



- Exodus 18:1, 8-12
- Reading: Psalms 105:26-38



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- Jethro had heard (rumors)
 - The passage of the people of Israel was fairly slow
- The report of what happened in Egypt must have spread quickly
 - Astonishing
 - Unexpected
 - Impossible?
 - **Was it true?**




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- Many still struggle with the veracity of the Exodus
 - Generally accepted among scholars that there is no archeological nor historical evidence of the exodus.
- The Bible's Buried Secrets (NOVA)
 - Carol Meyers, an archeologist and professor of religion at Duke University
 - And it's possible that a charismatic leader, a Moses, rallied a few of those people and urged them to make the difficult and traumatic and dangerous journey across the forbidding terrain of the Sinai Peninsula, back to what their collective memory maintained was a promised land.



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- This is not meant to disparage those who are trying to establish history based on only on the physical evidence that remains.
- Reports such as this, however, lead many to make the claim that since we don't have specific kinds of evidence, then the Exodus, as described in the Bible, never happened.



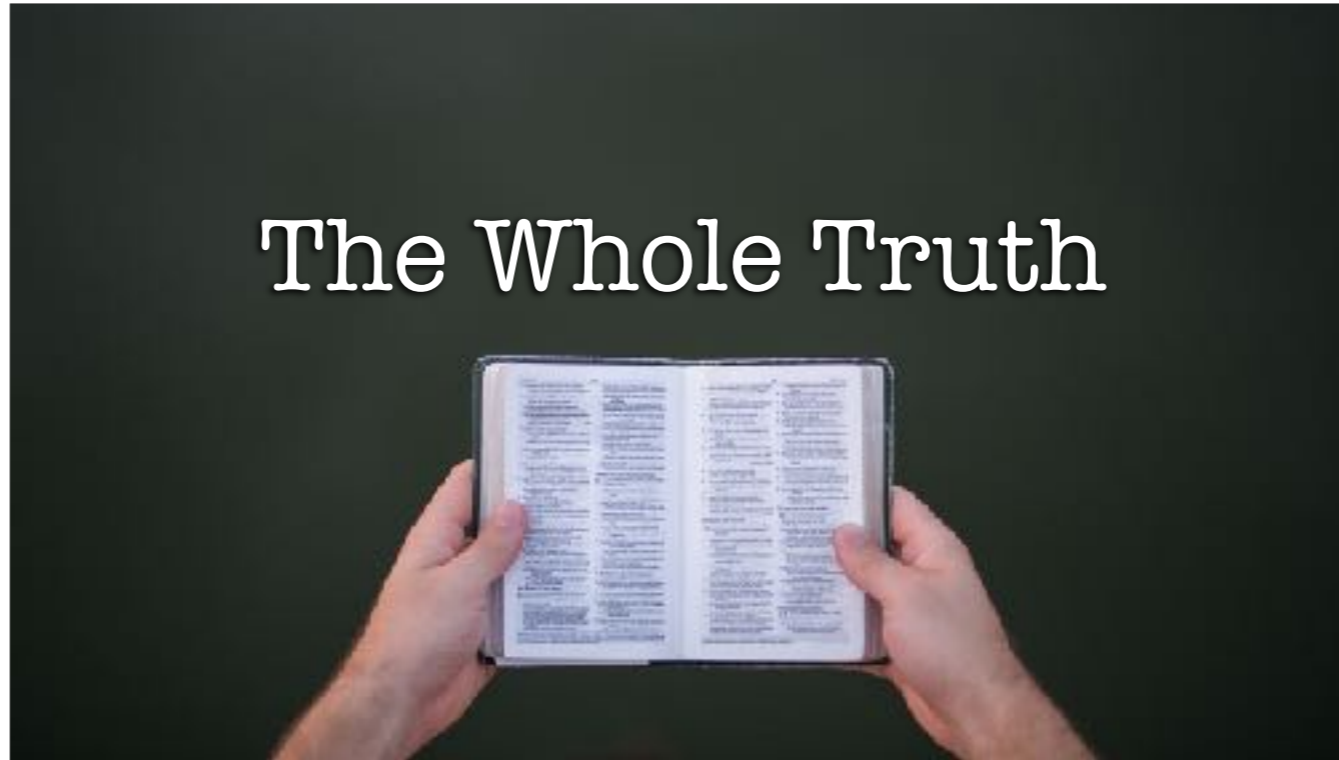
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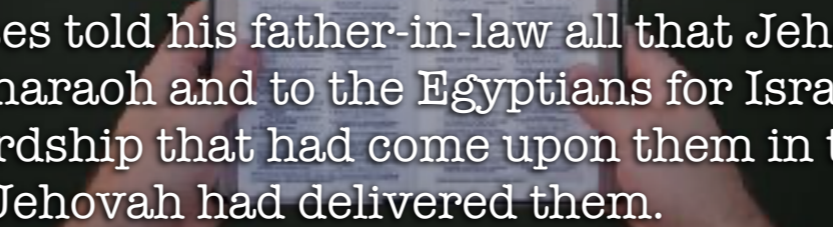
- Go to the source of truth ...
 - Jethro talked to Moses: witnessed these things
 - We need to listen to the truth of what happened:
- John 8:32 (ESV) 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- John 14:6 — Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- John 17:17 — Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

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- Exodus 18:8 — Then Moses told his father-in-law **all** that the LORD had done

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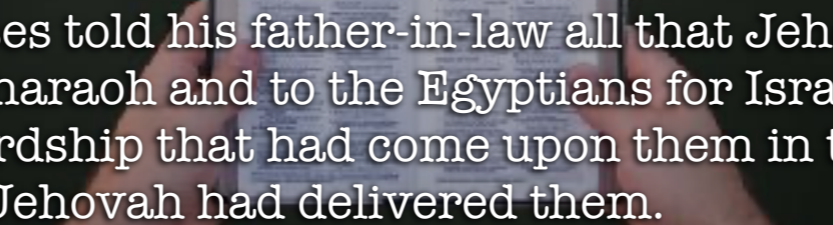


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- to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians
- for Israel's sake,
 - Exodus 7:5 (ESV) The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them.”

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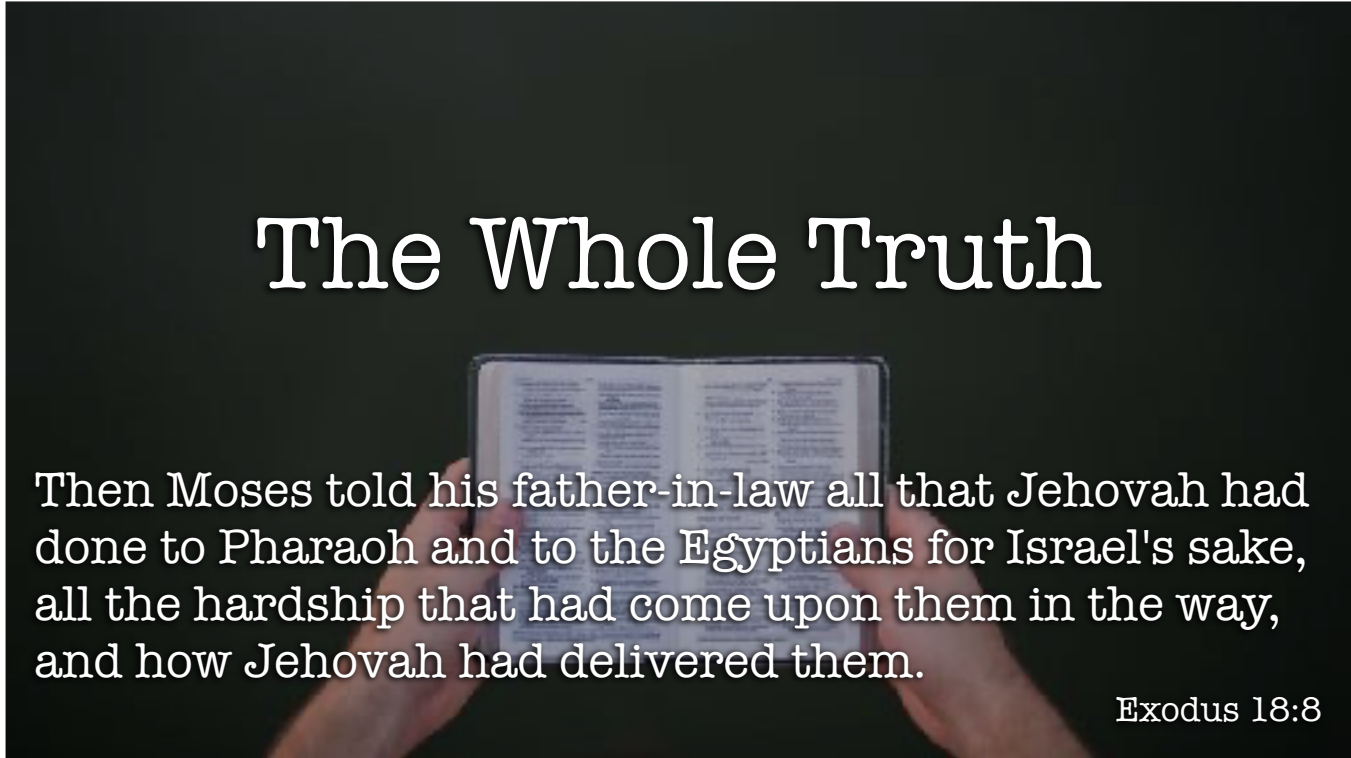


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- Deuteronomy 6:21-23 (ESV) 21 then you shall say to your son, We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 22 And the LORD showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. 23 And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers.

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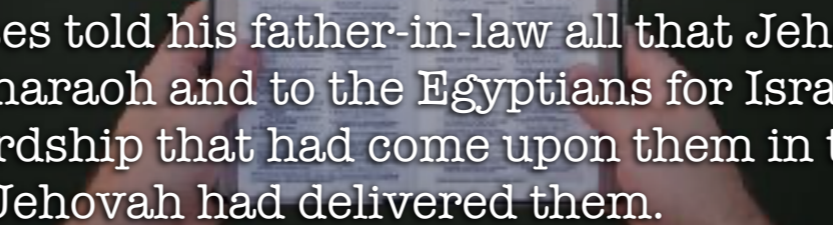


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- Psalms 105:26-38 (ESV) 26 He sent Moses, his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen. 27 They performed his signs among them and miracles in the land of Ham. 28 He sent darkness, and made the land dark; they did not rebel against his words. 29 He turned their waters into blood and caused their fish to die. 30 Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the chambers of their kings. 31 He spoke, and there came swarms of flies, and gnats throughout their country. 32 He gave them hail for rain, and fiery lightning bolts through their land. 33 He struck down their vines and fig trees, and shattered the trees of their country. 34 He spoke, and the locusts came, young locusts without number, 35 which devoured all the vegetation in their land and ate up the fruit of their ground. 36 He struck down all the firstborn in their land, the firstfruits of all their strength. 37 Then he brought out Israel with silver and gold, and there was none among his tribes who stumbled. 38 Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.

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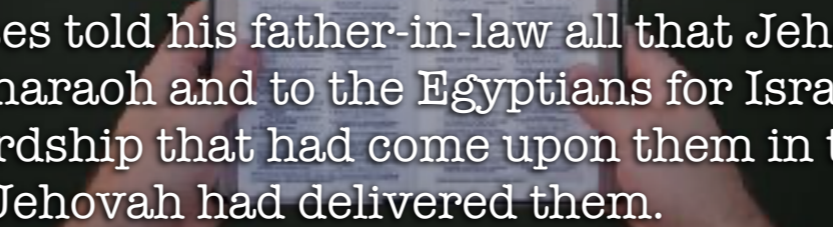


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- **all the hardship** that had come upon them in the way,
 - Hardship: (TWOT) refers either to physical or psychological weariness
 - Pursued by Egyptian army
 - Water and Food
 - Testing
 - Weariness of the journey (Deut. 25:17)
 - Battles
- Psalm 78:11-20

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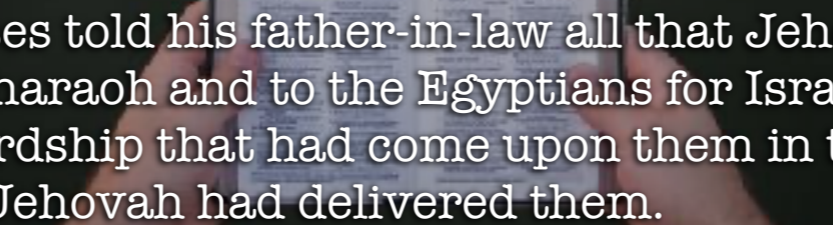


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- and how Jehovah had **delivered** them.
 - (CWSB Dictionary) Deliverance often indicated the power of one entity overcoming the power of another.
 - Parted the Sea
 - Water from a Rock, Manna and quail
 - Victory

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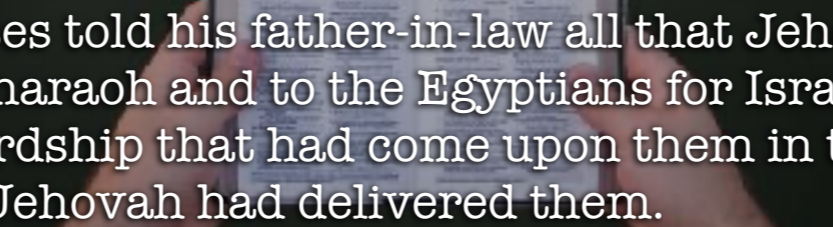


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- Exodus 18:11 — **Now I know** that Jehovah is greater than all gods, because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people.”
 - HCSB: Now I know that Yahweh is greater than all gods, because He did wonders when the Egyptians acted arrogantly against Israel.”
- Jethro learned from Moses told him and came to a reasoned conclusion.
 - Jehovah is greater than all Gods
- This is more than just a good story

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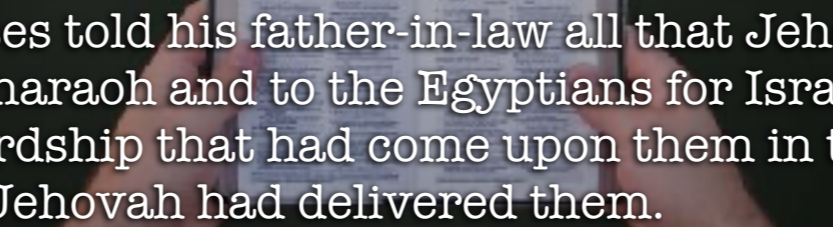


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- It's vital in our teaching to tell the whole story ... the good and the difficult
 - Source is God ... he revealed all these things to us for a reason
 - Psalms 119:160 (ESV) 160 The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

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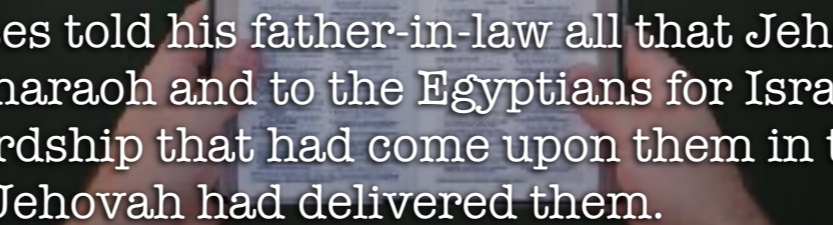


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- John 15:26-27 (ESV) 26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

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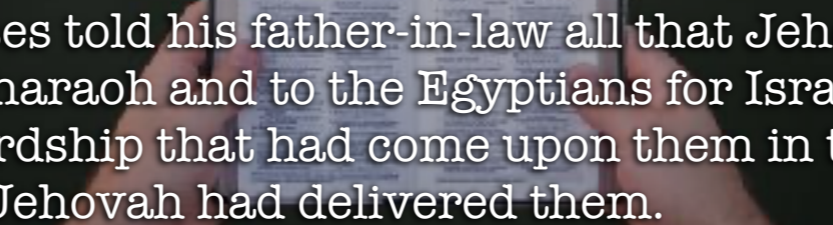


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- John 14:26 — But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.
- John 16:13 — When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

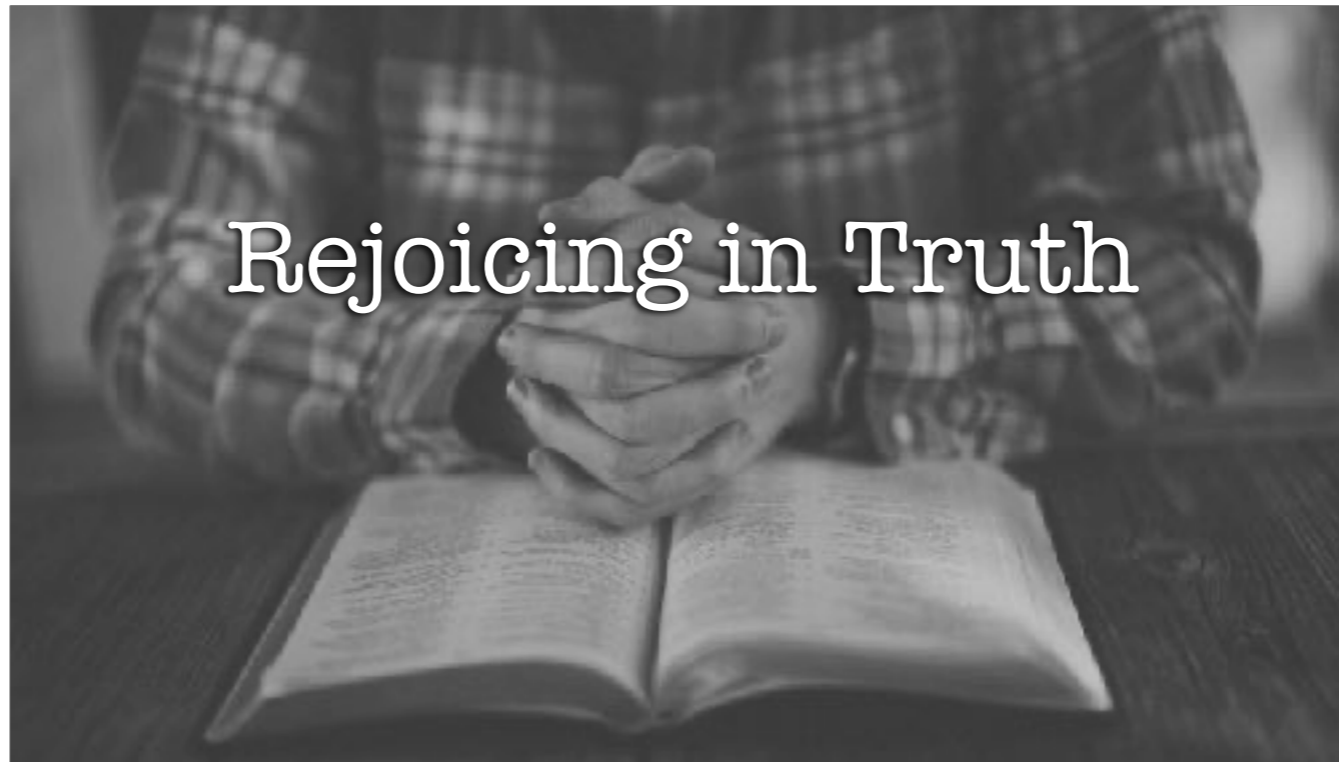
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- Acts 20:27: for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.
 - Shrink: NET uses “hold back”; NIV “not hesitated”
 - Don’t tell just the good bits ... ALL ...
- Good and Evil; Heaven and Hell
- Eternal life and eternal Death
- Love and Hate; Righteousness and Sin
- Only one path that leads to life
- Salvation only in Jesus



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- Exodus 18:10 — Jethro said, “Blessed be the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.
- Exodus 18:12 — And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.



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- The truth should change us
 - Jethro is a priest of Midian ... don't know what or who he worshipped
 - Here he is sacrificing to Jehovah!
- Who Jehovah Is and His power and love for his people
- Who I am:
 - Believer: His Child



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- Rejoice, Praise, and Worship
 - Celebrate Truth, Jehovah
 - Worship Jehovah
 - Tell others
- When you know the truth of Jehovah and all of His truth, then you can truly worship Him.

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Now I Know

Exodus 18:8-12

Synopsis: When Jethro visits Moses in the wilderness, he learns of the reality of all that Jehovah had done and worships God. We can see from this lesson the importance of seeking the truth, telling the whole truth, and rejoicing in the truth.

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