

Exodus 19:4
11Days vs 40Years
Part 4: Stay on Your Lane.

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### 2024 Important Broad Promises Revealed

Psalm 23: 1-6

God is our shepherd

God is our shepherd, He will position us and make our cup overflow. Exodus 19:4

God will carry us on eagles' wings, no matter what comes up. Ecclesiastes 12:13

Our only role is to fear God, listen to the Holy Spirit, in us, and obey His command.

# Exodus 19:4, God recounts how He carried Israel on eagles' wings:

4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself'.

vs 5-6

" <sup>5</sup> Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> you will be for Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

### What did God do for the Israelites?

First: the promise: Exodus 3: 7-8 (AMP and NIV)

<sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "I have in fact <u>seen</u> the affliction (suffering, desolation) of My people who are in Egypt, and have <u>heard</u> their cry because of their taskmasters (oppressors); for I <u>know</u> their pain and suffering." "<sup>8</sup> So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites".

**Exodus 6: 4** "4I also established covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners."

**Second**: the actions for fulfilment of promise (journeying to Canaan) – carrying them on eagles' wings:

- The exodus out of Egypt after 430years in slavery/bondage: Exodus 12:31-50... they left with silver/gold
- God brought Israelites out of Egypt with a mighty hand (Daniel 9:15)
- Crossing the red sea & killing the Egyptians without Israel's efforts Exodus 14:1-31
- Leading Israel through the wilderness: Exodus 15:22 Ex 18 (bitter water became sweet, manna & quail from heaven, water from the rock, etc.)

**Third**: the request to stay SANCTIFIED/OBEDIENT in order to become God's special ones: Exodus 19:5-6 " <sup>5</sup> Now if you obey me <u>fully</u> and keep my covenant, <u>then out of all nations</u> you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'

### Everyone that God has brought to Himself is assigned a lane.

The children of Israel had a lane. God told them clearly the land He was taking them to.

Psalm 125: 3, talks about the 'land' allotted to you.

"The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous."

There is a lane from where you are now to where your land is.

Hebrews 12:1 calls the journey on this lane a 'race marked out for us'.

"Ilet us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, ..., who for the joy set before Him endured the cross ... and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

**Proverbs 4:25-27 advices us** concerning this lane, 'look straight ahead'; and 'give careful thoughts to the paths for your feet':

"25Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.
26 Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. 27 Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil."

#### Brethren,

this need to 'stay on your lane' could be one of the reasons Jesus declared in Luke 9:62:

"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

And looking back was the offence committed by the Israelites that resulted in a journey of 11days becoming one of 40years.

#### In Exodus 3:8, God said:

"8 So I have come down to rescue Israel ... and to bring them up ... into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites".

**Brethren**, that was God's goal. And that needed to also be the goal of the Israelites. They were required to 'stay on their lane' and not look back.

### But instead, what happed?

After the men who spied the land gave Israel a bad report:

Numbers 14:1-4 says:

That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. <sup>2</sup>All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup> Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?" <sup>4</sup> And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

Brethren, do we sometimes feel the same way about our lane or about the destination we are headed?

God punished them: Numbers 14:34 "Because your men explored the land for forty days, you must wander in the wilderness for forty years—a year for each day, suffering the consequences of your sins."

When we take our eyes away from Jesus, we see woes and fear:

The Israelites' choosing to first spy the land was not God's plan. They asked and God granted their request. But what crystalized were woes and fears (as in Numbers 13:31-33)

**Brethren,** No need to spy the land. Jesus said "Do not be afraid, only believe" (Mark 5:36). Taking their eyes away from Jesus was the beginning of their fall.

**Bible says:** 

"The righteous shall live by faith" (Rm. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38)

Surely, the lane God has given you is headed to a glorious land. It is not a dead end.

1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you...

And, I Corinthians 9:26 says "Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air."

### Genesis 1:28 (ESV)

"And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Jeremiah 1:5 "I knew you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart for me before you were born; I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations."

**The Fact is:** the lane that God has put you on, He wants you to use it to have dominion over nations – "over every living thing that moves on the earth".

And it is not impossible to have "dominion over nations – "over every living thing that moves on the earth." no matter your age now because with God all things are possible. We cannot be limited by AGE or SKILL.

### In Joshua 14:7, 10-12, Caleb said:

"7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me ...... <sup>10</sup>So here I am today, eighty-five years old! <sup>11</sup> I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then..... the LORD helping me, I will drive them (the Anakites) out just as God said."

In Joshua 6:2-5, God gave a strategy to Joshua, who was over 80years old, on how to bring down the walls of Jericho that was blocking his entry into the land that God promised to Israelites.

"The One who called us is faithful; He will surely do it (1 Thessalonians 5:24)

We are called to be a blessing to nations; to have dominion through the lane allotted to us..... We must see the possibility, do it and not fail the test: In John 6:5- 11 (NIV), Philp failed the test.

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward Him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He asked this only to test him, for He already had in mind what He was going to do. 7Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages[a] to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!".... Philips saw negativity & impossibility.

<sup>8</sup> ...Andrew spoke up, <sup>9</sup> "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish. ..... <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed (to five thousand people)."

God is faithful, Stay on your Lane! God Bless You!

### KCM Corporate Prayers:

- 1. for KCM, that it continues to fulfil its mandate to God's glory.
- 2. For Leadership of each nation and for citizens to honour leaders.
- 3. for needs in Nations: that God should forgive our sins & heal the land;
- 4. Pray against wars: ask God to quench wars and bring peace across nations.
- 5. For Ministry/Missions/Churches & For Ministers/Missionaries/ Priests. (remember that Ministers are being pulled down to scatter their flocks)
- 6. For Leadership elections and transitions in various Nations in 2024.
- 7. For Families, Marriages & Children.
- 8. For members of KCM.
- 9. Pray for progress in all First Nations, Indigenous Australians and others: forgiveness of hurt, rebuilding of relationships and thriving of God's word there.
- 10. Pray that we all stay on the EAGLES' WINGS
- 11. Personal prayer, especially based on lessons from the message today.
- 12. Any Special Request
- 13. For the week & next Sunday.

