

Send My People Out - or Let My People Go
Re-examining the story of the Exdous - Part IV

Did Pharoah change his mind, or did God change His Plan

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Introduction /

In our first class, we explained the title for our series - showing that Moshe's primary goal was to convince Pharoah and the entire Egyptian people, that it was in their own interest to **SEND THE PEOPLE OUT** - demand that they go serve their God a three day distance into the desert - as this would finally put an end to the cycle of devastative Plagues that are ruining Egypt.

Permission to leave would not suffice, as God wanted the **ENTIRE** nation to leave; plus - this also created a positive atmosphere for 'borrowing' whatever we asked for - from the Egyptian people - as we left to serve our God.

We also posited that Egypt never feared that the Jews would not return, rather their only fear was a possible take-over - and that this would explain why Pharoah was so reluctant to let them leave, and why there was no fear of Egypt finding out the 'true plan' to leave Egypt forever, as no one would believe it.

This week, we return to that study to show how it explains why Pharoah changes his mind, **AFTER** he sends them out- as well as for the need for the 'crossing of the Red Sea'.

I. Review of our key points - in order of Sefer Shmot

What was Egypt afraid of? Shmot 1:8-10

Am Yisrael leaving Egypt - OR - taking over Egypt?

ח וַיִּקַּם מֶלֶךְ-חָדָשׁ, עַל-מִצְרַיִם, אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָדַע, אֶת-יוֹסֵף.

8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph.

ט וַיֹּאמֶר, אֶל-עַמּוֹ: הִנֵּה, עִם בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל--רַב וְעָצוּם, מִמֶּנּוּ.

9 And he said unto his people: 'Behold, the people of the children of Israel are too many and too mighty for us;

י הָבֵה נִתְחַכְמָה, לוֹ: פֶּן-יִרְבֶּה, וְהָיָה כִּי-תִקְרָאנָה מִלְחָמָה וְנוֹסִף גַּם-הוּא עַל-שְׂנְאֵינוּ, וְנִלְחַם-בָּנוּ, וְעָלָה מִן-הָאָרֶץ.

10 come, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there befalleth us any war, they also join themselves unto our enemies, and fight against us, and get them up out of the land.'

: Who is taking Israel of Egypt: Hashem or Moshe?

Shmot 3:7-12

ז וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה, רָאֵה רָאִיתִי אֶת-עַנְי עַמִּי אֲשֶׁר בְּמִצְרַיִם; וְאֶת-צַעֲקָתָם שָׁמַעְתִּי מִפְּנֵי נַגְשָׁיו, כִּי יִדְעֹתִי אֶת-מַכָּאֲבָיו.

7 And the LORD said: 'I have surely seen the affliction of My people that are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their pains;

ח וְאֵנִי נֹכַח לְהַצִּילוֹ מִיַּד מִצְרַיִם, וְלְהַעֲלֹתוֹ מִן-הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת, אֶל-אֶרֶץ זָבַת חֶלֶב וְדָבָשׁ--אֶל-מְקוֹם הַכְּנַעֲנִי, וְהַחִתִּי, וְהָאֱמֹרִי וְהַפְּרִזִּי, וְהַחִיטִּי וְהַיְבוּסִי.

8 and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

ט וְעַתָּה, הִנֵּה צַעֲקַת בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל בָּאָה אֵלַי; וְגַם-רָאִיתִי, אֶת-הַלַּחַץ, אֲשֶׁר מִצְרַיִם, לֹחֲצִים אֹתָם.

9 And now, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto Me; moreover I have seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

י וְעַתָּה לָכֵה, וְאֶשְׁלַחְךָ אֶל-פַּרְעֹה; וְהוֹצֵא אֶת-עַמִּי בְנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל, מִמִּצְרַיִם...

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth My people the children of Israel out of Egypt.'

יב וַיֹּאמֶר, כִּי-אֶהְיֶה עִמָּךְ, וְזֶה-לָּךְ הָאוֹת, כִּי אֲנֹכִי שֹׁלְחֲתִיךָ: בְּהוֹצִיאֲךָ אֶת-הָעָם, מִמִּצְרַיִם, תַּעֲבֹדוּן אֶת-הָאֱלֹהִים, עַל הַהַר הַזֶּה.

12 And He said: 'Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be the token unto thee, that I have sent thee: when thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.'

Rashbam

Now You GO, I'm sending you to Pharoah	& TAKE My People out of Egypt
Who am I, to GO to Pharoah?	HOW can I convince Pharoah to do so
The BUSH is the sign I'll be with you	Tell him we need to sacrifice to our God

II. Moshe's 'double' mission - to the People & Pharaoh

טז לך ואספת את-זקני ישראל, ואמרת אליהם יהוה אלהי אבותיכם נראה אלי, אלהי אברהם יצחק ויעקב, לאמר: פקד פקדתי אתכם, ואת-העשוי לכם במצרים.

16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, hath appeared unto me, saying: I have surely remembered you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt.

יז ואמר, אעלה אתכם מעני מצרים, אל-ארץ הפניעני והחתי, והאמרי והפריזי והחוי והיבוסים--אל-ארץ זבת חלב, ודבש.

17 And I have said: I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

יח ושמעו, לקולך; ובאת אתה וזקני ישראל אל-מלך מצרים, ואמרתם אליו יהוה אלהי העבריים נקרה עלינו, ועתה נלכה-נא דרך שלשת ימים במדבר, ונזבחה ליהוה אלהינו.

18 And they shall hearken to thy voice. And thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him: The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, hath met with us. And now let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

יט ואני ידעתי--כי לא-יתן אתכם מלך מצרים להלך: ולא, ביד חזקה.

19 And I know that the king of Egypt will not give you leave to go, except by a mighty hand.

כ ושלחתי את-ידי, והפיתי את-מצרים, בכל נפלאתי, אשר אעשה בקרבן; ואחרי-כן, ישלח אתכם.

20 And I will put forth My hand, and smite Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in the midst thereof. And after that he will let you go.

Note also how this plan relates to the 'great wealth'

כא ונתתי את-חן העם-הזה, בעיני מצרים; והיה כי תלכו, לא תלכו ריקם.

21 And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. And it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty;

כב ושאלה אשה משכנתה ומגרת ביתה, כלי-כסף וכלי זהב ושמלת; ושמתם, על-בניכם ועל-בנותיכם, ונצלתם, את-מצרים.

22 but every woman shall ask of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment; and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.'

Failure 1: Moshe's first encounter with Pharaoh - chapter 5

ג ויאמרו, אלהי העבריים נקרא עלינו; נלכה נא דרך שלשת ימים במדבר, ונזבחה ליהוה אלהינו--פן-יפגענו, בדבר או בחרב.

3 And they said: 'The God of the Hebrews hath met with us. Let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest He fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.'

ד ויאמר אליהם, מלך מצרים, למה משעה ואהרו, תפריעו את-העם ממעשיו; לכו, לסבלתיכם....

4 And the king of Egypt said unto them: 'Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, cause the people to break loose from their work? get you unto your burdens.'

Moshe confronts Hashem, asking why did it only get worse!

כב וַיָּשָׁב מֹשֶׁה אֶל-יְהוָה, וַיֹּאמֶר: אֲדֹנָי, לָמָּה הֲרַעַתָּה לְעַם הַזֶּה- לָמָּה זֶה, שְׁלַחְתָּנִי.

22 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said: 'Lord, wherefore hast Thou dealt ill with this people? why is it that Thou hast sent me?

כג וּמֵאִזּוּ בָאתִי אֶל-פַּרְעֹה, לְדַבֵּר בְּשִׁמְךָ, הֲרַע, לְעַם הַזֶּה; וְהֵצַל לֹא-הֵצַלְתָּ, אֶת-עַמְּךָ.

23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Thy name, he hath dealt ill with this people; neither hast Thou delivered Thy people at all.'

א וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה, אֶל-מֹשֶׁה, עֲתָה תֵרְאֶה, אֲשֶׁר אֶעֱשֶׂה לְפַרְעֹה: **כִּי בְיַד חֲזָקָה, יִשְׁלַחֶם, וּבְיַד חֲזָקָה, יִגְרָשֶׁם מֵאֲרָצוֹ.**

1 And the LORD said unto Moses: 'Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh; for by a strong hand shall he let them go, and by a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.' {S}

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III. Chapter 7 - An intro – to the NINE PLAGUES

Common theme, Pharaoh will say NO !!!

א וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה, רְאֵה נִתְּתִיךָ אֱלֹהִים לְפַרְעֹה; וְאַהֲרֹן אַחִיךָ, יִהְיֶה נְבִיאֲךָ.

1 And the LORD said unto Moses: 'See, I have set thee in God's stead to Pharaoh; and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.

ב אַתָּה תְּדַבֵּר, אֶת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר אֶצְוֶךָ; וְאַהֲרֹן אַחִיךָ יְדַבֵּר אֶל-פַּרְעֹה, וְשַׁלַּח אֶת-בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֲרָצוֹ.

2 Thou shalt speak all that I command thee; and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land.

ג וְאֲנִי אֶקְשֶׁה, אֶת-לֵב פַּרְעֹה; וְהִרְבִּיתִי אֶת-אֶתְתִּי וְאֶת-מוֹפְתֵי, בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם.

3 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.

ד וְלֹא-יִשְׁמַע אֲלֵכֶם פַּרְעֹה, וְנִתְּתִי אֶת-יָדֶי בְּמִצְרַיִם; וְהוֹצֵאתִי אֶת-צְבָאתִי אֶת-עַמִּי בְנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל, מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם, בְּשִׁפְטִים, גְּדֹלִים.

4 But Pharaoh will not hearken unto you, and I will lay My hand upon Egypt, and bring forth My hosts, My people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt, by great judgments.

ה וַיְדַעוּ מִצְרַיִם כִּי-אֲנִי יְהוָה, בְּנִטְתִּי אֶת-יָדֶי עַל-מִצְרַיִם; וְהוֹצֵאתִי אֶת-בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל, מִתּוֹכָם.

5 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth My hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.'

ו וַיַּעַשׂ מֹשֶׁה, וְאַהֲרֹן-כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֹתָם, כִּן עָשׂוּ.

6 And Moses and Aaron did so; as the LORD commanded them, so did they.

ז וּמֹשֶׁה, בֶּן-שְׁמֹנִים שָׁנָה, וְאַהֲרֹן, בֶּן-שָׁלֹשׁ וּשְׁמֹנִים שָׁנָה--בְּדַבְּרָם, אֶל-פַּרְעֹה. {פ}

7 And Moses was fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spoke unto Pharaoh. {P}

IV. The same warning:

See also before each Plague: Shmot 7:14; 7:26; 8:16;9:1; 9:13;& 10:3

ה'... שְׁלַחְנִי אֵלֶיךָ לֵאמֹר : שְׁלַח אֶת־עַמִּי וַיַּעֲבֹדְנִי

*Pharaoh gives in - each time a little bit more...
Shmot 8:21 - after 4th Plague*

פָּרַק ח' כֹּא וַיִּקְרָא פְּרֹעָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה וְלֹאֲהָרֹן

וַיֹּאמֶר לְכֹוּ זָבַחוּ לְאֱלֹהֵיכֶם בְּאֶרֶץ:

כב וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה לֹא נִכּוֹן לַעֲשׂוֹת כֵּן כִּי תִזְעַבְתָּ מִצְרַיִם נִזְבַּח לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ הֵן נִזְבַּח אֶת־תִּזְעֻבְתָּ מִצְרַיִם לְעֵינֵיהֶם וְלֹא יִסְקְלֵנוּ:

כג **דְּרֹךְ שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים נִלְךָ בַּמִּדְבָּר**

וְזָבַחְנוּ לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ כְּאֲשֶׁר יֹאמֵר אֱלֹהֵינוּ:

Shmot 10:7-9 - After 7 Plagues - The 'cabinet' is convinced

י' ז וַיֹּאמְרוּ עֲבָדֵי פְּרֹעָה אֵלָיו

עַד־מָתִי יִהְיֶה זֶה לָנוּ לְמוֹקֵשׁ

שְׁלַח אֶת־הָאֲנָשִׁים וַיַּעֲבֹדוּ אֶת־ה' אֱלֹהֵיהֶם

הַטָּרָם תִּדַּע כִּי אֲבָדָה מִצְרַיִם:

ח וַיֹּשֶׁב אֶת־מֹשֶׁה וְאֶת־אָהֳרֹן אֶל־פְּרֹעָה וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם

לְכֹוּ עֲבֹדוּ אֶת־ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם מִי וּמִי הַהֲלֹכִים:

[Does Moshe give reasons or 'excuses'?]

ט וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה בְּנַעֲרֵינוּ וּבְזַקְנֵינוּ נִלְךָ

בְּבָנֵינוּ וּבְבָנוֹתֵנוּ בְּצֹאנֵנוּ וּבְבָקָרֵנוּ נִלְךָ...

יא **לֹא כֵן לְכֹוּ־נָא הַגְּבָרִים וְעֲבֹדוּ אֶת־ה'**..

After 7th Plague - Pharaoh allows ONLY the men to go worship

Why is he reluctant to send the women & children?

What is he afraid of

And how does he understand Moshe's demands

After the 9th Plague - Pharaoh gives in to almost every demand:

Shmot 10:24-29

כד וַיִּקְרָא פַרְעֹה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה, וַיֹּאמֶר
**לְכוּ עֲבַדוּ אֶת-יְהוָה--רַק צֹאנְכֶם וּבְקָרְכֶם,
יֵצְגוּ: גַם-טַפְכֶם, יֵלְךְ עִמָּכֶם.**

24 And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said: 'Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed; let your little ones also go with you.'

כה וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה, גַם-אֶתָּה תִתֶּן בְּיָדֵנוּ זִבְחִים
וְעֹלֹת; וְעָשִׂינוּ, לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ.

25 And Moses said: 'Thou must also give into our hand sacrifices and burnt-offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.'

כו וְגַם-מִקְנֵנוּ יֵלְךְ עִמָּנוּ, לֹא תִשָּׂא רַרְסָה--כִּי
מִמֶּנּוּ נִקַּח, לְעַבְד אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ; וְאִנְחָנוּ לֹא-
נִדְעַ, מִה-נִעְבַּד אֶת-יְהוָה, עַד-בֵּאוּנוּ, שָׁמָּה.

26 Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not a hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.'

כז וַיַּחֲזֶק יְהוָה, אֶת-לֵב פַרְעֹה;
וְלֹא אָבָה, לְשַׁלְּחָם.

27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

כח וַיֹּאמֶר-לוֹ פַרְעֹה,
יֵלְךְ מֵעַלַי; הִשְׁמֹר לָךְ, אֶל-תִּסּוֹף רְאוֹת פָּנַי--
כִּי בַיּוֹם רִאֲתָךְ פָּנַי, תָּמוּת.

28 And Pharaoh said unto him: 'Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in the day thou seest my face thou shalt die.'

כט וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה, כִּן דִּבַּרְתָּ:
לֹא-אֶסּוֹף עוֹד, רְאוֹת פָּנַיךְ. {פ}

29 And Moses said: 'Thou hast spoken well; I will see thy face again no more.' {P}

Now – CHAPTER 11

א וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה, עוֹד נֹגַע אֶחָד אָבִיא עֲלֵ-
פַרְעֹה וְעַל-מִצְרַיִם--אַחֲרַי-כֵּן, יִשְׁלַח אֶתְכֶם מִזֶּה:
כִּשְׁלַחוֹ--כָּלָה, גֵּרֶשׁ יִגְרֶשׁ אֶתְכֶם מִזֶּה.

1 And the LORD said unto Moses: 'Yet one plague more will I bring upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence; when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.'

ב דַּבֵּר-נָא, בְּאָזְנֵי הָעָם; וַיִּשְׁאַלוּ אִישׁ מֵאֵת רֵעֵהוּ,
וְאִשָּׁה מֵאֵת רֵעוּתָהּ, כְּלֵי-כֶסֶף, וּכְלֵי זָהָב.

2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let them ask every man of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.'

ג וַיִּתֵּן יְהוָה אֶת-חַן הָעָם, בְּעֵינֵי מִצְרַיִם;
גַּם הָאִישׁ מֹשֶׁה, גָּדוֹל מְאֹד בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם,
בְּעֵינֵי עַבְדֵי-פַרְעֹה, וּבְעֵינֵי הָעָם. {ס}

3 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people. {S}

Shmot 11:4-8 The final warning before the 10th Plague

ד וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה, כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה: כַּחֲצֹת הַלַּיְלָה, אֲנִי יוֹצֵא בְּתוֹךְ מִצְרַיִם.

4 And Moses said: 'Thus saith the LORD: About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt;

ה וּמֵת כָּל-בְּכוֹר, בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם--מִבְּכוֹר פְּרֹעָה הַיֹּשֵׁב עַל-כִּסֵּאוֹ, עַד בְּכוֹר הַשֹּׁפְחָה אֲשֶׁר אַחַר הָרְחִים; וְכָל, בְּכוֹר בְּהֵמָה.

5 and all the first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the first-born of the maid-servant that is behind the mill; and all the first-born of cattle.

ו וְהִיְתָה צְעָקָה גְדֹלָה, בְּכָל-אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם, אֲשֶׁר כָּמָהוּ לֹא נִהְיְתָה, וְכָמָהוּ לֹא תִסָּף.

6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there hath been none like it, nor shall be like it any more.

ז וְלֹכַל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, לֹא יִחַרֵץ-כָּלֵב לְשׁוֹנוֹ, לְמֵאִישׁ, וְעַד-בְּהֵמָה--לְמַעַן, תִּדְעוּן, אֲשֶׁר יַפְלֶה יְהוָה, בֵּין מִצְרַיִם וּבֵין יִשְׂרָאֵל.

7 But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog whet his tongue, against man or beast; that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.

ח וַיֵּרְדוּ כָל-עֲבָדֶיךָ אֵלַי וְהִשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ-לִי לֵאמֹר, יֵצֵא אֶתָּה וְכָל-הָעָם אֲשֶׁר-בְּרִגְלֶיךָ, וְאַחֲרֵי-כֵן, אֵצֵא; וַיֵּצֵא מֵעַם-פְּרֹעָה, בְּחָרִי-אָף. {ס}

8 And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down unto me, saying: Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee; and after that I will go out.' And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger. {S}

V. * THE EXODUS *- to freedom, or to worship Shmot 12:29-36

כט וַיְהִי בַחֲצֵי הַלַּיְלָה, וַיְהוֶה הַכָּה כָּל-בְּכוֹר בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם, מִבְּכוֹר פְּרֹעָה הַיֹּשֵׁב עַל-כִּסֵּאוֹ, עַד בְּכוֹר הַשֹּׁבֵי אֲשֶׁר בְּבַיִת הַבּוֹר; וְכָל, בְּכוֹר בְּהֵמָה.

29 And it came to pass at midnight, that the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the first-born of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the first-born of cattle.

ל וַיִּקָּם פְּרֹעָה לַיְלָה, הוּא וְכָל-עֲבָדָיו וְכָל-מִצְרַיִם, וַתְּהִי צְעָקָה גְדֹלָה, בְּמִצְרַיִם: כִּי-אֵין בַּיִת, אֲשֶׁר אֵין-שָׁם מֵת.

30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

לא וַיִּקְרָא לְמֹשֶׁה וּלְאַהֲרֹן לַיְלָה, וַיֹּאמֶר קוּמוּ צֵאוּ מִתּוֹךְ עַמִּי--גַם-אַתֶּם, גַּם-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל; וּלְכוּ עִבְדוּ אֶת-יְהוָה, כְּדַבַּרְכֶם.

31 And he called for Moses and Aaron by night and said: 'Rise up, get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.'

לב גַּם-צֹאנְכֶם גַּם-בְּקֹרְכֶם קָחוּ פֶּאֶשׁ דְּבַרְתֶּם, וּלְכוּ; וּבֵרַכְתֶּם, גַּם-אֶתִּי.

32 Take both your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.'

לג וַתַּחֲזֵק מִצְרַיִם עַל-הָעָם, לְמַהֵר לְשַׁלְּחָם מִן-הָאֶרֶץ: כִּי אָמְרוּ, כָּלֵנוּ מֵתִים.

33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, to send them out of the land in haste; for they said: 'We are all dead men.'

לד וַיִּשָּׂא הָעָם אֶת-בֻּצָקוֹ, טָרֵם יַחְמֵץ; מִשְׁאַרְתָּם צָרְרֹת בְּשִׁמְלָתָם, עַל-שִׁכְמָם.

34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

לה ובני-ישראל עשו, כדבר משה; וישאלו, ממצרים, כלי-כסף וכלי זהב, ושמת.

35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they asked of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment.

לו ויהוה נתן את-חן העם, בעיני מצרים-- וישאלום; וינצלו, את-מצרים. {פ}

36 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. And they despoiled the Egyptians. {P}

לז ויסעו בני-ישראל מרעמסס, סכתה, כשש-מאות אלף רגלי הגברים, לבד מטף.

37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, beside children.

לח וגם-ערב רב, עלה אתם, וצאן ובקר, מקנה כבד מאד.

38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.

לט ויאפו את-הבצק אשר הוציאו ממצרים, עגת מצות--כי לא חמץ: **כי-גרשו ממצרים**, ולא יכלו להתמהמה, וגם-צדה, לא-עשו להם.

39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

מ ומושב בני ישראל, אשר ישבו במצרים-- שששים שנה, וארבע מאות שנה....

40 Now the time that the children of Israel dwelt in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years.

Follow the **THREE DAY JOURNEY**:

DAY ONE - From Raamses to Succot: Shmot 12:37

לז ויסעו בני-ישראל מרעמסס סכתה כשש-מאות אלף רגלי... לט: ויאפו את-הבצק אשר הוציאו ממצרים עגת מצות כי לא חמץ **כי-גרשו ממצרים** ולא יכלו להתמהמה וגם-צדה...

DAY TWO- From Succot to Eitam, & armed! Shmot 13:17-23

יז ויהי, בשלח פרעה את-העם יח ויסב אלהים את-העם דרך המדבר, ים-סוף; ו**חמשים** עלו בני-ישראל, מארץ מצרים. כ... ויסעו מסכת ויחנו באתם בקצה המדבר.

DAY THREE- To the Desert, or Back to Egypt? Shmot 14:1-4

פרק יד א וידבר ה' אל-משה לאמר: ב דבר אל-בני ישראל וישבו ויחנו לפני פי החירות בין מגדל ובין הים לפני בעל צפן נכוו תחנו על-הים

VI. How & Why God changes the **PLAN** - Shmot 13:17-20

יז ויהי, בשלח פרעה את-העם, ולא-נחם אלהים
דרך ארץ פלשתים, כי קרוב הוא: כי אמר אלהים,
פן-ינחם העם בראתם מלחמה--ושבו מצרימה.

17 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not by the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said: 'Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt.'

יח ויסב אלהים את-העם דרך המדבר, ים-סוף;
וחמשים עלו בני-ישראל, מארץ מצרים.

18 But God led the people about, by the way of the wilderness by the Red Sea; and the children of Israel went up armed out of the land of Egypt.

יט ויקח משה את-עצמות יוסף, עמו: כי השבע השביע את-בני ישראל,
לאמר, פקד יפקד אלהים אתכם, והעליתם את-עצמתי מזה אתכם.

19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him; for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying: 'God will surely remember you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.'

כ ויסעו, מסכת; ויחנו באתם, בקצה המדבר.

20 And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.

Shmot 14:1-11 Pharaoh 'takes the bait' & declares war!:

א וידבר יהוה, אל-משה לאמר.

1 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying:

ב דבר, אל-בני ישראל,

2 'Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn back and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, before Baal-zephon, over against it shall ye encamp by the sea.

וישבו - ויחנו לפני פי החירות, בין מגדל
ובין הים: לפני בעל צפון, נכחו תחנו על-הים.

ג ואמר פרעה לבני ישראל,

3 And Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel: They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in.

נבכים הם בארץ; סגר עליהם, המדבר.

ד וחזקתי את-לב-פרעה, ורדף אחריהם,
ואכבדה בפרעה ובכל-חילו,
וידעו מצרים כי-אני יהוה; ויעשו-כן.

4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he shall follow after them; and I will get Me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD.' And they did so.

ה ויגד למלך מצרים, כי ברח העם;

5 And it was told the king of Egypt that the people were fled; and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned towards the people, and they said: 'What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?'

ויהפך לבב פרעה ועבדיו, אל-העם, ויאמרו מה-
זאת עשינו, כי-שלחנו את-ישראל מעבדנו.

ו ויאסר, את-רכבו; ואת-עמו, לקח עמו.

6 And he made ready his chariots, and took his people with him.

ז ויקח, שש-מאות רכב בחור,
וכל, רכב מצרים; ושלשם, על-כלו.

7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over all of them.

ח ויחזק יהוה, את-לב פרעה מלך מצרים, וירדף,
אחרי בני ישראל; ובני ישראל, יצאים ביד רמה.

8 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel; for the children of Israel went out with a high hand.

ט וירדפו מצרים אחריהם, וישיגו אותם חנים על-

9 And the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh,

הַיָּם, כָּל-סוּס רֶכֶב פָּרָעָה, וּפָרָשָׁיו וַחִילוֹ-
עַל-פִּי, הַחִירוֹת, לִפְנֵי, בַּעַל צִפּוֹן.

and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baalzephon.

י וּפָרָעָה, הִקְרִיב; וַיִּשְׂאוּ בְנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-עֵינֵיהֶם
וַהֲנִה מִצְרַיִם נֹסְעֵ אַחֲרֵיהֶם,
וַיִּירָאוּ מְאֹד, וַיִּצְעֲקוּ בְנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל, אֶל-יְהוָה.

10 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians were marching after them; and they were sore afraid; and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.

יֵא וַיֹּאמְרוּ, אֶל-מֹשֶׁה, הַמִּבְּלִי אִין-קִבְרִים בְּמִצְרַיִם,
לְקַחְתָּנוּ לָמוֹת בַּמִּדְבָּר:
מֵה-זֹאת עָשִׂיתָ לָנוּ, לְהוֹצִיאָנוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם.

11 And they said unto Moses: 'Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to bring us forth out of Egypt?

יב הֲלֹא-זֶה הַדְּבָר, אֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרְנוּ אֵלֶיךָ
בְּמִצְרַיִם לֵאמֹר,
חָדַל מִמֶּנּוּ, וְנַעֲבֹדָה אֶת-מִצְרַיִם:
כִּי טוֹב לָנוּ עֲבֹד אֶת-מִצְרַיִם,
מִמֵּתְנוּ בַּמִּדְבָּר.

12 Is not this the word that we spoke unto thee in Egypt, saying: Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it were better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.'

יג וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-הָעָם, אֶל-תִּירְאוּ--הֲתִיַּצְבוּ וַיִּירָאוּ
אֶת-יְשׁוּעַת יְהוָה, אֲשֶׁר-יַעֲשֶׂה לָכֶם הַיּוֹם: כִּי, אֲשֶׁר
רְאִיתֶם אֶת-מִצְרַיִם הַיּוֹם--לֹא תִסְפוּ לִרְאֹתָם עוֹד,
עַד-עוֹלָם.

13 And Moses said unto the people: 'Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will work for you to-day; for whereas ye have seen the Egyptians to-day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

יד יְהוָה, יִלָּחֵם לָכֶם; וְאַתֶּם, תִּחְרְשׁוּן. {פ}

14 The LORD will fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.'

End Results ---

- **Egypt loses the war-, thanks to God's intervention**
- **Hence - Bnei Yisrael keep the 'spoils' (and what they 'borrowed')**
- **God's promises from "brit bein ha'btarim" have been fulfilled -**
 - **The 'enslaver' has been punished**
 - **Bnei Yisrael leave with 'great wealth**
- **Nobody lied! Instead Egypt is paid back for לו**
- **Bnei Yisrael travel into desert to worship God at Har Sinai'**