

The manner in which God led the children of Israel out of the bondage of Egypt had a greater purpose than merely freeing Israel. By the exodus, Israel, the Egyptians, and the world would know, "I am the Lord your God."

God gave Moses instruction on what to say to the children of Israel:

Exodus 6:6-8

Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, **I am the LORD**, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: And I will take you to me for a people, and I will

be to you a God: and ye shall know that **I am the LORD** your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: **I am the LORD**.

God wanted Israel to know that He was the Lord. While Israel was in Egypt, they forsook God and embraced the pagan gods of the Egyptians. For God to lead Israel out of Egypt directly without the ten plagues was within His power. However, He chose to demonstrate His miraculous power displaying His almightiness and sovereignty so He would be exalted. Not only would Israel know, but the Egyptians would

also.

Exodus 7:1-5

And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.

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

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

But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, *and* my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.

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

With each plague Pharaoh and Egypt had opportunity to believe the Lord was God.

Exodus 7:17

Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that **I am the LORD**: behold, I will smite with the rod that *is* in mine hand upon the waters which *are* in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.

The profound manner in which God delivered Israel from their bondage was a statement to all the earth that He was **God**.

Romans 9:17

For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

Throughout the scriptures, Israel's exodus from Egypt is held up as an example and a type of what God will do in the end times. God was exalted then and will be exalted again in the last days, but in an even more complete profound way.

In the Book of Ezekiel, much is prophesied about what will happen at the end of this age. Sixty-seven times the phrase, "I am the Lord," is used. The judgments which will be meted out in that day will impress on all people that He is the Lord.

Ezekiel 39:7

So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not *let them* pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that **I am the LORD**, the Holy One in Israel.

Isaiah 2 speaks of the time when Jesus Christ will be reigning as King of Kings. His throne will be in Jerusalem from which he will rule the world. In that day, God and God only will be exalted.

Isaiah 2:11 and 12

The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD (Jehovah) alone shall be exalted in that day.

For the day of the LORD (Jehovah) of hosts *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty, and upon every *one that is* lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

When Jesus Christ exercises his authority as King here on earth, he will ensure that Jehovah is the only One exalted. While Jesus was on earth the first time, his ministry also directed people to exalt God. Matthew 9:8 typifies the response given when Jesus performed a miracle.

But when the multitude saw *it*, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

God was exalted.

David was the king of Israel and is a type for Jesus Christ when he will be King here on earth. David was honored as the king. People bowed before him, obeyed him, had deep respect and love, but none worshiped him as God. In like manner, our Lord and Savior should be now, and will be then, respected and honored; but he will not be exalted above God. Far too many worship and exalt Jesus in place of God. When Christ reigns on earth, he will ensure that God, not he, will be exalted.

Isaiah 2:17 and 18

And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD (Jehovah) alone shall be exalted in that day.

And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

Psalm 46 is one of the Psalms which prophesies of the end times.

Psalms 46:8 - 11

Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

In that day God will be exalted among the heathen; He will be exalted in the earth. Praise God!

We are to be still and know that He is God so that we can exalt Him today.