why the Passover (Ch. 12:24-27):

“And you shall observe this rite for an ordinance to you and to your sons forever.

When you come to the land which the Lord will give you, you shall keep this service.

When your children say to you, What do you mean by this service?

You shall say, *It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, for He passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt when He slew the Egyptians but spared our houses.*

And the people bowed their heads and worshipped.”

The Tenth Plague—Death of the Firstborn—15th Miracle (12:29-42):

The death of the firstborn was a blow against all the gods of Egypt for they were worshipped, as were the firstborn of some animals, and to slay the firstborn of beasts as well as men was literally bringing judgment on the gods. When an idolatrous nation was destroyed the blame fell upon the gods who were supposed to have abandoned the nation or been overcome by stronger gods.

The death of the firstborn was at least five days after its announcement.

“And it came to pass that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.”

Pharaoh’s reaction:

“He called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, get out from among my people, both you and the Israelites: and go, serve the Lord, as you said.

Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone!

And ask your God to bless me also.”

Israelites:

“They urgently asked of the Egyptians jewels of silver and of gold, and clothing.

They stripped the Egyptians of these things.”

Lord’s reaction:

“It was a night of watching unto the Lord and to be much observed for bringing them out of Egypt; this same night of watching unto the Lord is to be observed by all the Israelites throughout their generations.”



CHAPTER 13

THE EXODUS OUT OF EGYPT

ADDED STUDY

The children of Israel were in bondage in Egypt 430 years.

After the plagues, the **Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Succoth.**

“Rameses”—the city of the gathering of the Israelites at the beginning of the Exodus. It was the Egyptian capital city for a while.

“Succoth”—was in the land of Canaan.

It was three months journey to Mt. Sinai. The mountain, also called Horeb, in the peninsula between the arms of the Red Sea. The law was given later at this mountain. “Sinai” was used for both the mountain and entire wilderness area surrounding.

Exodus 12: 51, “The Lord did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by *their armies.*”

This shows that the Israelites had already formed themselves into regular companies and divisions, and were well organized in spite of slavery. Each person knew his place and duty so that the entire multitude could leave on short notice.

The Lord then gave laws concerning future Passovers. There were 26 laws of Passover and Unleavened Bread.

CHAPTER 13

Law Concerning the Sanctification of the Firstborn

Law of the Feast of Unleavened Bread

Moses to the People (Ch. 13:3):

“Remember this day, in which you came out from Egypt, out of the *house of bondage*; for by strength of hand the Lord

brought you out from this place.”

After instructions concerning the laws (13:17-20):

“When Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, lest the people change their purpose when they see war and return to Egypt.

But God led the people around by way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea.”

Moses took the bones of Joseph with him per Joseph’s instructions in Genesis 50:25.

They then went from Succoth to Etham, the edge of the wilderness. Then other miracles:

First Time Pillar and Fire: (another miracle, every day and night; 13-21):

“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. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.”

‘Cloud’—the cloud was dark on one side and luminous on the other so as to give light to the whole camp of Israel. It kept the camp of the Israelites and the camp of the Egyptians separate all night.

CHAPTER 14—The Famous Red Sea Deliverance

Lord warns of Pharaoh’s pursuit (Ch. 14:3-18):

“Pharaoh will say of the Israelites, they are entangled in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.

I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, that he will pursue them and *I will gain honor and glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord.* “

Pharaoh’s reaction:

“The heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, What is this we have done? We have let Israel go from serving us!

And he made ready his chariots and took his army.

The Egyptians pursued them and overtook them encamped at the Red Sea.”

Israelites’ reaction: (2nd of 12 complaints)

“And they were exceedingly frightened and cried out to the Lord.

And they said to Moses, Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you treated us this way and brought us out of Egypt?

Did we not tell you in Egypt, Let us alone: let us serve the Egyptians? That would have been better for us than to die in the wilderness.”

Moses’ reaction:

“Moses told the people, Fear not; stand still and see the salvation of the Lord which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians you have seen today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you.”

Lord’s reaction:

“The Lord said to Moses, Why do you cry to Me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward!

Lift up your rod and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the Israelites shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

The Egyptians shall go after you and *I will gain honor over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and horsemen.*

The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord when I have gained honor and glory over Pharaoh...”

Crossing the Red Sea—A Mighty Act of Deliverance (14:19-23):

This was the 16th miracle from the time God spoke to Moses to deliver His people.

“And the Angel of God Who went before the host of Israel moved and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before them and stood behind them.

Coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. It was a cloud and darkness to the Egyptians, but it gave light by night to the Israelites; and the one host did not come near the other all night.”

Red Sea divided and congealed—17th miracle

“And *Moses stretched out ‘his hand’* over the sea, and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night and made the sea dry land; and the waters were divided.”

(Sometimes miracles take time and aren’t always instant; this was all night.)

“And the Israelites went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a well to them on their right hand and on their left.”

The bottom of the Red Sea was actually made dry. At the place where Israel crossed it was about 12 miles wide and from 75 to 100 feet deep. Imagine a wide path with walls of ice on both sides 75 to 100 feet high.

“The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

18th miracle (14:24-31):

“In the morning watch the Lord *looked* through the pillar of fire and cloud and troubled the host of the Egyptians, and *took off their chariot wheels* (this was by a ‘look’), making them drive heavily.”

The Egyptians’ reaction:

“The Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians!”

19th miracle:

“Then the Lord said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and horsemen.

So Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its strength and normal flow when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled into it; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians and shook them off into the midst of the sea.

And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.”

The Separation:

“But the Israelites walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore.”

Israelites' reaction:

“And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did against the Egyptians, and the people reverently feared the Lord and trusted in the Lord and His servant Moses.”

This deliverance was so important to the children of Israel that in the book of Acts, which was AD 33, Stephen talks of Moses and gives the whole story of Moses and the Red Sea (Acts 7:20-50).



CHAPTER 14

AFTER THE EXODUS

ADDED STUDY

15 Miracles by the Rod in the Hand of Moses Stretched Out. It was used:

- To turn into a serpent
- To turn back to a rod
- To turn again into a serpent
- To turn back again to a rod
- To turn into a serpent
- To swallow other rods
- To turn waters to blood
- To create frogs
- To create lice
- To bring hail and fire
- To create locusts
- To divide the Red Sea
- To create water
- To bring military victory
- To create water

CHAPTER 15

The Song of Moses:

This song in verses 1-19 was composed by Moses and sung by him and all Israel on the occasion of the destruction of the Egyptians in the Red Sea. It was the real beginning of Hebrew poetry. The song is in three parts distinctly marked, each beginning with praise to God and increasing in length and varied imagery until the triumphant ending which shows Jehovah reigning forever and ever having triumphed over all

His enemies. This song of victory over Pharaoh is mentioned as being as important as the future triumph song over Antichrist (Rev. 15:2-4; cf. Isa. 24:4-17). This was the first song of Israel on record. Their years in Egypt were “groaning and sighing.”

After the Red Sea they went three days and found no water so Moses did another miracle:

Miracle of bitter waters made sweet—20th miracle:

(3rd of 12 complaints of Israel)

“After three days they found no water, and the waters at Marah were bitter. The people murmured against Moses and said, what shall we drink?”

Moses reaction:

“And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord showed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them.”

There are 30 prayers of Moses in scripture that God answered.

9th or Healing Covenant:

“And God said, if you will diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God and will do that which is right in his sight, and will give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for *I am the Lord that heals thee.*”

This healing covenant was the ninth of 15 great covenants in scripture. To prove to them that He not only could heal, but that He was also willing to do so and thus fulfill His promises and covenants, He healed them all by His word and there was not one feeble person in all their tribes. God promised to make everyone immune from all diseases in the future if they met God’s conditions.

CHAPTER 16

They journeyed from Elim to the wilderness of Sin.

Miracle of the quails and bread—21st miracle:

God promised twice that He would do a miracle every day for them by sending quail in the evening and bread in the morning.

The law of Manna was broken so there were worms (**22nd miracle**).

No worms (**23rd miracle**).

Law of manna: the memorial, preservation of manna (**24th miracle**).

The quails were to be a temporary provision while the bread was to continue indefinitely. In Numbers 11 we read of all the murmuring by the people because they had no flesh to eat, being tired of the manna, so they started demanding flesh. So God promised quails again for a whole month until the people would be sick of meat.

The miracle of bread continued for 40 years. The manna was to be preserved as a *memorial in all generations*. The manna was later kept in a pot, maybe gold, in the ark, preserved by divine power. It may still be preserved with the ark of the covenant somewhere. Manna wasn't the only food they had during these years, as they ate their sacrifices, milk, and other foods.

“And Moses said to Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the Lord, to be kept for your generations.

So Moses laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.”

“Testimony” refers to the tabernacle of worship, especially to the ark of the testimony. The testimony here refers to the two tables of stone, the 10 commandments, the sum of the whole law. It was considered the old testament or covenant (2 Cor. 3:6-15). The tabernacle is called the *tabernacle of testimony* (Num. 1:50-53; 10-11), and the *tent of the testimony* (Num. 9:15). The ark itself is also called *the testimony* because it contained the covenant (Ex. 27:21; Lev. 16:13; Num. 17:4-10). Any covenant, or word of God, is called a *Testimony* because it testifies of God's revelation and provision of redemption in Christ.

The main ark and tabernacle were not yet made when the manna was put into the pot. We have to believe that putting the manna before the testimony was after the ark was made; or believe that there was some kind of tabernacle in Israel even before the one which Moses patterned after heavenly things, as he was instructed to do at Sinai. In 33:7-11 Moses pitched a tabernacle *outside* the camp before He made the other one.

The one at Sinai was not set up until the first month of the second year after leaving Egypt, and the manna was placed *inside* the camp. This permanent tabernacle, ark, and testimony which Moses had made are now in heaven (Heb. 8:5; 9:23; Rev. 11:19; 15:5).

Even Adam and his sons had a place to bring sacrifices. In Genesis 4:7 when God was displeased with Cain's sacrifice, He said, Sin lies at the door.

The word “door” there in Hebrew is “chata,” sin offering. It was at the door of the tabernacle of worship.

“And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years until they came to the borders of the land of Canaan.” (vs. 35)

This means there were 12,530 miracles with the manna. God can feed His people and so can we!

CHAPTER 17

Water from the rock—25th miracle:

There was no water to drink and the people contended with Moses (5th of 12 complaints of Israel).

“Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?”

The Lord to Moses:

“Go on before the people, and take with you of the elders of Israel; **and thy rod**, wherewith you smote the river, take in thine hand and go.

I will stand before you there upon the rock in Horeb; and you shall smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink.

And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us or not?”

Then came the first of five wars of Israel with Amalek in Rephidim (26th miracle):

When Moses held up his hand Israel prevailed; when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

There again Moses had the rod in his hand. After the battle the Lord told Moses to write it all in a book, and rehearse it to Joshua. Moses built an altar and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi, meaning “The Lord our Banner.”

CHAPTER 18

Moses is reunited with his family at Rephidim, and Jethro advises him how to handle his workload in judging Israel’s causes. Moses was like a one-man courtroom and doing all the work to settle disputes until Jethro showed him how to delegate some of the responsibility.

CHAPTER 19

The 10th or **Mosaic Covenant**. The Mosaic covenant is an extension of Abraham's covenant. It was established because God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Moses received this covenant at his first ascent to Mt. Sinai (19:3-6).

The Mosaic Covenant proposed by God to Moses (Ch. 19:3-6):

“And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

You have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself.

Now therefore, *if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is mine:*

And you shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

Moses relays the terms of the covenant to the people; they promise to obey.

The Lord then told Moses to prepare the people to meet with God. There were ten conditions God gave them.

The meeting with God's Second ascent of Moses (19:8-13); second descent (19:14-19):

“And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were **thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceedingly loud,** so that all the people in the camp trembled.

And mount Sinai was **altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly,**” vs. 16,18-19.

This was right before the 10 commandments were given.

Moses again went up at God's command, third ascent (19:20-24); third descent (19:25):

CHAPTER 20

The Ten Commandments given; fourth ascent (20:21); fourth descent (24:3):

When these commandments were given, the effect of God's presence:

“And all the people saw the **thunderings** and the **lightnings**, and the **noise of the trumpet**, and the **mountain smoking**,” vs. 18; also Deut. 5:22-27.

People to Moses:

“And they said to Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”

The Big 10, A sum of the whole contract:

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image (idolatry) nor bow down to them
3. Law against profanity
4. Law against Sabbath breaking
5. Law against parental dishonor
6. Law against murder
7. Law against adultery
8. Law against larceny
9. Law against perjury
10. Law against covetousness

The ten commandments were called *the covenant* because they were the sum and basis of the entire contract between God and Israel at Sinai (34:28, Deut. 4:13). They were not the whole of the law of God and of Moses, but merely the first part of the contract that was spoken by God with His audible voice. God added no more by His audible voice (Deut. 5:22), not because His law was ended, but because Israel begged not to hear His voice any more lest they die (Deut. 5:23-29; Heb. 12:18-21).

The 10 commandments were given along with the rest of the law of God and Moses *to Israel only* (24:7-8; 34:27-28; Lev. 26:9, 44-45; 1 Ki. 8:53; Acts 3:25; Rom. 2:14-29; 3:1-2; 9:4-5). Gentiles were to have no part with Israel in keeping the law unless they became a part of the nation of Israel (we are the Israel of God now); and then there was to be *one law* for both in *some things* (12:24; Num. 15:16, 29), Gentiles could not partake with Israel in other things. They are the only part of the law of God and of Moses that was written and engraved on the two tables of stone (Deut. 4:13; 9:9-15).

CHAPTERS 21, 22, 23

In these chapters, as in chapter 20, God instructs them in how to live a daily life. He gives them civil, ceremonial, and criminal laws.

CHAPTER 24

The sealing of the 10th or Mosaic covenant. The sealing of this covenant was by (24:1-1):

1. *Worship*

“God said to Moses, come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and 70 of the elders of Israel; **and worship you afar off.**”

2. *By Promise & Monuments*

Moses told all the people the words of the Lord and all the judgments and the people said they would obey, Moses wrote all the words of the Lord and built an altar under the hill, and 12 pillars.

3. *By blood and promise*

Moses took the blood from the burnt offerings of oxen and sprinkled on altar. He then took the book of the covenant and read to the people, they promised to obey, Moses then sprinkled the blood on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord has made with you concerning all these words.”

4. *By banquet with God; fifth ascent and descent:*

Moses makes his fifth ascent and descent (9-11) to get the law with the three priests and 70 elders, verse 10:

“And they **saw the God of Israel:** and there was under his feet as it were a **paved work of a sapphire stone, like the very heavens in clearness.**”

Moses came down from the mountain with the others after eating and drinking, and having this banquet with God (vs. 11).

First time 40 days in the mountain; sixth ascent (24:12-32:14; Dt. 9:9); sixth descent (32:15-30). The Lord invited Moses again to come to Him in the mount, and He would give him tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which God had written, vs. 15-16:

“And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.

And the glory of the Lord abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

And the sight of the Lord was like **devouring fire** on the top of the mount.

Moses went into the midst of the cloud; and Moses in the mount 40 days and 40 nights.”

CHAPTERS 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

While Moses was in the mount, the Lord gave him the commands to make the tabernacle and furniture.

Commands for the priesthood—28:1-29

Consecration of the priests—Ch. 29

Duties of the priests—29:38-42

Promise of God's glory—29:43-46

Further commands to make the tabernacle and furniture—30:1-31:11.

After His instructions God said in 29:43-46:

“And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory.

And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.

And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I am the Lord their God.”

The commands for the weekly Sabbath were a sign of the Mosaic Covenant.

CHAPTER 32

While Moses was in the mountain 40 days and nights (his 6th ascent), when he came down **the covenant had already been broken, the golden calf made**. He came down with two tables of the testimony in his hand, these 10 commandments written by the hand of God, and he saw the children of Israel dancing and worshipping a golden calf, He cast the tables out of his hands and broke them at the bottom of the mountain.

6th of 12 complaints by Israel:

“They said we don't know what's become of him, let's make us gods which shall go before us,” he's taking too long.

“They broke off the golden earrings in their ears, and Aaron made a molten calf, and they said these are our gods which brought us forth out of the land of Egypt. They made an altar and offered burnt offerings, and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.”

Then comes the first of four times God determines to destroy Israel. There were various punishments (3) of Israel for their idolatry at Sinai. The 1st and 2nd intercessions of Moses are in this chapter.

7th ascent (32:30-33) and **descent** (32:34):

“And on the morrow (the very next day!), Moses said to the people, You have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up to the Lord; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

“And Moses returned to the Lord and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin...yet now, if you will forgive their sin...; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.”

CHAPTER 33

Command to resume the journey to Canaan.

This chapter is where God said He would drive out their enemies, and lead them into a land flowing with milk and honey, and even send an angel to go with them, but God Himself would not go with them. So Israel mourned and consecrated themselves again.

Moses makes intercession for Israel in the tabernacle:

“As Moses entered into the tabernacle the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle and the Lord talked with Moses.

And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door...

And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face...”

Third reconciliation of Moses: He talked to God, “this nation is your people.”

God said:

“My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.”

Moses said:

“If your presence is not with us, don’t carry us up.”

For wherein shall it be known here that I and the people have found grace in thy sight? Is it not in that thou goest with us? So shall we be separated, and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.”

Lord said:

“I will do this thing that you have spoken, for you have found grace in my sight, and I know you by name.”

New revelation of God:

“And Moses said, show me thy glory.

God said, I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you, and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

Thou shall stand upon a rock, and it shall come to pass, while my glory passes by, that I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and will cover you with my hand while I pass by.”

CHAPTER 34

Second 40 days in the mountain, (eighth ascent 34:1-28; Dt. 10:10; and descent 34:29).

Second tables of the law given. Lord told Moses to bring up two tables of stone like the first ones that were broken.

Fourth intercession by Moses to God, Lord, go among us, take us for your inheritance.

New revelation of God, verses 5-7:

“And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with Moses there, and **proclaimed the name of the Lord.**

And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, who is

merciful

gracious

longsuffering

abundant in goodness

abundant in mercy

keeping mercy for thousands

forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,

and that will be no means clear the guilty,

visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the

children, and upon the children’s children, unto

the third and to the fourth generation.”

Mosaic Covenant renewed: God said:

“Before all thy people **I will do marvels,** such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation:

All the people shall see the work of the Lord. It is a terrible thing that I will do with thee.

I will drive out before thee all your enemies.”

Laws of conquest renewed: God said:

Make no covenant with lands around you.

Destroy their altars.
I am a **Jealous God**.
Make no other gods.

Commands, laws, feasts renewed, plus 10 commandments.
Moses there 40 days and 40 nights, without food and drink, for second of two times.

Lord told Moses to write all the words He was saying:

God told Moses to write the renewed covenant, as He had written the original. Both writings were only a part of the whole Mosaic covenant, which was added to from time to time until it was completed and included all. The renewed contract did not need to be dedicated, as the original one was.

CHAPTERS 35, 36, 37, 38, 39

Work on tabernacle begun and finished throughout these chapters.

These chapters tell of the construction of the tabernacle, the furniture, the anointed workers, the giving of the people, and the making of the priestly garments.

CHAPTER 40

Command to set up the tabernacle

“They set up the tabernacle and furniture, the court of the tabernacle and its furniture, and anointed the tabernacle, consecrated the priests, placed the ark (the only piece of furniture in the Most Holy place). So the work was finished.”
Then:

The glory appears and remains on the tabernacle:

“Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

When the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys;

But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.

For the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.”

Altogether there were 42 miracles by Moses in and after Egypt.

There were 16 other miracles after this and up to Joshua.

Meditate on this deliverance teams. And we're under a better covenant.

The date of this book is about 1,688 B.C. They were 11 months at Mt. Sinai.

Exodus has 73 separate messages from God, 2,713 commands in law of Moses, and 35 of the 42 miracles by Moses.

The name "Moses" appears 813 times in the Bible. Important man, important book, that's why this extra study to the miracles multiplied.

God buried Moses:

"And God buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor; but no man knows of his sepulcher unto this day."

Jehovah kept the place of burial secret so that Israel would not pay him homage or worship Moses as a god.

He was 120 years old when he died.

Jude 9: "Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses..."

This took place after the death of Moses. The devil had the power of death until Christ conquered him on the cross. The devil claimed Moses, but God intervened and took the body, burying it in the land of Moab (Deut. 34:5-6).

You can see the power of God's life for the children of Israel, and for us, in the book of Exodus, and how important this book has been to the children of Israel. They all talked about it in other books of the Bible.

Joshua talked or quoted Moses throughout book of Joshua—**1646-1616 BC**.

Samuel spoke to Israel, told story of Moses & Aaron coming out of Egypt, 1 Sa. 12:6-12. 1 & 2 Samuel were written by Samuel, David, Nathan, and Gad from **1204-1035 BC** in Palestine, but were perhaps finally made into one book by Isaiah the prophet about 743-683 BC.

David talked of the "law of Moses" 1 Ki. 2:3. The records which make up 1 & 2 Kings were written in Palestine **1046-616 BC**.

Solomon dedicated temple, 1 Ki. 8:9—**1046-616 BC**.

"Nothing in ark but two tables of stone which Moses put there at Horeb."

The "book of the law of Moses" was read to and by kings, prophets, scribes.

The prophets, including **Ezra**, sacrificed and built altars according to the law and book of Moses **546-461 BC**.

Nehemiah—they read in the “book of the law of Moses” **446-430 BC**.

The **Psalms** speak of Moses—written in Palestine and Babylon from about **1,500-450 BC**.

Isaiah spoke with eloquence of Moses and great deliverance, written in Palestine about **792-722 BC**. Read Isaiah 63:9-19 amplified. Verse 12 says, “Who caused His glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, dividing the waters before them, to make for Himself an everlasting name....”

Daniel speaks of the “law of Moses, the servant of God” in chapter 9, and laments because Israel is not obeying, all the curses, and the evil written in the law of Moses has come upon them. Written from Babylon and Shushan about **606 to 536 BC**.

Micah speaks of the “law of Moses,” **772-722 BC**.

Also **Malachi**, written in Palestine about **557-525 BC**.

The gospels all talk about Moses and the law of Moses:

Matthew, written in Judea, **37 AD**.

Mark, between **53-67 AD**.

Luke, **58-63 BC**.

Jesus said in Lk. 24:44, “all things must be fulfilled which are written in the law of Moses...concerning Me...”

John, about **90 AD**.

Paul speaks of Moses throughout the New Testament.
(For your information dates are given for all the books.)

Acts—33 AD

Romans—58-60 AD, written from Corinth

1 & 2 Corinthians—59-60 AD

Galatians—68 AD

Ephesians—64 AD, written from Rome

Colossians—64 AD, Rome

1 Thessalonians—54 AD, from Corinth, the first of Paul’s 14 epistles

2 Thessalonians—54 or 55 AD

1 & 2 Timothy—67 & 68 AD

Philemon—64 AD

Hebrews—68 AD

James—45 AD, at Jerusalem

1 Peter—60 AD, written from Babylon

2 Peter—61-65 AD, written from Babylon

1, 2, & 3 John—90 AD

Jude—66 AD

Revelation—96 AD, written on Patmos island

It's not very inspirational to end a book with 96 AD, but hopefully the power of the message of multiplying the Bread of Life towards others, especially in your prayers, will increase the results of your prayer and ministry life as you have the faith that crumbs can turn into a loaf and a loaf can turn into baskets of loaves.

Nancy has authored:

“Get a Better Life”—mainly for women on how to obtain a better family, home, and social life.

“Twinkle Twinkle Little Star”—mainly for women on how to appreciate and be fulfilled in their own life.

“The Chocolate Cake Principle: Feasting on the Presence of the Lord”—will help you appreciate and obtain the presence of the Lord. Published by [Xulon Press](#).

“Multiplying the Bread of Life”—expanding & enriching your prayer life.

“To My Family: Remember Love”—good advice on love (which never fails!)

“Christ in Hell”—treasures about Christ’s Burial in Hell after the cross.

“Get The Hell Out So Heaven Can Come In”—deals with deliverance from spirits and curses.

“Victory is the Eye of Every Battle”—how to avoid battles and get through them.

“THE BLESSING—What Did God Speak?” The Blessing Spoken to Man.

“Bad Sex Stuff”—this booklet title speaks for itself.

“Don’t Wake Up in Hell Thinking You Were on your Way to Heaven”—scary.

“Life in the Death Rattle” - a real death and life family experience.

“Angels” study - everyone is interested in angels

