

## **“Then They Shall Know That I Am the Lord”**

When God sent Moses back to Egypt, the Israelites had been suffering under cruel bondage for generations. What had begun in the days of Joseph as a place of refuge had become a land of oppression. Moses was chosen by God to stand before Pharaoh with a simple but powerful message, “Let My people go.” Pharaoh refused.

What followed was not merely a political conflict between Moses and Egypt’s king. It was a divine confrontation between the one true God and the false gods of Egypt. Again and again throughout the book of Exodus, God declared the reason for His mighty acts. “Then they shall know I am the LORD.”

The Israelites had cried out to God because of their suffering. God heard their groaning and remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Exodus 2:23-25. He appeared to Moses at the burning bush and revealed His holy name, “*I AM WHO I AM.*” Exodus 3:14.

Yet Pharaoh responded with pride and arrogance. In Exodus 5:2, Pharaoh said, “*Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go.*”

Pharaoh did not know God. Egypt did not know God. So God acted. In Exodus 7:5, God said, “*And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them.*”

The plagues were not random disasters. They were deliberate demonstrations of divine authority. Every plague revealed that the God of Israel ruled over creation, over nations, and over every false god worshipped in Egypt. God wanted the world to know who He truly was. Egypt was filled with idolatry and superstition. Pharaoh himself was treated as a god. But the Lord showed that there is only one sovereign Creator. Exodus 7:17 says, “*By this you shall know that I am the LORD.*”

Pharaoh believed he could resist God without consequence. The plagues proved otherwise. By the time the Red Sea closed upon the Egyptian army, there could be no doubt that the God of Israel possessed absolute authority. Exodus 14:18 declares, “*Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horseman.*”

The application for today. The statement “*Then they shall know that I am the LORD,*” points beyond the days of Egypt and reaches forward to the final return of Jesus Christ. Today, many people still ignore God, reject His Word, or live as though Christ does not rule. Yet the Bible teaches that a day is coming when all doubt and unbelief will disappear forever. Revelation 1:7 declares, “*Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.*”

When Jesus returns, every eye will see Him. At that moment, the world will fully realize who Jesus truly is, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Those who denied Him will no longer deny Him. Those who ignored Him will no longer ignore Him.

Paul wrote in Philippians 2:9-11, *“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

The lesson of Exodus is still relevant: God eventually make His authority know to every person. Today is the opportunity for all people to acknowledge Christ willingly, obey the gospel, and live faithfully before the day comes when every eye will see Him and every soul will know that He is Lord.

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