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FROM EGYPT TO THE PROMISED
LAND

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According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

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We should like to announce to all our readers that, with this issue we are beginning a series of studies from the Old Testament, covering the journey of Israel according to the flesh from Egypt to the Promised land. Since Old Testament fleshly Israel was a type of New Testament age spiritual Israel, and since their journey was but a type and prophecy of our journey, it is from here that, in this last hour of history, we will learn of the road to Jerusalem that our God has set before us.

The Journey begins in ...

Exo 12:1 And the LORD spoke unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: it *shall be* the first month of the year to you. 3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for a house: 4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take *it* according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats: 6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. 7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike *it* on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. 8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it. 9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast *with* fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. 10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. 11

And thus shall ye eat it; *with* your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it *is* the LORD's passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD. 13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are*: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt. 14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever. 15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel

It was here, as she received her instructions from God concerning the Passover, that Old Testament Israel after the flesh began her journey toward her Promised Land. Even so, it is here, at the point where we, who are New Testament spiritual Israel, receive the truth that Jesus-our Passover Lamb-was slain for us, that we begin our journey toward our Promised Land.

Let us therefore lay the foundation for our journey by pointing out the true purpose of the journey. The truth is that when the children of Israel came out of Egypt, they did not have the strength to conquer the giants and possess the land. They did not have the faith in God, neither the yieldedness to him that would enable them to have His power to conquer the giants and possess the land. Therefore, He must needs first take them into the wilderness, and through much testing, teach them the walk of faith, giving them the faith and the yieldedness to Him that would enable them to go up and possess the land.

The problem was that God had gotten Israel out of Egypt, but He had not gotten the Egypt out of Israel. This is made

manifest in Exodus 32, where we read of the actions of the children of Israel, even after they had seen the glory of God in His bringing them out of Egypt with mighty plagues and judgments on Egypt and in rolling back the Red Sea. Still, even after all this, when Moses left them for short while to go up into the mount with God, what did they do? They made themselves a golden calf, took off all their clothing, and entered into all kinds of sex orgies, crying, "These be our gods which brought us out of the land of Egypt!"

God had gotten them out of Egypt, but he had not gotten the Egypt out of them. While down in Egypt, there had been ingrained into their personalities the false worship and weaknesses of the flesh which made Egypt what it was. Therefore, this people certainly was not ready to go in and possess the land God had given them. He must needs to take them on a wilderness journey, and through much testing purge the Egypt out of them, teaching them the walk of faith that would enable them to have His leadership and power to go up and possess the land.

Even so, it is also true of us who are spiritual Israel. Their wilderness journey was but a type and prophecy of our wilderness journey. When we pass through the blood of Jesus, we do not find ourselves in the Promised Land, but in a dry desert wilderness.

For even though it is true that when we come to Jesus and accept His blood God gives us our Promised Land. Still, like Israel of old, that Promised Land is now ruled over by giant spirits in the demoniac kingdom, of which the giants in the land of Canaan were a type. And, even though when we pass through the blood and through conversion come out of the world (Egypt), God gives us our promised land, nevertheless, it will never be ours in actuality until we have conquered the demon kingdom and possessed our land.

In order to fully understand this, we need to know what our Promised Land is. Far too many Christians think that Israel's Promised Land of Canaan was a type of the paradise in the heavenlies to which Christians go when they die and leave

this physical realm. But scripture does not bear this out. For the Canaan that Old Testament Israel went into was a place where they had to fight to possess the land after they got in. This is surely not true of the paradise which departed saints enter. Scripture reveals that it is the place where they wait to return incorruptible with Jesus when He comes (I Cor. 15:52).

Nay, if we want to see the spiritual Promised Land that is given to spiritual Israel, all we have to do is look at the promises Jesus set before us when He was here in the flesh. He said, "They that believe in me, the works that I do shall they do also." "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, nothing shall be impossible to you." "These signs shall follow them that believe: In my name they shall cast out devils, speak in new tongues, have power over serpents and poisons, and lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Thus, with these promises, Jesus set before us a spiritual Promised Land. When we have possessed this land, then will we fulfill the promise of Jesus, "they that believe in me, the works that I do shall they do also."

When we have come to this point in our growth and possessed our spiritual land, then will we have the power to overcome Lucifer and his demons, who are now ruling this world, and possess our physical Promised Land, which is this good green earth. For God did not create this earth for the devil to rule, but He created it for the sons of God. When we have overcome the resistance of Lucifer and his giant spirits, of which the giants in the land of Canaan were a type, and come to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, then will we, as the sons of God, drive Satan and his demons out of the earth and possess the land for Christ our King. He will then return, and we shall reign forever and ever.

But, like Israel of old, when we first come out of Egypt, we do not have either the faith or the courage or the power to conquer the giants of the demoniac kingdom and possess the land. Therefore, God must take us also on a wilderness

journey to teach us, through many testings, the walk of faith which is necessary for us to possess the land.

Though God has gotten us out of Egypt, like Israel of old, He still must get the Egypt out of us. While we were in the world, we absorbed many false ideas about God and truth. . . many fears and unbeliefs ... many lusts and weaknesses. God must take us through the wilderness of testing that all of these might be purged out of us, so that we might be brought to the walk of faith necessary to enable us to go in and possess the land.

To insure that we do not make the same mistake Israel of old made, God has given us the record of fleshly Israel's journey as a type and revelation of our journey. They did not learn their faith lessons in the wilderness. Instead of submitting themselves to the teaching of God, they murmured at the hardness of the way and cried out for the flesh pots of Egypt. Consequently, when they came to the borders of the land and saw the giants, they had no faith to go in and possess the land. They said, "We are as grasshoppers in our own eyes beside them." They wanted to stone Moses, Joshua, and Caleb, make for themselves new leaders, and go back into Egypt.

Then God spoke and said, "Because you would not learn to trust me, you shall not go in and possess the land; but you shall turn and wander in the wilderness until you die, and I will take your children in to possess the land."

Thus God pronounced the death sentence upon them, and they turned and wandered in the wilderness until they died. God took the new generation of their children and led them into the land.

From the days of first century Christianity until now, God has been looking for a generation of Spiritual Israel to whom, through testing in the wilderness, He could teach the faith walk which would enable them to go in and possess the land. Each generation, like the children of Israel, has murmured and longed for the flesh pots of Egypt; and, when the giant spirits of Satan have risen up against them, they

have cried out in unbelief and refused to go in. Thus God has turned them to wander in the wilderness of worldly Christianity form without power until they have died, and has sat back and waited for a generation who would go all the way. Pentecost of the last generation went so far, but when the giants rose up with all kinds of fanaticism and false manifestations, they decided that it was better not to go in, and God let them too, turn and wander in the wilderness of form without power until they die and leave this world.

Out of them have come a new generation from among the Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians, Lutherans, and every denomination in the Christian faith. We have heard the call of God, saying, "Rise up and go in!" God help us not to make the same mistake that every other generation has made. God help us to learn well our faith lessons in the wilderness. Even as our brother Paul said, "Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts as in the days of provocation when your fathers tempted me. So I swear in my wrath, they shall not enter into my rest," (Hebrews 3:7-9, 11). God help us to go all the way in and possess the land, thereby entering into His rest.

It is for this cause that we begin this series of studies on our journey from Egypt to Canaan. The very beginning place of this journey is, of course, in our scripture, Exodus 12:2, where God gave to the children of Israel instruction for eating their Passover Lamb: "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months, it shall be the first month of the year to you."

Israel's religious year, from the first month to the last, with its seven Sabbath feasts or "rest feasts," was a type of the whole period of time in which God is carrying out His plan for the redemption of spiritual Israel. From the time that Jesus came two thousand years ago, and became our Passover Lamb, until the time that we have come to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, (Ephesians 4:13) and He is fully dwelling in us and we are fully dwelling in Him, and their seventh feast, the feast of

Tabernacles, which proclaims God, through Christ, tabernacling with man, and man tabernacling or dwelling in God is fulfilled.

When Israel partook of their Passover Lamb, it was a totally new beginning for them. Even their calendar year changes and began with a new month.

Even so, when we come to Jesus and partake of our Passover Lamb, being born again of the Spirit, it is a completely new beginning for us. We are translated out of the world and into the kingdom of His Son. We are a new creation creature. Old things are passed away; all things are become new! By this we do not mean merely that old habits, such as smoking, drinking or wearing makeup have passed away. "Old things passed away and all things become new," means far more than that. It means that we have dropped off the old creation man and are become the new creation man. We have left behind all human limitations and, in Christ, have all power over all the enemy. We are no longer the natural man, but the supernatural man. We no longer live by the natural laws, but by the supernatural, spiritual laws. We are sovereign sons of God, rulers over the natural laws of God. We, like Jesus, have the potential to speak to the wind and make it obey us.

Truly it is a new beginning! We are born again as babes in Christ, and are therefore ready to begin our growth into mature sons of God as we feed on His Word and drink from the fountains of the living waters of His Spirit.

Then we note that God told Israel to draw out a lamb without blemish on the tenth day of the month, and keep it until the fourteenth day of the month, and then kill it. This lamb, of course, was a type of Jesus, the true Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world. The reason the lamb had to be without blemish was because sickness is a type of sins. This lamb had to typify the sinless Lord Jesus. Therefore, it must be without blemish. The lamb had to be kept from the tenth day to the fourteenth day in order to allow time for any unseen disease to show up in it, if there

were any . . .for this lamb must truly be a lamb without spot or blemish.

When the lamb was slain, they were to take the blood and strike it on the two side posts and the upper door post of their houses. Here, in the striking of the blood on the sides and on the top of the door we have a type of the Cross of Jesus. The blood being applied to the door of their physical house was only a type of our having the blood of Jesus applied to the doorpost of our hearts.

But, we note the children of Israel had not only to put the blood of the lamb on the door of their houses, but they had also to eat the flesh of the lamb (Exodus 12:8). This proclaims to us that not only must we apply the blood to our hearts in conversion, but we must go on to eat the flesh of Jesus. He said in John 6:53 "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you." This means that after we have been converted through the blood, just as fleshly Israel ate the Lamb until they had taken all of the lamb into their inner being, so we must take all of Christ into our inner being by eating His flesh, until we have all of Him in us, and we are no more, but He is in us in all of His power and glory.

We eat His flesh by daily feeding on His word, in which we find all of the truths that were in Him . . . the truth which made His nature what it was. When we have taken into us all the Word (truths) that made Him what He was, we shall have fully eaten His flesh. Our old man will have died, and we shall have come to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

Our definition of the term "eat" is "to take physical food into our inner being." But God's definition of the term "eat" is "to take spiritual things into our inner being." As we feed on the truths that were in Jesus, the truths that made Him what He was, daily we are eating His flesh, we are eating the Lamb. When we have taken them all into us, we will have fully eaten His flesh, He will be fully in us, and we will have eternal life.

Verse nine also says that the lamb had to be eaten with unleavened bread. Leaven, as it is used in the scripture, is a type of sin and error and the doctrines of devils that lead to sin. Just as yeast permeates every portion of a lump of bread dough, so the error and evil lies, doctrines of devils, with which Satan and his demons have filled the world, will, when allowed to do so, penetrate every portion of our being. When this is so, we are not eating Jesus' flesh and taking Him and His nature into us. Instead, we are eating swines flesh and taking into us the swinish nature of the devil, his demons, and the people of this world. Physical bread is a type of spiritual bread, the Word of God. Jesus made this clear when He told Satan, "Man does not live by material bread, but by every word that cometh forth from the mouth of God."

All this being true when God told fleshly Israel that they must eat the lamb with unleavened bread He was saying to spiritual Israel today that we must eat Jesus, the true lamb, day by day be feeding on unleavened bread. This unleavened bread is truth, even His pure Word that has no leaven (error) in it. We must feed on it until we have absorbed into our inner being all of the truth that made His nature what it was. Then we will have eaten the lamb with unleavened bread.

This agrees with the words of the Spirit in I Corinthians 5:8, "therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." The feast of the Passover of Old Testament Israel was not the true feast. It was only the type. We of spiritual Israel are keeping the true feast as we daily eat the flesh of the true Lamb by feeding on the truths of Ms Word which has no leaven in it.

The last statement in verse nine tells us that Israel was to eat the lamb with bitter herbs. This reveals the daily dying to the old man that we must experience as we daily take the Christ-the Lamb of God-into us by feeding on His unleavened Word, until that old man is completely dead and the new man, who is Christ, has fully come forth in us . . .

until we are come to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

"And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand."

This tells us that when we partake of the blood of the true Lamb and eat His flesh, we are not to eat according to the shallow, fleshly Gospel that is preached today. This Gospel proclaims, "Just get converted, then sit back and wait for Jesus to come and take you somewhere." Nay! When we come to the true feast, we should have our loins girded, and marching shoes on our feet, and our staff (the name of Jesus) in our hand, ready to march all the way out of the Egypt of this world system, ready to march through our wilderness toward our promised Land, ready to learn the walk of faith through the wilderness of testing, ready to march all the way in and possess the land!

The instruction of the Lord concerning fleshly Israel's Passover feast was that for seven days after the Passover feast they were to eat unleavened bread. Seven, in the numerology of Scripture, denotes completion. Israel of olds eating of unleavened bread for seven days after their Passover reveals the total or complete length of time New Testament Spiritual Israel must take into themselves, daily, the unleavenness (sinlessness) of Christ-the true Lamb-by feeding on the unleavened Word, which is free of leaven (error), until they have taken into themselves all of the Word that made Him what He was. Then will they have eaten the true Lamb . . . they will have come to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

God's instructions close by saying, "Whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day shall be cut off from his people."

How awesomely sobering is this truth! It proclaims to spiritual Israel that from the time that we apply the blood of the slain Lamb to the doorposts of our hearts until we have fully eaten His flesh and drunk His blood, and have come to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, we must

eat only bread that is unleavened (the Word), or we will be cut off from the redemption that is reserved for His people.

Therefore, we say, with the apostle Paul, "Let us keep the true feast, not with the old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." Amen,

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Exodus 13: 17. And it came to pass when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God had led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near, for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: 18. But God led the people about through the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.

In our last issue of "The Word," we published the first of our series of studies on the journey of Old Testament Israel after the flesh from Egypt to the Promised Land. We learned that Old Testament Israel according to the flesh was only a type and prophecy of New Testament Spiritual Israel, which spiritual Israel we are. We learned that their journey into their physical Promised Land was only a type and prophecy of our journey into our spiritual Promised Land. Israel after the flesh coming out of Egypt was but a type of our coming out of the Egypt of this world system over which Satan rules. That Egypt is always a Type of the world and Pharaoh who ruled over Egypt was but a type of Lucifer, the Devil, who is ruling over this world system. The bondage the children of Israel were under in Egypt was but a type of the bondage to the Devil and his Demons that the people of the world and the people of God are still under today-bondage to sin, sickness, fear and Demons.

We also learned that the taskmasters who cracked their whips on the backs of the Children of Israel were types of Lucifer's Demons who are keeping God's people in bondage

today. The journey that Israel took through the wilderness to prepare them to go in and possess the Land was a type of the spiritual pilgrimage we must make through a spiritual wilderness to prepare us to enter and possess our Land; that the reason God had to take Israel through the wilderness was that through testing He might work in them the faith necessary to conquer the giants and possess their Land. This is the reason God must take us on a wilderness journey, that through testing He might work in us the faith necessary to conquer Lucifer's Demons and possess our Land.

And so, as we study Israel's journey, which was a revelation of our spiritual journey, we will learn the way that we must travel to our Promised Land-even to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, which is the Promised Land.

In the last issue we studied the first stage of the journey, "The Coming Out of Egypt." We learned that Israel's feast of the Passover, in which in one day they killed the lamb, ate his flesh, and marched out of Egypt. It was but a type of the Day of the Lord the total period of time, which began almost 2000 years ago and will end at the close of the age and the return of Jesus, in which our Lamb, Jesus, was slain; and we are eating His flesh (taking His nature into us by eating the Truth that was in Him which made Him what He was) and drinking His blood (taking His supernatural life into us.)

Israel's lamb was a type of our lamb, Jesus. Israel's having to eat the lamb after the blood was shed was a type of our having to eat His flesh and drink His blood after we are converted and partake of the shed blood. Their eating the lamb roast with fire typified Jesus suffering the fires of Hell for our sins. Their eating it with bitter herbs typified the bitterness of the daily dying we must experience as we eat His flesh and drink His blood. Their eating it with unleavened bread, since leaven is a type of sin, signified our daily taking the sinlessness of Jesus into us as we eat Him daily. The seven day feast of unleavened bread, since seven is the number that denotes completion, typified the total

length of time it takes us to take His sinlessness into us until we are no more and He is fully in us. God closed out this Word saying that whoever eateth leaven during this period, that soul would be cut off from His people. Even so, those who do not continue to take into their being the sinlessness of Jesus could not inherit with Israel.

With these things established by way of review we can go on with our second study, and learn the next great lesson that is given us in Israel's journey. In our scripture for this lesson we are told that when God brought Israel out of Egypt, He led them not through the land of the Philistines which was shorter, lest they see war, and repent and go back into Egypt; but he led them the long way around through the wilderness.

If we look at a map we see that a straight line from Egypt, where the children of Israel were, to the Promised Land, through the country of the Philistines, the Devil's people, was but a short journey compared to the long dreary way that God led the children of Israel through the wilderness. But the Bible says God did not take them that way, lest they see war and repent, and go back into Egypt. God knew that if He led Israel through the Philistines land they would rise up against them in war. He also knew the children of Israel did not yet have the faith and trust in Him to go into battle against the Devil's people. He knew that if they saw war before they were ready for war, they would turn and run back into Egypt, and never go in and possess their Promised Land. Therefore, He led them the long way around by way of the wilderness, so that through testing, He could build faith in them, so that when they did see war, they would be ready for war.

Thus it is with us who are spiritual Israel. God has no plan for our going into the Promised Land the short way. There is an enemy called Lucifer with his demon Spirits prepared to resist us on every hand. He has been ruling over his land for a long time. He has staked out his territory here in this world and said, "This is mine." He rules through men and governments, and is determined to keep the Israel of God

from passing through the borders he has set up, and possessing their Land. If we think to move into his territory before God has prepared us for battle, by working in us that faith and courage which is necessary, we will only suffer defeat, lose our faith, and go back into Egypt.

This is what happened to the last generation of Pentecost. When the Spirit began to be poured out at the turn of the century, it was God's move to break his people free from the bondage of Egypt. He had a plan to lead His people the long way around through the wilderness of testing, to work in them the faith necessary to go up against Lucifer and His demons, overcome them, and go in and possess the Land of healing, health, power, and joy.

But many good brethren thought they could go into the Land the short way. They thought just because they saw the promise in the Word that Jesus gave, "They that believe on me, the works that I do shall they do also," that they could run into the Land and do all these things just because it was written in the Word. Just because they saw it written in the Word, "These signs shall follow them that believe; in my name they shall cast out devils, speak in new tongues, have authority over serpents and poisons, lay hands on the sick and they shall recover," they thought that they could do all these things and walk in the Land just because they saw it in the word. Consequently, they tried to run over into the Land the short way. When they did, the Devil's Demons rose up against them and they suffered many defeats, simply because they saw war before they were ready for war. Many made great claims about how they could heal the sick and cast out devils, only when they prayed, nothing happened. Consequently, many lost their faith and in their hearts repented and went back into Egypt. That is why the Full Gospel Churches are full of preachers that stand behind the pulpit week after week preaching, "I believe in the Full Gospel," with their glasses on their eyes, and their hospitalization policies safely tucked away. Their congregations sit back year after year and never get healed of

their sicknesses, all because they saw war before they were ready for war, and were defeated and lost their faith.

Now God is raising up a new generation of their spiritual children. A generation who is not anxious to rush into the Land, but is satisfied for God to lead them the long way around through the wilderness of testing. Then through testing He will work in us the faith and power that will enable us to conquer the giants and go in and possess the Land.

As a young minister, after I received the Baptism of the Spirit I saw that the Word of Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe," was for today. Because I saw it in the Word and knew that the promise was for today, I thought there was no force of Devils I could not defeat by myself. I thought I could run into the Land and do the works Jesus did without first being broken and becoming like Him. When I had been used of the Lord to deliver a few people from Demon Possession my head grew bigger and I was quite sure I could wade right through the Philistines into the Land. Then I suffered my first defeat. A lovely little colored girl was brought to me, so bound by spirits of infirmity that her little body was so twisted out of shape, it was a horrible thing to try to see her walk. She was a teenager with a good mind, and she had been baptized in the Spirit, but her body was bound horribly. I gathered my church members together in my home, and we started commanding spirits at 8 o'clock in the evening. At 4 o'clock in the morning we were still commanding. Though the demons got mad and threw her on the floor and made her writhe and twist, nevertheless we did not straighten out one bone or untwist a single part of her body. At 5 o'clock it finally dawned on me that I just did not have what it takes. I fell on my knees and began to cry, "Lord, Why?" Immediately I began seeing a vision of a great big elephant lying with his eyes closed as if he were sleeping. He was so old and big his hide was wrinkled. God had already given me the revelation that beasts of the field he has put in the world, that have the beast nature, are visible

symbols of the invisible Demon spirits that also have the beast nature. Also, when He speaks in a vision, God uses stronger beasts as a symbol of stronger forces of Demons, and weaker beasts as symbols of weaker spirits. God is saying in this vision that the reason we did not get them out was because it was a force as strong as an elephant.

I'm still looking forward to the day when God has taken me the long way through the wilderness of testing to the kind of faith that will enable me to deliver this little colored girl. And I know that one day I will arrive at that point. For I have learned not to try to run into the Land the short way. With God, the long way is the short way. Now I only enter into those battles to cast out Devils which the Lord definitely speaks to me about and tells me to go into; for if I enter into those which I am not ready for, I will only fail and dishonor the name of Jesus and the testimony of the Word. But if I let the Lord lead me, He will only send me into those He knows I am strong enough to win, and I will never lose, and each one I win I grow stronger and stronger until one day I will be used of the Lord to defeat the elephant too. The Lord knows the way through the wildemess, all we have to do is follow. May God help us to learn this lesson as we journey on from Egypt to Jerusalem. Amen.