

ON EAGLES' WINGS

Exodus 19:4

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Part 7: A Heavy Rain Starts As Small Cloud.

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2024 Important Broad Promises Revealed

Psalm 23: 1-6

**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 has 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

'5 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, 6 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)*

⁷ The LORD said to Moses, “I have in fact seen the affliction (suffering, desolation) of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters (oppressors); for I know their pain and suffering.” ⁸ 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 430 years 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

“⁵ 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, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’

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God's principles of work are always the same.

What is not the same is His ways of work, because He does not want man to predict Him.

The children of Israel left Egypt in a manner the scripture describes as “Exodus”, meaning ‘a sudden departure from a place’ and luckily for the Israelites (and for all children of God) it was (is) ‘from a place to a known place’. – they were headed to somewhere.

Because it was a sudden move and to a place only God knew (as God merely described it to them), God had to carry them ‘on eagles’ wings’.

A heavy rain comes as small cloud, and so along the way, God continued to show them small clouds of what they will enjoy in the land they were headed to - the land of Canaan flowing with milk and honey. God used the cloud to demonstrate to them that any difficulty they face in Canaan, God will clear them for them.

‘Cloud to rain is a normal principle of God’.

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For example 1:

The rain of creation started with cloudy moments:

In Genesis 1:1, bible says that:

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep.”

Earth was formless and dark (quite cloudy). But God needed to move from the state the earth was to where it needed to be. God did not worry that it was cloudy right now. He began to command things to be (which in our case and the case of the Israelite means to pray things into existence).

- ³ And God said, “Let there be light;” and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day*
- From Genesis 1: 1 to vs 27, God continued to call different parts of the earth into existence (clearing the cloud) until everything He needed was created (rain), including man.*

Brethren, cloud to rain is a normal principle for God. It is NEVER rain to rain.

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Example 2

The case of Elijah (1 Kings 18:1)

“The word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, “Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth.””

Brethren, what God said to Elijah is similar to the promise He made to us saying “I will carry you on eagles wings.” It is also similar to what He said to the children of Israel I am carrying you on eagles’ wings.

Elijah understood that God has promised the rain and he, Elijah, needs to pray it into existence. So he began to pray the rain into existence. And before the rain came, cloud came first.

Vs 41-46

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- ⁴¹ And Elijah said to Ahab, “Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain.” ⁴² So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees (He has to pray the rain into existence)
- ⁴³ “Go and look toward the sea,” he told his servant. And he went up and looked. “There is nothing there,” he said.
- Seven times Elijah said, “Go back.” ⁴⁴ The seventh time the servant reported, “A cloud as small as a man’s hand is rising from the sea.”
- So Elijah said, “Go and tell Ahab, ‘Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.’”
- ⁴⁵ Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain started falling ⁴⁶ The power of the LORD came on Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab.

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Brethren, the promise of God is sure to come. It always starts with a small cloud. Our duty is to recognize the small cloud and then pray the components into action. And when God is carrying us on eagles' wings those prayers are answered much quicker.

Recognizing God's principle of small cloud (even with promise) is what the Israelites failed to do.

God was using their various cloud experiences/challenges along the way to train and equip them with skills for life in the land of Canaan but instead of leaning the skills, they frowned and complained. They did not even recognize that the things they complained about did not take Moses a lot of effort to pray them into action. Each time Moses turned to God, he was given instruction on what to do, he did them and solutions came.

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Conclusion,

Brethren, let's recognize that God's promise is sure to come. Before it comes, it will be preceded by cloud. Our job is to like Elijah, Moses and Joshua, pray the rain into action.

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.



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