

## Some **FACTS** relating to the *Egyptian Encounter* ...

God's Old & New Covenant People Experience His Judgments Too!

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The process of Israel's exodus out of Egypt included God's judgment upon the nation. While God's people were present in Egypt when His judgments came, they were spared only some of the many judgments. Only the Egyptians suffered God's later judgments. Our emphasis here: God's people do, on occasion, experience His judgments. If there's any doubt on this, please [CLICK HERE\\*](#) for a list of His judgments and wrath upon His wayward people. Sometimes the judgment is as a result of sin. Other times, like in the example of the Egyptian encounter, God's people are present in the midst of His judgment against general, cultural sin. In spite of these facts, some would claim God's people do not incur His judgment or wrath – ever. That claim is not true. God does indeed judge His people when they chose to walk away from Him.

\* [www.truthfoundations.org/1cio8.pdf](http://www.truthfoundations.org/1cio8.pdf)

Given this is such an important topic during these *end of days*, I need to restate for emphasis' sake:

For some who would outright reject this truth – that God, on occasion, judges His people – may they begin by reading Psalm 106. God does indeed send His wrath if He deems necessary, even upon His disobedient covenant people. This includes both His Old and New Covenant people.

Well, what about I Thes. 1 and 5 where it teaches God's people do not incur His wrath? To this we emphatically say, "AMEN!" But these passages must be seen in light of the full Counsel of God's Word. We need to affirm both *sides of the coin* on this topic. We must acknowledge both Truths in light of the holistic Bible picture. Doing so does not mean contradiction. Let's get back to the *Egyptian Encounter* for just a moment.

Let's rehearse some details seen in the early chapters of Exodus.

God's people ill-treated – persecuted by hard bondage  
Moses – drawn out – called to deliver God's people  
God tells Moses what to do during interaction with him – Exodus 3 & 4  
Aaron sent to meet Moses; they tell the elders of Israel (who believe & worship)  
Moses first confronts Pharaoh

Initial response: Pharaoh further persecutes Israel (e.g., make same amount of bricks w/o straw) (Please note: There is a distinction to be acknowledged between God's wrath and, in this case, the wrath of the earthly king! God's wrath was not expressed through Pharaoh's harsh treatment of Israel as he demanded their tally of bricks not diminish. Pharaoh (not God, though He allowed it) was bringing tribulation. Yes, God's wrath upon Israel comes at times other than the wrath He pours out upon Egypt, yet, Israel experienced the early judgments of God's wrath upon Egypt. In this observation we find we need to honor the whole Counsel of God's Word and not pick and choose what we want and what we don't want.)

The people confront Moses due to the increase in forced labor – the people blame God's deliverer. Moses then beseeches the Lord.

God intervenes            The persecution from Egypt (in the harsh bondage) came long before God began sending His judgments. BUT once the evil had gotten to a certain level, God intervenes. God's people experience the early judgments too.

The early plagues (water turned blood ; frogs & lice) seem to hit everyone BUT thereafter, things change: The plagues only hit Egypt, not Goshen where Israel dwelt. (4<sup>th</sup> plague of flies ; the 5<sup>th</sup> plague of death of livestock) God distinguishes His people from the Egyptians – Exodus 11:7. God’s people are still to obey His Counsel. If they don’t, consequence occurs – Exodus 12:19. God’s judgment of slaying the firstborn is averted IF the blood is applied – Ex. 12:23.

How does this history relate to the *end of days* we are currently experiencing?

God’s people are ill-treated but have a deliverer: God and His Incarnate Word (in His return).

Evil society brings God’s judgment in general. God’s people incur degrees of the judgment because they are present on the earth until their death or until their *final trumpet rapture gathering*. Thereafter – after the departure of those *in Christ* from the earth – the much more intense bowls of God’s (full) wrath are poured out upon those still on the earth.

Point: When God judges the earth for its global apostasy, God’s people also experience His wrath as we see His judgments extended. I will not speculate on the degree He protects His people in His Son during these times of judgment, only say we are affected by these times of discipline. And yet, God’s Word does speak to His Church not incurring His wrath – I Thes. 1:10, 5:9. Do you discern the dynamic of the “Both/And” affirmation of God’s FULL Counsel being appealed to here?

We conclude with this appeal ...

Given we will be delivered from the wrath to come;  
Given we are not appointed to wrath;  
Given we will be kept from the hour of trial; and,  
Given the gathering together takes place at the final trumpet,  
we conclude the following concerning the wrath of God (which we miss) ...

We, His enduring Church in Christ, will NOT experience God’s eternal wrath (in the Lake of Fire) nor will we experience the Bowls of Wrath having been rapture gathered at the last trumpet.

Putting Bible support to the above ...

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**God’s wrath** ([www.truthfoundations.org/1cio17.pdf](http://www.truthfoundations.org/1cio17.pdf)). (Mt. 24:9; II Thes. 1:3-10)

We will be delivered from the wrath to come (I Thes. 1:10)

We are not appointed to wrath (I Thes. 5:9)

We will be kept from the hour of trial (Rev. 3:10)

We will be gathered at the last trump (I Cor. 15:5, 52 & Rev. 11:15ff)

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