



ANCIENT ISRAEL PART 1

Introduction

In this lesson we are going to begin to look at how God has tried to lead His people out of darkness or out of captivity.

Understanding some words

The word **Ancient** means old or from long back.

Israel is the name that was given to Jacob the father of all the Israelites.

Can you read? Read Genesis 32:28

This is the first mention of Israel in the Bible

The Israelites are God's covenant keeping people from long back.

A covenant is like a promise or agreement between two people. So God promised to bless and take care of Israel (Jacob and his family) and Israel promised to obey God.

Captivity-

When someone is in **captivity** there is something that is stopping them from doing what they would want to freely do. Captivity means people are not **FREE**.



ALPHA ANCIENT ISRAEL.

Revelation 1:8

I am Alpha and Omega the beginning and the ending,

Alpha beginning or first

Omega means ending or last.

Alpha Ancient Israel is the first time that God tried to FREE His people from captivity. Israel went into captivity many times because they kept on breaking the covenant. They did not keep their promise to obey GOD.

CAPTIVITY IN EGYPT

Background

Do you know the story of Joseph?

He was his father's favorite. His brothers sold him because they hated him and he was taken to Egypt. In Egypt Joseph was a captive. He was not free to do what he loved and wanted to do.

Imagine being in a far away land away from your family. Joseph must have been a really strong and brave young man, right?

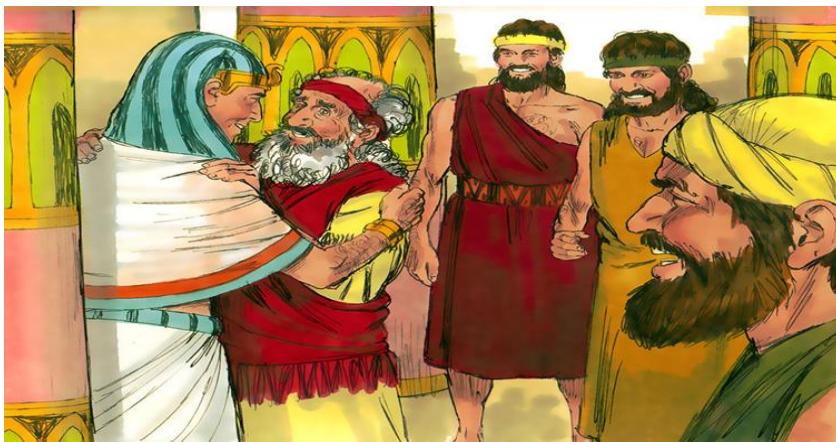


When Joseph was in Egypt he did not forget his God. He prayed and talked to God.

God helped Joseph and showed him things that would happen in dreams. Joseph had dreams that made him very special and wise.

Joseph helped Pharaoh the king of Egypt to understand his dreams. This made Pharaoh very happy and he made Joseph second in charge.

Joseph's brothers later went to Egypt in search of some food. The family was reunited and all the Israelites went to live in Egypt.



IN EGYPT

As years went by a bad Pharaoh who did not like the Israelites came. The Israelites were not free to do what they wanted to do like how we rest on the Sabbath. They became slaves and they could not keep God's covenant.

God had told his servant Abraham that this was going to happen in

Genesis 15:13

13. And He said unto Abram, know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them 400 years.

14. And also that nation whom they shall serve shall I judge and afterward shall they come out with great substance.



In verse 14 God promised to save His people from the Egyptians.

MOSES

The name Moses means drawn out of the water.

Moses is the man whom God used to lead the Israelites out of captivity. He was the messenger of God.

God showed his power and judged the Egyptians when He poured out the 10 plagues. Do you know about the story of the Plagues? You can use the pictures to help you remember.



PHAROAH SETS ISRAEL FREE

Israel was free from Egypt and their journey began.



THE JOURNEY FAILS

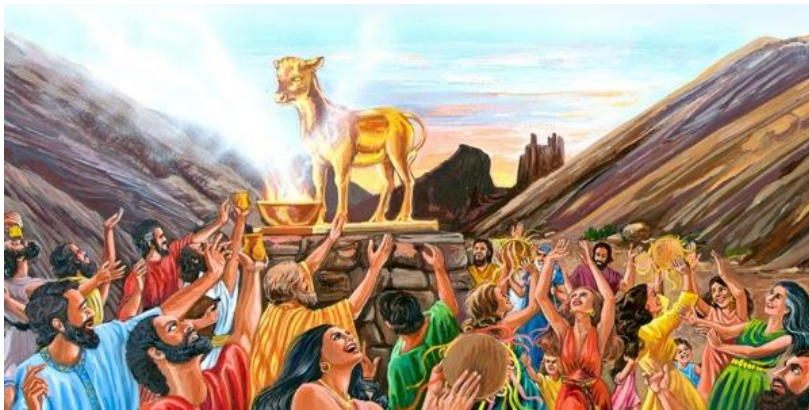
The Israelites had learnt a lot of bad things when they were in Egypt. Their journey to the promised land of Canaan was not a successful one because they could not change from their evil ways.

Remember that for the people to be reformed in a reform line they have to change from their evil ways. If they do not change then they cannot be reformed.

The Israelites began to fight with Moses because they did not like it in the wilderness. They could not allow God to change them because they liked to do the bad that had learnt in Egypt.

The Israelites even built a golden calf which they worshiped instead of worshiping GOD only. They learnt to worship false gods from Egypt. The worship of false gods is called Idolatry.

Their love for evil kept them in darkness even though they were Free from captivity.



The reform line of Moses was not a success. This means that the people and Moses their leader failed in the journey.

CLOSING REMARKS

If we want GOD to reform us to better people we have to allow Him to show us how to change and we have to do as He tells us to do.

We have to keep our promise to obey Him and He will keep His promise to bless us.

Don't forget to do your best each and every day.

QUESTIONS

1. Where do we find the first mention of Israel in the Bible?
2. What is a covenant?
3. What is idolatry?
4. Was this journey a success /pass or a fail?
5. What do you think is the most important thing in a reform line? Give your thoughts.

ACTIVITY

Make a paper chain and label it Captivity in Egypt.



