



## The Overcoming Power of God

The story of Moses freeing the Hebrew slaves gives us the greatest example of a single incident of the overcoming power of God against any earthly force. His power is greater than any can comprehend.

The kingdom of Egypt was the greatest of all kingdoms on the earth especially at that time. There are still things that men today do not understand about the knowledge exemplified by the civilization that included the pharaohs, the pyramids and the preserving of those who thought they were Gods. It became the unfortunate contestant against Almighty God. The destruction of this civilization was similar to that of the six day war, with the exception that no arrow or fire arms of any kind were fired in order to bring them to their demise and the LORD's great victory for His people. Pharaoh's army was destroyed almost in a moment along with natural resources and the lives of live stock and citizens.

Yet Pharaoh at his greatest hour, so he thought, of pride and stubbornness, continued to wage war against the Almighty and His plan. No man should think of himself that greatly as to seek to overthrow the LORD from heaven. Yet onward the pharaoh pushed after all the mighty miracles that ravaged his mighty kingdom, God became his worst nightmare.

Because of the Pharaoh's hardened heart, he and the people of Egypt suffered plagues of Blood, Frogs, Bugs, wild animals, Pestilence, Boils, Hail, Locust, Darkness, Death of the First-Born. Though Pharaoh almost accepted defeat during the time of hail, when ever animal and person that was outside was destroyed by the terrible hail. For just a short time, the Pharaoh was repentant, and realized that he was not the more powerful God. He called for Moses to say; (Exodus 9:27). "I have sinned this time. The L-rd is the righteous One, and I and my people are the guilty ones. Entreat the L-rd, and let it be enough of G-d's thunder and hail, and I will let you go, and you shall not continue to stand." Yet when Moses asked God to remove the Hail, he returned to his old ways, and refused to allow the people of God to be free.

Finally the LORD had Moses to tell the people to kill a Passover lamb. This was a pre-shadowing of a time to come, when Jesus Christ the Passover Lamb for all mankind would pay by execution on the cross for the sins of all mankind who would accept this gift, and be made

through God's plan, right with God. The Israelites were given the opportunity to be obedient to the command of Almighty God in order to receive salvation, and life through the blood of the lamb. They would eat the lamb with bitter herbs and take the blood of the lamb that was slain and spread it over and on each side of the door post. Only if they did this, would they be saved. The Egyptians on the other had had not participated in this ritual.

Later at night the angel of death went not only through the Egyptian sediments, but first through the settlements of God's people in Goshen. Only if there was blood on the door post would the angel Passover them and the first born of their homes would not be killed. Since there was no blood on the door post in the Egyptian homes, all of the first born of man and flock was killed, including the heir to the throne of Egypt. The Bible speaks of a cry that went up, and grief spread all through the homes of the Egyptians for the loss of their children. Pharaoh cried too. Because he was so hard, he lost his son, and finally realized for sure that God is greater, and the dynasty of man was no match for God. He finally had to swallow his pride and truly humble himself before Moses, Aaron and their God, and after all of their losses, let the children of Israel go free from the bondage of slavery in which they were kept for so long.

God's vengeance for the sins of Egypt against his people was paid by their suffering. The wages of sin was the lives of their first born children, but this was only another beginning of a time of sorrow for them. Pharaoh would only humble himself for so long, and then his anger and sinful nature would lead him to believe that he could still have control over the lives of the slaves and that he was able to defeat Almighty God. To his realization which he only had time to ponder for a moment, he would find out he was wrong.

As the slave began to leave Egypt, a devastated place, where flocks, grain and crops, fish and damage to homes and death of their children was still fresh in their minds, the army of Pharaoh was summoned by their leader to fight for their superiority and standing before the nations and their citizens. They raced down toward the Red sea, thinking that if they could not enslave the multitude and Moses, still they could affect vengeance by killing them all for all of the pain that they had been caused. So soon, the people of Pharaoh and forgotten the terror of the LORD and his great anger against them by losing everything in such a short time. He reverted back to the delusion that he was a God, and that he would take vengeance.

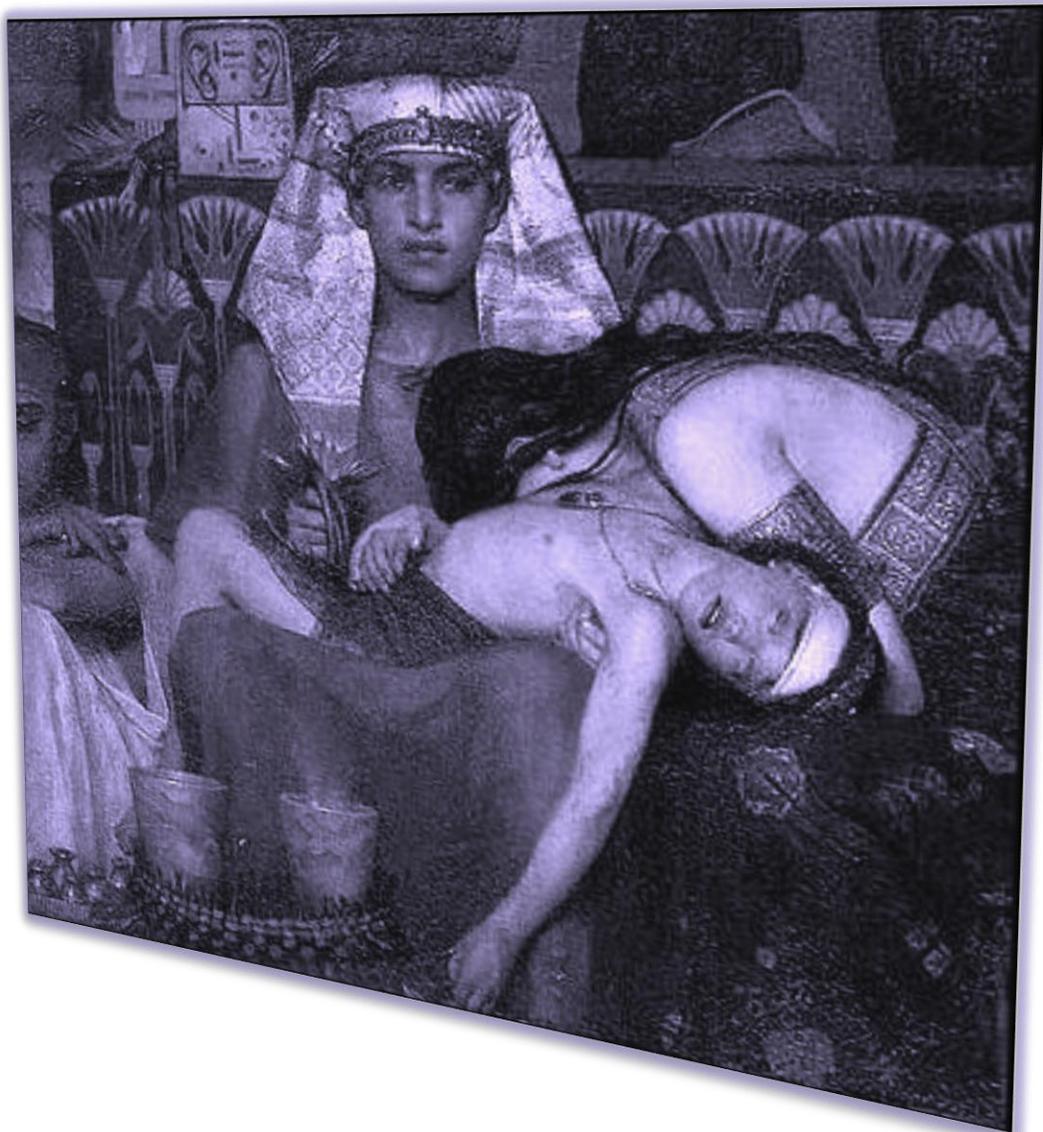
As they approached the Red sea, they could see "their" slaves, huddled and frightened. He thought he finally had them. How every his path was cut off by a great light and cloud that was the Almighty God. The Light separated him from the people so that he could not attack them. His side of the light was only a dark cloud that made it impossible to see what was going on, on the other side as the people huddled at the Red Sea. Moses lifted his staff and the people went through on dry land. The way was opened through the sea. As the cloud lifted Pharaoh saw that the people went into the sea and crossed over through a dry path created by God as Moses lifted his staff.

Too soon he had forgotten that the gifts of God were not for those who would do harm and work against God. He had forgotten as his zeal and anger returned and he thought that it was his turn to win. As the army of the Pharaoh entered into the waters, standing up on each side,

his chariots churned toward the people and Moses on the other side. This was much like looking at a final deliverance for God's people from the wiles of the devil into the safety of heaven, where he no longer could harm them. This scene unfolded to present great faith for future generations of the greatness of God.

Charging with all of their might, the final chariots entered into the path through the sea. Suddenly God discomfited their wheels that they could not reach the other side, nor return from which they came. The great waves of the sea returned and covered Pharaoh and his entire army and they were never seen again.

*Exodus 15:1 Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and said, "I will sing to the*



#### *DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN IN EGYPT*

*LORD, for He is highly exalted; The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea.*

Therefore one of the greatest miracles of all time was perpetrated against the enemies of God as they were buried in a watery grave.

God had shown to his people and the world his unsurpassable greatness in a moment of time. All fear of the greatest fear that the people of God had for four hundred years was destroyed.

*Exodus 15:20 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.*

*Exodus 15:21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.*