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The travail of Israel in Egypt began with the fact that there was a Pharaoh who knew not Joseph and the God of Joseph. He asked, "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." (**Exod.5: 2**)

Since he question who God was, God needed to introduce Himself to him in a big way. So, God hardened his heart.

God hit Egypt with 10 strong plagues yet, Pharaoh refused to let go of Israel. Those whom God will destroy, He first hardens.

- i. Water turned to blood
- ii. Frogs
- iii. Lice
- iv. Flies
- v. Disease (Murrain) on Livestock
- vi. Boils
- vii. Hailstones
- viii. Locusts
- ix. Darkness
- x. Death of firstborn

So, the last one was the death of their firstborn.

In all of these plagues, the Lord shielded and protected His people. God can protect us now also.

Take note of the date - It was the 10th day of the month and that month was to be the beginning of their months. The best way to start the New Year is to start it with God - The Old order of bondage ended and a new order of freedom began - it was indeed A New Dawn for this people and it was memorable - **Ps.30: 5.**

God will usher us into a New Dawn this year - the old order (of toil, pain, slavery, servitude, sickness, sorrow, shame, etc) will end and a new order of God's glorious plan and purpose will begin - **Isa.43: 19; Rev.21: 5**.

A sacrifice was to precede their release.

They were to kill a lamb and put its blood on their door posts. God makes a distinction between us His children and the world. Although, we are in the world, we are not of the world. We surely have the mark or seal of the blood of Jesus Christ.

As many of us as are trusting God for deliverance this New Year should first find out what sacrifice God is demanding from us.

The Israelites had to eat the roasted lamb with unleavened bread in a hurry overnight while awaiting their deliverance. They were to finish everything and leave Egypt for the wilderness without any provision of food but fully depending on God.

Notice similar command when Jesus sent out His disciples to go out and preach the Gospel - **Matt.10: 5-10**.

We should go into this New Year with that full assurance not only that God will protect us but also that He will fully provide for our needs - **Phil.4: 19**.

We must all learn to live by faith in order to enjoy true and lasting peace from God and be free from fear and anxiety - **Phil.4: 6-7; Heb.11: 6 (Hab.2: 4; Rom.1: 17; Gal.3: 11; Heb.10: 38)**.

That night God visited every family in Egypt and killed all their first borns - man & animal. As Christians, we may not be able to kill but our God can kill and make alive (**Deut.32: 39**).

After this 10th and last plague, Pharaoh gave an immediate order for the Israelites to go and that night the people stepped out into freedom. Let us trust God this year that we shall step out of every slavery and confinement of Satan into God's glorious liberty.

God also favoured His people that they left Egypt that night with so much goods. We should expect such double blessing from God this year - Divine Release & Divine Compensation!

Conclusion:

This year, you shall be released, and this year, you shall be recover and compensated for all past loses in the mighty name of Jesus!