

It Was God's Plan

Part I: The past – Looking back

God brings salvation thru the Nation of Israel

What you are about to read is actually divided into two parts:

Part I: The Past – Looking back: God brings salvation thru the nation of Israel (the whole subject was covered in my recent book, ***Did the Hebrew Exodus Truly Happen?*** This is available on Amazon and also on my web site www.JaySchabacker.com).

Part II: The Future – Looking Forward: God brings salvation thru his son, the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

In this, Part I, I concentrate on God's using the Exodus to start the Nation of Israel. A good beginning is God's remarks to Abraham, 300 years before the actual Exodus from Egypt: *"Then the Lord said to him (Abraham), 'Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated for 400 years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward, they will come out with great possessions. You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation, your descendants will come back here (Canaan) for the sin of the Amorites has not reached its full measure.'"* Genesis 15:13-16.

Some say that the Exodus is no more than a "founding myth of the Israelites", but recently numerous archaeologists and researchers have shown conclusively that the Hebrew Exodus was really true. This is major news for most of us in the world and it is worthy of note.

Extra-Biblical Findings on the truth of the Exodus

Joseph, the 12th son of Jacob (later named 'Israel') was sent by God to Egypt to interpret the dream of Pharaoh Djoser in about 1700 B.C. On the Egyptian island of Seheil, near the first cataract of the Nile, is a great stone called The Famine Stele. On it is an inscription: "Pharaoh Djoser asked Joseph to help him with the coming seven years of famine. "



Joseph, sent to Egypt by God, showed his God-given genius by not only helping Pharaoh Djoser to construct the now famous first pyramid, the Stepped Pyramid of Djoser, but more important, he designed the preparations for the mass storage grain pits throughout all of Egypt that was salvation from the seven year famine.

People indicate the huge size of just one grain shaft and storage pit



As a reward for Joseph's efforts, Pharaoh Djoser gave Joseph and the Israelites who came to Egypt during the famine the most fertile land at the Nile Delta for settlement – at Avaris.

“They will be enslaved and mistreated”

Then a new king that did not know about Joseph came to power in Egypt. Exodus 1:8

So they set slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor. Exodus 1:11

Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live." Exodus 1:22

Graves of young boys killed by Pharaoh have been unearthed

Is there anything that reflects the death of male Israelite infants in this part of the slave story? The answer is "Yes."

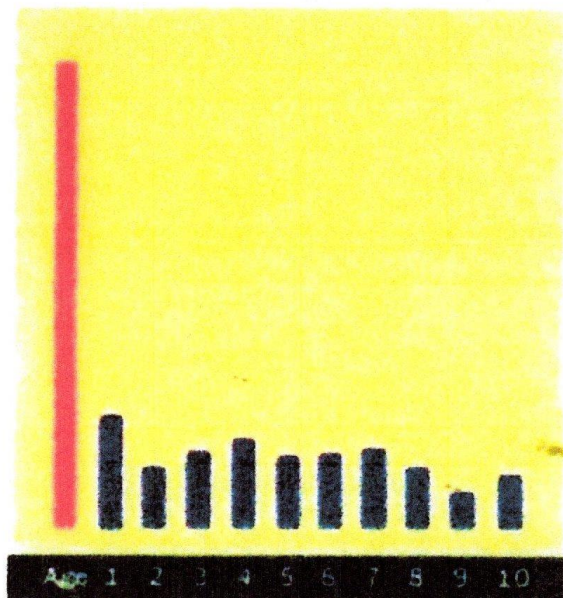
Archaeologists have found something recently that they found amazing – Hebrew boys did indeed die at an early age.

Archaeologist Manfred Bietek's excavations revealed that during the slavery of the Israelites period about 1530 B.C., at Avaris, the remains of numerous tiny graves were found all over the city – innocent victims of a vicious slaughter.

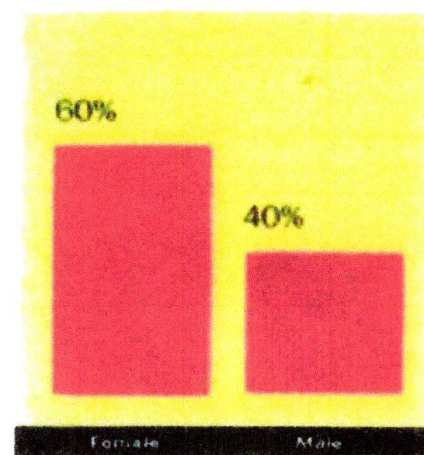
While children's graves normally make up a quarter of all graves, here at Avaris, they represent about two thirds of all deaths. Furthermore, for every five adult female burials, they found only three adult graves. The males had died earlier as infants.

Graves of young boys unearthed

Children's Graves



Remaining Adult Graves



The spike in infant mortality and the skew toward adult women in Middle Bronze Age Avaris.

Who was the Pharaoh of the Exodus?

The Egyptians kept detailed records of their Pharaohs including their reigns, their death and their burial locations. All their burial locations are noted, except for one who reined during the time of the Exodus, the 7th Pharaoh of the 12th Dynasty (around 1400 B.C.) Amenemhat IV. No grave was found or recorded. He had drowned in the Red Sea.

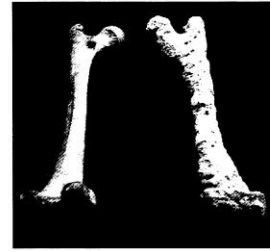
The very weak 13th Dynasty soon was formed. Political instability quickly became prevalent and kings rarely ruled beyond a couple of years.



Pharaoh Amenemhat IV of the Exodus

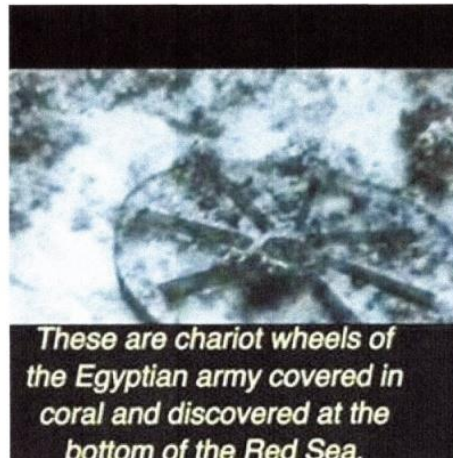
Chariot Wheels and Bones Found

Researchers over many years have been gathering information from the site of the Israelite Red Sea crossing at the Gulf of Aqaba. There have been numerous photos taken by deep sea divers of chariot wheels and of human bones.



Chariot Wheels in the Red Sea

- There have been numerous photos taken of chariot wheels and even human bones at the bottom of the Red Sea at the Israelite crossing at the Gulf of Agaba.



Statements from the Egyptian Ipuwer Papyrus

The Ipuwer Papyrus was written at the end of the 12th Dynasty. It is by an Egyptian called Ipuwer who refers to the complete collapse of Egypt because of God's Ten Plagues of Egypt. Some of the text refers to **'the river is blood,' 'the grain is lacking,' 'groaning is throughout the land,'** and **'All is ruin.'**



Photo of a section of the Ipuwer Papyrus that is located in the Dutch National Museum of Antiquities, the Netherlands

“They will come out with great Possessions.”

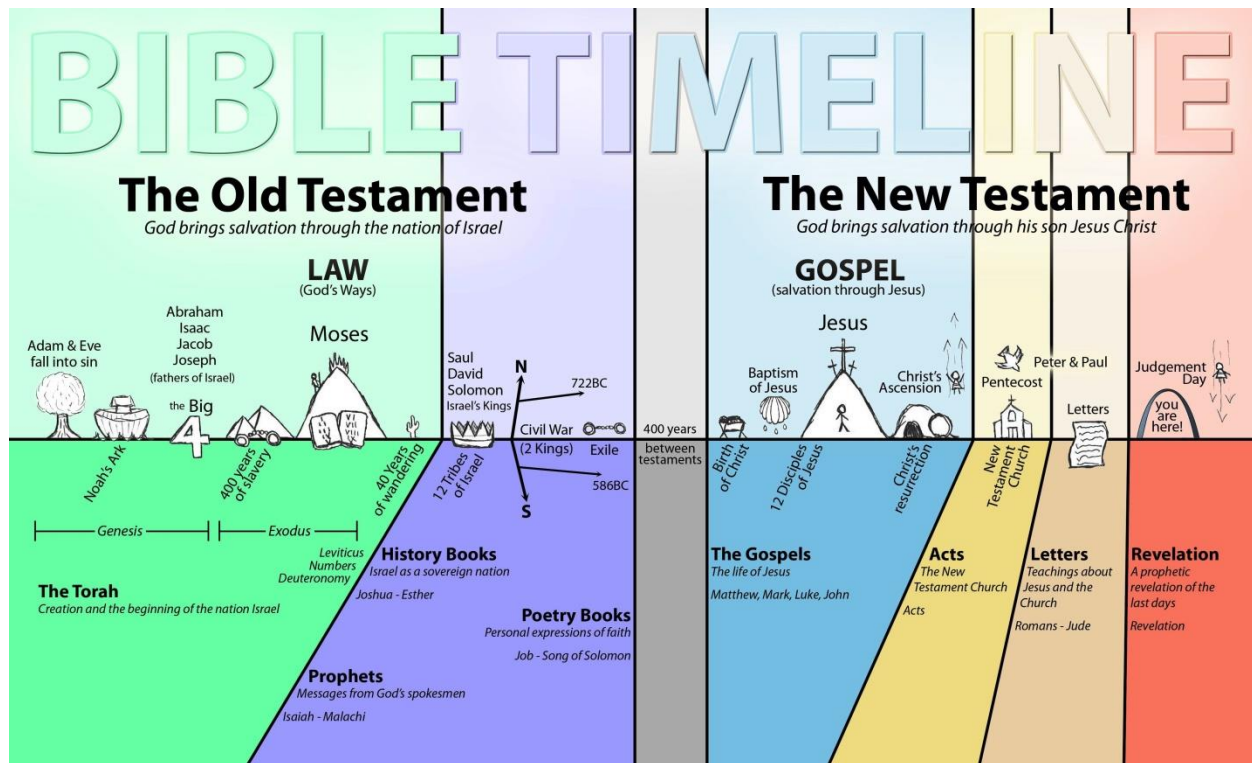


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Part II: The Future – Looking Forward

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Most Old Testament prophecies look forward to the future and were unfulfilled at the time of the Old Testament's completion. The New Testament highlights the fulfillment of many of the Old Testament's prophecies, including more than 300 in the life of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

The Old Testament emphasized the Mosaic covenant with its focus on the Law of the Lord. Then the New Testament began a new covenant in which Jesus came as a fulfillment of the Law. Jesus offered forgiveness and eternal life to all who believed in Him.

While the Old Testament comprises approximately three-fourths of the Bible, its contents point toward the Messiah who is revealed in the New Testament. Rather than an entirely new message, the New Testament reveals how Jesus fulfilled the predictions regarding the Messiah and provides many of His teachings and miracles, along with the writings of His followers.

God told us about His plans

The Old Testament

In the Old Testament, the concept of salvation through the spilling of blood, animal sacrifice was major for the payment of our sins. The Messiah, Jesus is referred to often with just a few instances, shown below:

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” Genesis 3:15

I know that my Redeemer lives, and in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my eyes – I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me! Job 19:25-27

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:22-24

For to us a child is born, to a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9

The New Testament

In the New Testament, there are more than 40 references to the many ‘Names of Jesus’.

Here are just a few:

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:20-21

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and in earth has been given me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

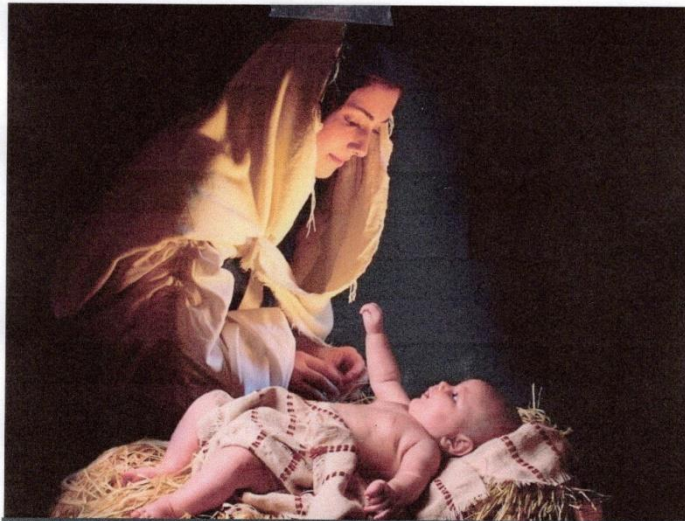
"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." Luke 1:32-33

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was the God in the beginning. Through him all things were made, without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shone in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. John 1:1-5

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Epic Miracles in the Bible

The Immaculate Conception



"This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit." Matthew 1:18

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her." Luke 1:38

The world has never been the same since the moment God entrusted Mary and Joseph with the divine conception of Jesus Christ. A couple, who hadn't yet known the other's touch, welcomed a baby into difficult circumstances, that would become the Savior of the world.

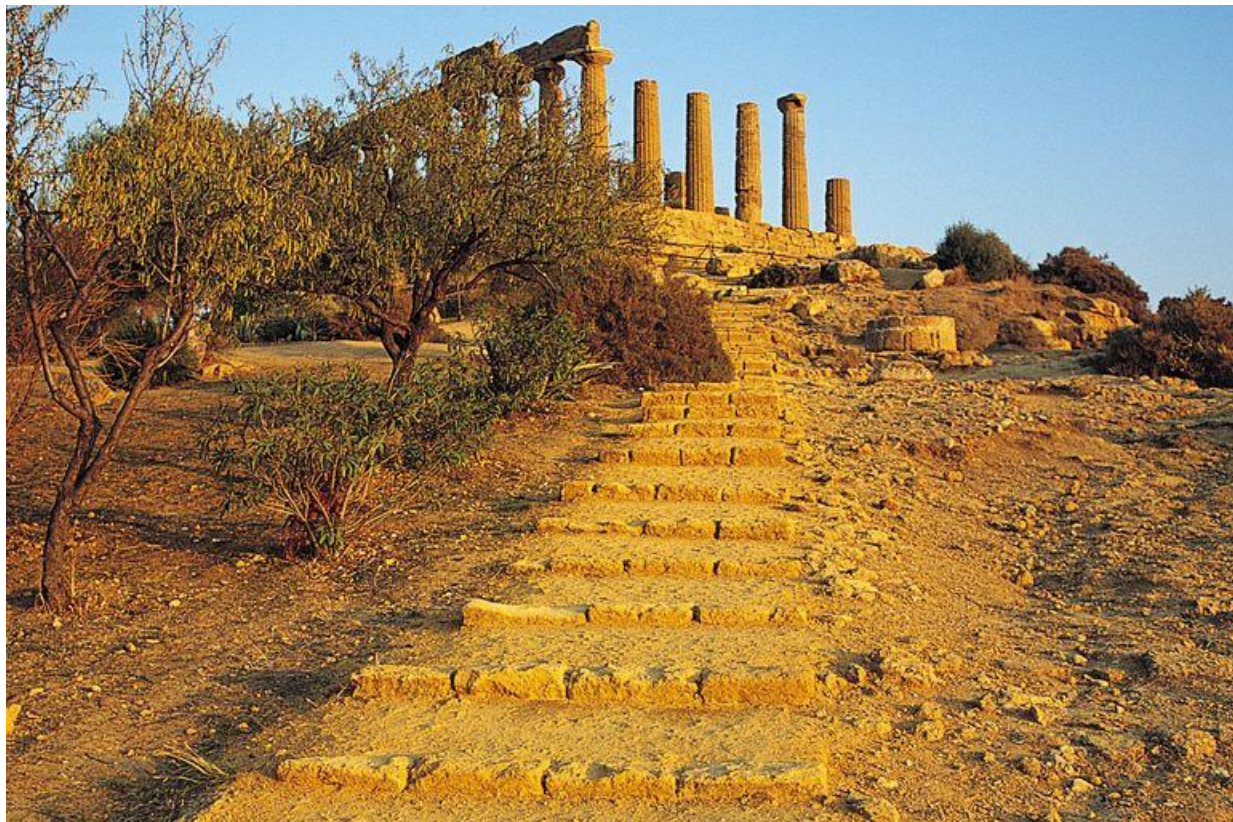
Romans Road to Salvation

Some verses from the Holy Bible's book of Romans lay out, in five steps, God's plan for you and your family to reach the Salvation that Jesus Christ dearly wishes you to obtain.

Step 1 – Everyone needs salvation because all have sinned.

Romans chapter 3: verses 10-12, and verse 23

As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous – not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one. " . . . For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."



Step 2 – The price (or consequence) of sin is death.

Romans chapter 6: verse 23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Step 3 – Jesus Christ died for our sins. He paid the price for our death.

Romans chapter 5: verse 8

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Step 4 – We receive salvation and eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.

Romans chapter 10: verses 9-10, and verse 13

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved . . . For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Step 5 – Salvation through Jesus Christ brings us into a relationship of peace with God.

Romans chapter 5: verse 1

Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

Romans chapter 8: verse 1

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

Romans chapter 8: verses 38-39

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the power of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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