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Parsha: Shemot / "Names"

NOTE: The following are the general notes used for the teaching. They were primarily meant for reminders of the topic I wanted to cover, and do not include all that was said during the teaching.

Do you know what you know?

Ex 6:2-3

God is saying I am the LORD (YHVH)
He appeared to Abraham, Isaac, And Jacob as El Shaddai
But they didn't know Him by His name YHVH

This verse has caused a lot of "critics" of the Bible to say the Bible can't be relied upon to be accurate. Why?

Go back to Gen 12:1-3

We see that God appeared to Abram as YHVH.
We see in the Genesis narrative the same thing with Isaac and Jacob—they knew Him as YHVH.

There are different meanings to the phrase "to know".

Again, He said they knew Him as El Shaddai, but they did not know Him as YHVH.

El Shaddai means "Almighty God"; The All Sufficient God.

But we see that they did call upon Him as YHVH, and built altars to Him. What is the difference? Example: Dad is a lawyer. Kids know he is a lawyer, but they never needed him as a lawyer. But when they do need him as a lawyer, then they will KNOW him as a lawyer.

Before you were saved, you knew God as A Savior. When you got saved, you then knew God as YOUR Savior!

So, we can say that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob knew God as YHVH, but they never experienced the fulfillment of the promise of the covenant...they had faith in it that it would be fulfilled, but they didn't "know it." God is talking to Moses, and God is telling Moses, you get to

see the promise fulfilled!

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Dragons and Snakes...Oh my!

Ezekiel 29:2-7a

- great dragon תנין
- so this is pharaoh speaking now; who is likened to Satan, the great dragon
- this shows the pride of Satan: me, my, I will be greater than God, etc
Egypt is likened unto a broken reed.
- If a reed is used as a walking stick (support) and it is bruised and breaks, it will pierce your hand/shoulder.

Isaiah 27:1

- crooked serpent נחש <nachash>;
- and he shall slay the dragon תנין <tanniyn>

Revelation 20:1-2

- Satan is the dragon

Exodus 4:2-3

- it became a serpent נחש <nachash>;

Exodus 7:9,10

- **say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and cast it before Pharaoh,**
- become a serpent. תנין
- **And Aaron cast down his rod**
- and it became a serpent. תנין <tanniyn>
- "Pharaoh is likened to the word תנין tanniyn; which represented both the crocodile, which the Nile was infested with, and also the chaos monster of mythology."

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Who hardened whose heart?

Exodus 8:15

- he hardened כבד his heart,

#3513 כבד kabed a primitive root; to be heavy, to make weighty

Exodus 8:32

- And Pharaoh hardened כבד his heart

Exodus 9:34

- and hardened כבד his heart,

Exodus 9:12

- And the LORD hardened חזק the heart of Pharaoh

Exodus 10:20

- But the LORD hardened חזק Pharaoh's heart

#2388 חזק chazaq, a primitive root; to fasten upon; to strengthen, help along,

- The word is the same word we use at the end of each of the Torah books: chazaq, chazaq, v'nischezeq! – meaning: be strong, be strong!
- God was not hardening pharaohs heart, He was encouraging/strengthening him to stay in the fight!]
- Some say that God was taking Pharaoh's free will away. NO! He was enabling Pharaoh's free will so he could continue the fight!
- We, too, have areas in our lives that we refuse to relinquish to God. When we don't let go, that hardens our hearts!—and it is sin!

Strong Man

Mark 3:22-25

- This parable applies well to Moses in Egypt. Pharaoh can be likened to the strong man. Egypt is his house. The children of Israel are his possessions. Moses is the robber. By the power of God, Moses binds up Pharaoh, his magicians, and his gods and walks off with his possessions.

Exodus 7:20

Exodus 7:22

Exodus 8:6-7

- Why didn't the Pharaoh's magicians turn the blood back to water? And get rid of the frogs? Satan is not original!

Exodus 8:19

Luke 11:20-22

Matthew 12:28

Exodus 31:18

- So the commandments of God were written by the Spirit of God/Finger of God!

- For those who say the OT is done away with, and the NT is now what we are to follow due to God's Spirit—it was God's Spirit Who wrote the commandments!

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What to do now?

Ezekiel 36:24-28

- A new heart

- put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Exodus 9:16

- My power in you, and
- that My name may be declared in all the earth.
- this is why He wants to fill you with His Spirit! So you can declare His name in all the earth!

John 17:6

- **revealed Your name**

John 17:25-26

- I have declared unto them thy name

John 1:14-18

- **beheld his glory, the glory**
- Catch this point!: the glory of God is connected to grace and truth!
- For the law was given by Moses, **but** grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
- the word “but” is not in the original text! It should be italicized in your Bible. That means it should not be there! What people use this verse for: Law came by Moses and grace and truth came by Yeshua to replace the law. That is not what it is saying at all!
- What John is saying is that God’s instruction came by Moses, and Yeshua brought the instruction to life! It is not a replacement of the Law. One is the letter, and the other is the living person! Which would you rather have, the love letters from your wife or your wife in person? By her being there in person, does it negate her feelings expressed in the letters? NO! She now gets to SHOW you her love in person!]
- he hath **declared him**.
- The word here implies “to put God on exhibition”.
- To declare God’s name means to demonstrate His character and reveal Him to a lost and dying world.
- What is His name to be declared?

Exodus 33:18-19 And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

Exodus 34:4-7a

- **took in his hand the two tables of stone.**
- **and proclaimed the name of the LORD.**
- **WOW! Moses had the two tables of the LAW in his hands when God declared He has mercy, grace, goodness, truth, forgiving sins!**
- **Moses wasn't making legalism—making the commandments something hard, horrible to do—but he his holding the tables of stone and he is seeing grace, mercy and truth! THIS IS AWESOME!**

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Next week!

Exodus 5:2 And Pharaoh said, **Who is the LORD**, that **I should obey** his voice to **let Israel go**? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go. Who is the Lord? Challenging God's (Existence) Father
Why should I obey His voice? Challenging God's concern for the world (Providence) Son
Why should I let Israel go? Challenging God's ability to intervene (Omnipotence) Holy Spirit

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Dayenu
Passover Song

If He had brought us out from Egypt,
and had not carried out judgments against
them,
Dayenu, it would have sufficed!

(Chorus)

Da dayenu, Da dayenu,
Da dayenu, Dayenu, Dayenu.

If He had carried out judgments against them,
and not against their idols,
Dayenu, it would have sufficed!
(Chorus)

If He had destroyed their idols,
and had not smitten their first-born,
Dayenu, it would have sufficed!
(Chorus)

If He had smitten their first-born,
and had not given us their wealth
Dayenu, it would have sufficed!
(Chorus)

If He had given us their wealth,
and had not split the sea for us,
Dayenu, it would have sufficed!
(Chorus)

If He had split the sea for us,
and had not taken us through it on dry land,
Dayenu, it would have sufficed!
(Chorus)

If He had taken us through the sea on dry land,
and had not drowned our oppressors in it,
Dayenu, it would have sufficed!
(Chorus)

If He had drowned our oppressors in it,
and had not supplied our needs in the desert for
forty years,
Dayenu, it would have sufficed!
(Chorus)

If He had supplied our needs in the desert for
forty years,
and had not fed us the manna,
Dayenu, it would have sufficed!
(Chorus)

If He had fed us the manna,
and had not given us the Sabbath,
Dayenu, it would have sufficed!
(Chorus)

If He had given us the Sabbath,
and had not brought us before Mount Sinai,
Dayenu, it would have sufficed!
(Chorus)

If He had brought us before Mount Sinai,
and had not given us the Torah,
Dayenu, it would have sufficed!
(Chorus)

If He had given us the Torah,
and had not brought us into the land of Israel,
Dayenu, it would have sufficed!
(Chorus)

If He had brought us into the land of Israel,
and had not built for us the Holy Temple,
Dayenu, it would have sufficed!
(Chorus)

Resources:

El Shaddai Ministries (www.elshaddaiministries.us)

First Fruits of Zion (www.ffoz.org)

Gateways to Torah, Rabbi Russell Resnik

Partners in Torah (www.partnersintorah.org)

Chumash

Tikkun

Judaism 101 (<http://www.jewfaq.org/index.htm>)

Chabad of Pierce County (www.chabadpiercecounty.com)