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PREDESTINATION

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PART 10: PREVAILING FAITH

God predestined the children of Israel to be moved out of Egypt before the foundation of the world; there was nothing that could stop that event from taking place.

God had predestinated each person from the family of Jacob, more than three million, to be safely moved out of Egypt.

God had also predestined to kill the first born of all the Egyptians but not of the Hebrew children. ***However, salvation from a physical death was not given automatically to the Hebrews! They had to take action or death too would come into their families. Exodus 12:1-13***

Jesus died for all men on this earth but each person must personally accept the salvation by repenting of their sins and receiving Christ as their Lord and Saviour! Romans 10:8-13

NO FAITH IN GOD

The closest and easiest way to travel to Canaan's Land from Egypt would be to take the coastal highway along the Mediterranean Sea, the same road Abraham had used and later by Jacob and his sons. But God knew that the Hebrew children had no faith in God and would give up with the slightest upheaval. Instead of turning northeast from Goshen, God turned southeast toward the Red Sea. **Exodus 13:17-18**

As they traveled south, they came to the last city before the wilderness began and camped there. **verse 20**

It is important to understand that Moses was moving some three million people on foot along with their herds; the distance from Succoth to Etham was approximately 40 miles. The people traveled in a column, which meant that by the time the first group arrived at Etham the last ones were still leaving Succoth. It must have taken weeks before they finally arrived at Baalzephon (god of the monster), some 70 miles from Succoth at the shore of the Red Sea. God used a pillar of a cloud by day and a pillar of fire at night to show the people that He was with them. Even with these supernatural signs, it didn't create faith in the people. **verses 21-22**

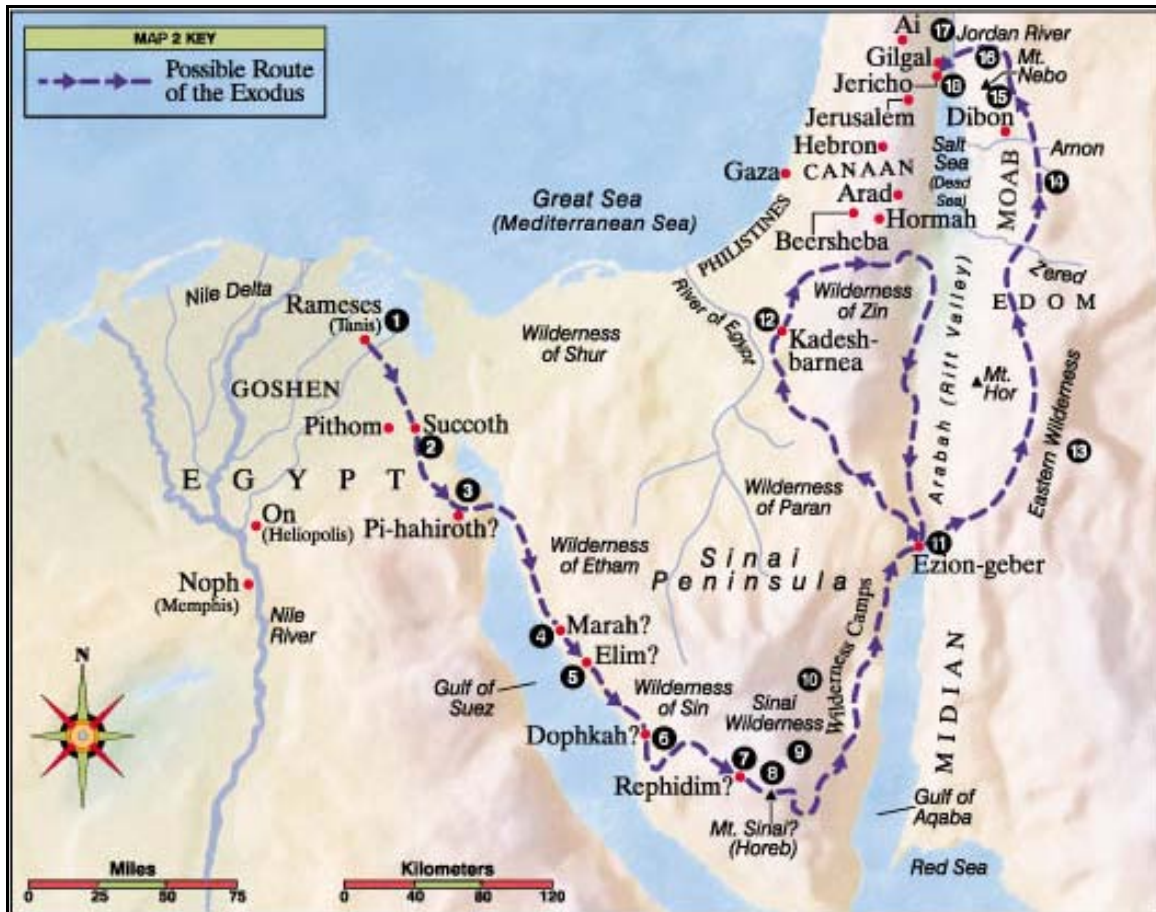
Pharaoh believed that the Hebrew children would go out of Egypt for a distance, worship their God and then come back. When word came that Moses had led them south into a wilderness area, it dawned upon Pharaoh that his slave laborers had no intention of coming back. Again, God hardened the heart of Pharaoh in order to destroy him through death. **Exodus 14:1-5**



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God was not surprised since this was part of His plan, but for the children of Israel, their exodus from Egypt was turning into a disaster because they had no faith in God whatsoever. **verses 6-9**

The Hebrews panicked as soon as they saw the Egyptian army and fear gripped them that the Egyptians would punish them for plagues put upon them by God. This believed they were in a situation in which there was no way God would rescue them. There was not an ounce of faith in the people. **verse 10**

They turned against Moses and scolded, "Did we not tell you in Egypt to leave us alone?" It was here we find out that the people didn't want to leave Egypt.

God knew that even if Pharaoh had let the people go after the first plague, the Hebrew's were not ready to leave. It was not until after the death of the first born that the Hebrew's left, but they were essentially forced out by the Egyptians and all had to go. verses 11-12

PREVAILING FAITH

Moses' faith was not shook because he had not only seen miracles but he had seen God, talked to God and Moses walked on a daily basis with God. **verses 13-14**

Moses must have prayed a prayer that is not recorded in the text because he is rebuked by God and told stop talking to Him and get the people moving. **verse 15**

God instructed Moses what to do and what the result would be. **verses 16-18**



God had a plan that the Hebrew children could not even dream about as the angel of God that had led them moved to the back and created a wall that the Egyptians could not penetrate so that the Hebrews had time to cross the Red Sea. Remember, moving three million people, including children and cattle was a slow process that might have taken several days. **verses 19-20**

Utilizing the prevailing faith from God, Moses had the joy of stretching forth his hand toward the sea. ***But the miracle was not instantaneous as God used an east wind to part the waters throughout the night.*** **verse 21**

Even with the waters parted, the Hebrews didn't have prevailing faith and Moses would never had been able to command them to start walking through the two walls of water unless the threat of the Egyptian army was behind them. **verses 22-23**

The time had come when God finally dealt with Pharaoh and his army. Their time was up, hell was waiting, and God sprang the death trap. **verses 24-28**

The Hebrew children arrived safely on the other side of the Red Sea, having witnessed ten previous supernatural events in Egypt, and a final one when God parted the Red Sea so they could walk to safety, and then killed Pharaoh and his army. But all these miracles generated no faith in the people. According to the Bible, the people developed a fear of the Lord that was not a love relationship, but a fear of an awesome God.

They believed that God was real but that He would not be able to handle everything in the world. They believed God had limitations. **verses 29-31**

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THESE EVENTS

1. The Hebrew children were moved out of Egypt because God had a plan for them. It was not Moses' faith that made it possible but the will of God. God has a plan for every believer in Christ and He is determined to have it His way. **Hebrews 12:1-13**

2. God is working on His master plan for this earth and there are no deviations from it. Every Christian has a choice be part of God's plan or be left behind. **Luke 9:57-62**
3. You will have to make the initial decision to be obedient to Jesus but also take up your cross on a daily basis. **Matthew 10:32-39**

What about you?

You and I will not know the future until we get there!

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?