



# ON EAGLES' WINGS

Exodus 19:4

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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)*

<sup>7</sup> 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.” <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** “<sup>4</sup>I 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

“<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.’

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In Psalm 23:4, David said:

*“Even though I walk, through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me (they guide and guard me)”*”.

Brethren, whether it is in time of His chastening (discipline or training) or in time of His blessing, confidence in the Lord's ways is crucial. This was what God expected from the children of Israel.

Hebrews 12:6 *“the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and He chastens everyone He accepts as His son.”*

Proverbs 19:18 says *“don't be afraid to discipline your children while they are still young enough to learn. Don't indulge your children or be swayed by their protest. (The Passion Translation bible).*

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The children of Israel have live in Egypt without the direct guidance and direction of God for over 400 years. Now God brings them out taking them to the promised land on eagles wings.

The path between Egypt and the promised land is an opportunity for their training, chastening and discipline.

All the problems they faced along the way, God could have solved tem before they got there BUT in His ways, He decided not to but to use the problems to build their faith and equip them with testimonies they can lean on as they dwell in Canaan.

Each problem was God's rod for discipline while the Staff of blessings and solutions was with Moses.

However, Israel lost those training opportunities.



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David said "your rod and your staff, they comfort me".

So, for us today, as Christians, whether we face a challenge (rod) or a blessing (staff) both are positioned by God to equip us to stay on the faith continuum.

God's rod of discipline will always be there no matter your level of faith.

In Ezekiel 37, God took Ezekiel to a valley and presented him with dry bones. "Can these bones live?" was His test of Ezekiel's faith. Sometimes, a challenge or rod comes to you just to test what your response will be.

Ezekiel's response: 'Sovereign Lord, you alone know', demonstrated a great faith.

In that valley, the 'rod' was there to test Ezekiel's faith and the 'staff' was also there to bring the solution. Immediately Ezekiel gave the right response, the Spirit of God (Staff) gave Ezekiel instructions on what to do.

"Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'dry bones hear the word of the Lord' .... Ezekiel prophesied accordingly and the bones got tendon, flesh and breadth.

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Both the 'Rod' of the Lord and the 'Staff' of the Lord are always with us. God uses the Rod to test our faith or correct us and uses the Staff to bring the solution that become our word of testimony. God was training the children of Israel to realize this; Even with many opportunities, they did not.

In Deuteronomy 28:1-12, after the 40 years in the wilderness, Moses reminded the children of Israel, who will be continuing to Canaan, about the renewal of God's covenant (the Rod and Staff":  
*"If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all His commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. <sup>2</sup> All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God: <sup>3</sup> You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country..... ... <sup>9</sup> The LORD will establish you as His holy people, ..<sup>10</sup> Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you. <sup>11</sup> The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity; ..<sup>12</sup> The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of His bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. <sup>13</sup> The LORD will make you the head, not the tail."*



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Brethren, God is carrying us on eagles' wings.

There is nothing that is impossible for Him to do once they are part of our premised land.

In **Deuteronomy 29:5-6**, God reminded the children of Israel, who were to cross to Canaan, of what He did in the wilderness:

*"<sup>5</sup> ... "During the forty years that I led you through the wilderness, your clothes did not wear out, nor did the sandals on your feet. <sup>6</sup> You ate no bread and drank no wine or other fermented drink. I did this so that you might know that I am the LORD your God."*

Moses referred to a combination of God's rod and staff as "great trials, signs and great wonders."

*"<sup>3</sup> With your own eyes you saw those great trials, those signs and great wonders". (Deuteronomy 29:3).*

God said, my thought over you are thought of good and not of evil to bring you to an expected end (Jeremiah 29:11).

Let us expect and enjoy the combination of **Rod and Staff** (great trials, signs and great wonders) **Guide and Guard** us to the expected destination.

God bless You!



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