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**WHEN ISRAEL WENT OUT OF EGYPT**

**Psalms 114:1-8**

***Psalms 114:1 KJV "When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;"***

This psalm celebrates the miraculous deliverance God gave his people from Egypt. It highlights some very interesting parts of Israel’s unique history. Namely, the family of Abram being sent to Egypt for 400 hundred years and afterward coming out as a mighty nation.

***Genesis 15:13 KJV “And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;”***

***Deuteronomy 26:5 KJV***

***5 And thou shalt speak and say before the Lord thy God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous:***

God sent divinely appointed Moses to bring them out. It was through ten plagues that God delivered Israel.

***Exodus 3:9-10***

***9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.***

***10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.***

The names Jacob and Israel are used alternately throughout Scripture in reference to the promised second son of Isaac.

***Genesis 25:21-23 KJV***

***21 And Isaac intreated the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.***

***22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the Lord.***

***23 And the Lord said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.***

Among those individuals renamed in the Old Testament under various circumstances, God Himself renamed only a few. These are Abram (high father), whose name was changed to Abraham (father of multitudes); Sarai (my princess), whose name was changed to Sarah (mother of nations); and Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel. God told Abraham that He would give him a son through Sarah. His second son, Isaac was the son of promise through whom the nations would be blessed. Isaac’s son Jacob was likewise the son of promise through whom the nations would be blessed. In scripture the Lord God is referred to as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. A covenant is an agreement between God and man or God and a nation. There are 8 Covenants and they are Edenic, Adamic, Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Palestinian, Davidic and New. God repeated the Abrahamic Covenant to three different generations: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were all given the promise of land, many descendants, and blessing. The Lord first calls Abram out of [Ur of the Chaldees](https://www.gotquestions.org/Ur-of-the-Chaldees.html) to the land of Canaan, establishing a covenant with him (Genesis 12:1-3). God reaffirms the same covenant with Abraham’s son, Isaac (Genesis 21:12; 26:3-4), and later with Isaac’s son, Jacob (Genesis 28:14-15). The Lord who established and ratified this covenant is rightly called the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. When God revealed Himself to Moses in preparation for bringing His people out of Egypt, He called Himself “the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” This name of God emphasizes the covenant that God made with Israel and the Israelites’ special place as God’s [Chosen People](https://www.gotquestions.org/Gods-chosen-people.html).

***Genesis 50:24 KJV “And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”***

Jacob’s birth name means “supplanter, deceiver”; it was given to him because, when Jacob was born as the second of a set of twins. True to his name, Jacob grew up as a conniver, deceiver, and cheat, and he eventually supplanted his brother’s position as heir to the birthright.

***Genesis 25:24-34***

***24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.***

***25 And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.***

***26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.***

***27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.***

***28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.***

***29 And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:***

***30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.***

***31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.***

***32 And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?***

***33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.***

***34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.***

After Jacob’s struggle with the Lord at Peniel, the Lord gave Jacob a new name: Israel. Before he met and wrestled with God in Bethel that Jacob purposefully put away his idols and purified himself. Later, God appears to him again in Bethel, reaffirms the name change, and gives him the same covenant that Abraham had received. Thus, the born “heel-catcher” and “deceiver” prevails after struggling with obeying the divine will of God and overcoming the conniving deception of men.

***Genesis 32:28 Amplified Bible “And He said, “Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but [***[***a***](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+32%3A28&version=AMP#fen-AMP-957a)***]Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men and have prevailed.”***

After the name change, some passages in Genesis refer to Jacob as “Jacob” and others as “Israel.” The name Jacob represents his old nature and Israel his new. The name Jacob was used when speaking of him as the father of the twelve sons. The name Israel was His name when his twelve sons became the twelve tribes of Israel. That is, he is called “Jacob” when functioning in his carnal old nature, but he is called “Israel” when he is acting out of his new nature. This parallels the promised change in a Christian’s life.

***Ephesians 4:22-25 KJV***

***22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;***

***23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;***

***24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.***

***25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.***

Abraham’s seed (Hebrews) were the in the land of Egypt and contrary to the teaching of some racist bible scholars, were Egyptians and spoke Egyptian. The house of Jacob refers to Abraham’s grandson Jacob’s seed (Israelites) and they spoke Hebrew. The strange language, here, is the language of the Egyptians. Additionally, it should be understood that all Jews are Israelites, and all Israelites are Hebrews, but not all Hebrews are Israelites nor all Israelites Jews. Furthermore, all Jews are Israelites but not all Israelites are Jews. Jacob’s fourth son Judah and Leah and is the father of the Jews.

***Genesis 14:13 KJV “And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram.”***

***Isaiah 43:1 KJV “But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.”***

***Genesis 29:35 KJV “And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the Lord: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.”***

***Psalms 114:2 "Judah was his sanctuary, [and] Israel his dominion."***

This Psalm continues with a reference to the divided kingdom consisting of Judah, which comprises the two southern tribes of the southern kingdom, where God’s sanctuary and temple in Jerusalem was located and the Davidic kings ruled. Also, this psalm focuses on the specific expression of God’s concern for the house of Jacob, a frequent synonym for Israel and the Jewish people in the Psalms. Judah is the tribe that the Lord was descended from in the flesh. He was the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Judah led the march out of Egypt, as well. God's presence was with His people on their journey. The LORD dwelled with them {was His sanctuary} and He ruled over them {His dominion}. He made Judah his sanctuary and Israel his dominion, that is, he became the nation’s King and ruled from his temple in Zion (Jerusalem).

***Psalms 114:3-5***

***3 "The sea saw [it], and fled: Jordan was driven back."***

***4 "The mountains skipped like rams, [and] the little hills like lambs."***

***5"What [ailed] thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, [that] thou wast driven back?"***

The remainder of the psalm returns to the exodus events. It presents poetic imagery of how God exercised His sovereign power in Israel’s redemption from Egypt: the sea looked and fled, referring to the dividing of the Red Sea; the Jordan turned back, referring to crossing through the Jordan on dry land to enter the promised land under Joshua.

***Joshua 3:13 KJV “And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.”***

There was no explaining to the human understanding why the Red Sea opened at the command of God. The sea, like all other creation must bow to its Creator. There was no unusual phenomenon to explain away this miracle of God. It was the presence of the LORD in the Ark of the covenant that caused the sea to part, and the Jordan to part. In the case of the Jordan, it did not go back, until the feet of the bearers of the Ark had stepped into the water. The water bowed to the presence of God in both instances.

***Psalms 114:6-7***

***6 "Ye mountains, [that] ye skipped like rams; [and] ye little hills, like lambs?"***

***7 "Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;"***

This is speaking of the quaking of Mount Sinai at the presence of God when the Lord gave Moses the Commandments. The Lord is ruler of, not only the people, but all of nature, as well. It is no small thing for the earth to tremble before its Creator. When the majesty of Almighty God was on the mountain, it smoked, and there was nothing to touch the mountain lest it die. Only the one God called to the mountain could go up. Moses was the only one who could go near the presence of God, and he only when he was called to do so.

***Exodus 19:12 KJV “And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:”***

***Psalms 114:8 "Which turned the rock [into] a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters."***

The Rock is symbolic of the Lord. When Moses struck the Rock as God had told him to do, the water flowed freely from the Rock. Jesus is the water and the Rock. The water that flowed was like a river. It was enough to quench the thirst of these estimated 3 million people. This is that same water that flows from the throne of God. We have seen, in this lesson, the marvelous provision that God has made providing water in the desert to nourish and sustain the people.

***Numbers 20:11 KJV “And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.”***

***Deuteronomy 8:15 KJV “Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;”***

**QUESTIONS**

1. What two names, in verse 1 of the 114th chapter, are the same person?
2. How long had the family of Jacob been in Egypt, when God sent Moses to bring them out?
3. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ went into Egypt, and a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came out.
4. What is intended by, was His sanctuary?
5. In the same verse, what is the dominion speaking of?
6. What caused the sea to part?
7. What is verse 4 speaking of?
8. What was unusual about the mountain, when the presence of God was on it?
9. Who was the Rock in verse 8?
10. How much water came from the Rock?
11. What is the major lesson to be learned here?