



Abounding in the work of the Lord In the Church



Before the Flood

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Flood

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Scattering of the People

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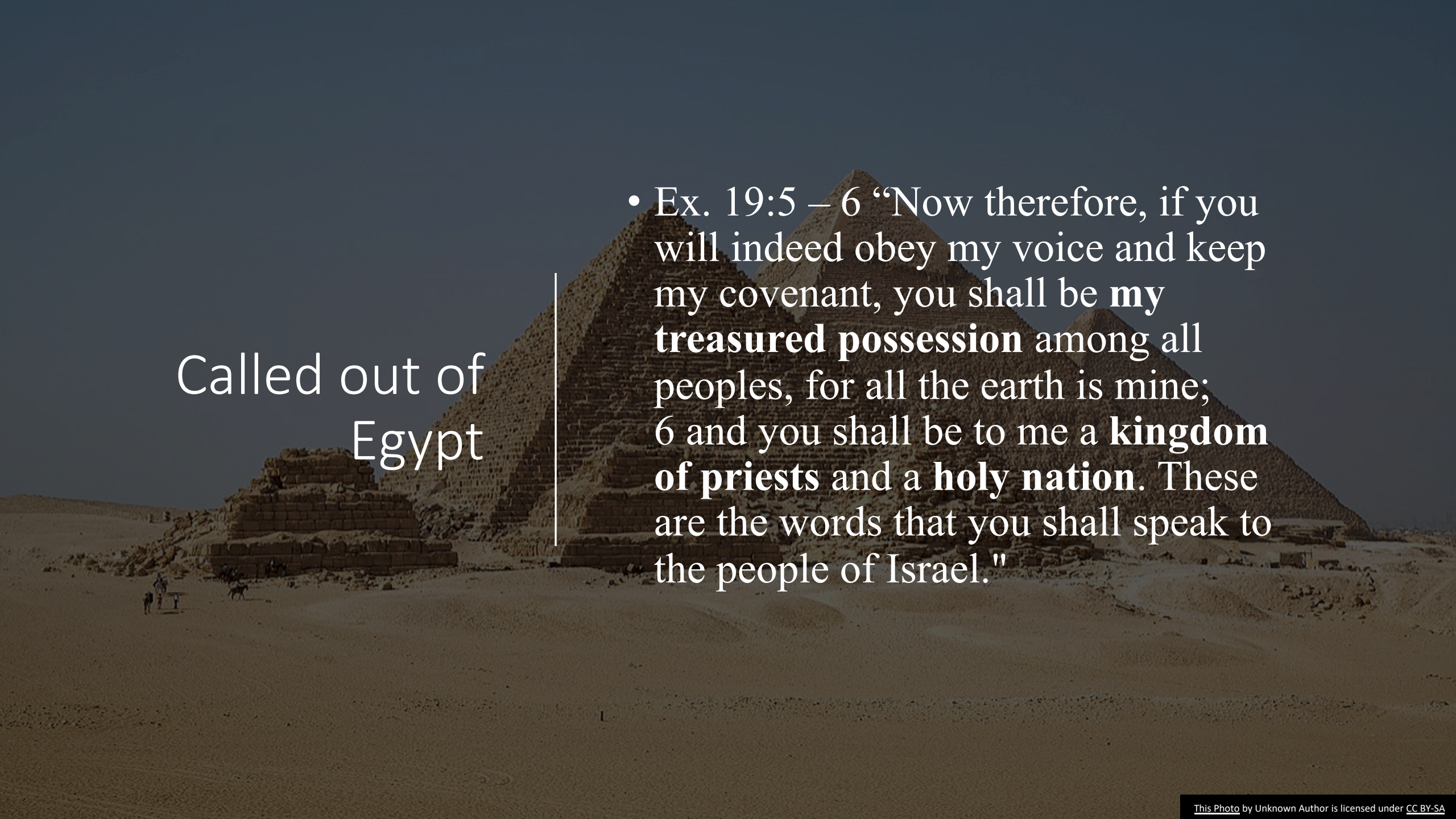
Patriarchs

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Exodus From Egypt

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Called out of Egypt

- Ex. 19:5 – 6 “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be **my treasured possession** among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a **kingdom of priests** and a **holy nation**. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”



Exodus From Egypt

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Rescued Through the Water

- Noah (Genesis 6 – 9)
- (1 Cor. 10:1 – 4) “For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were **baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea**, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.”
- Naaman (2 Kings 5)



Wandering in the Wilderness

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God's
Presence
among His
People

- Exodus 33:2-3 “I will send an **angel** before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but **I will not go up** among you, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people...”
- Exodus 33: 13 – 15 “Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, **that I may know you** in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is **your people.**” 14 And he said, “**My presence will go with you,** and I will give you rest.” 15 And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here.”



Invasion and Conquest of Canaan

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Joshua's Choice:
(Joshua 24)
The People
Must Choose

- 14 "Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.
- 15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, **choose this day** whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But **as for me and my house,** we will serve the LORD."



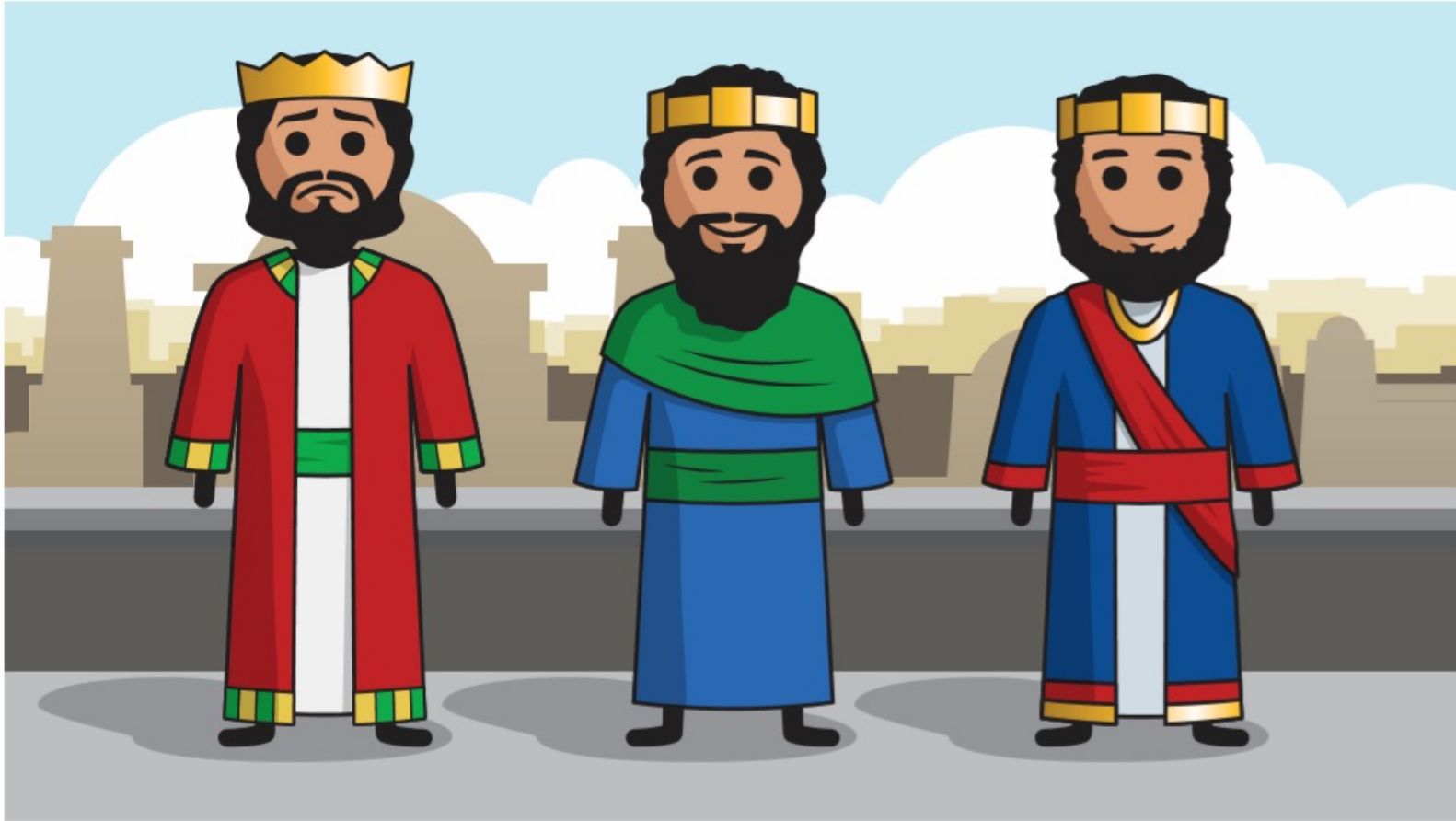
Judges

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A Downward Spiraling Cycle

“And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who **did not know the LORD** or the **work that he had done** for Israel.” (Judges 2:10)

“In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” (Judges 21:25)



United Kingdom

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God Desired relationship:

- Father – to His children
- Exodus 6:7 “ I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”
- Jer. 30:22 “ And you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”
- Ezekiel 36:28 “You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

God Desired
relationship:

Husband to His Bride
(Ezekiel and Hosea)

King over His People
(Deut. 17; 1 Samuel 8)



Captivity

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No Remedy Remains

- (2 Chronicles 36:16 “But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD rose against his people, until **there was no remedy.”**)



Years of Silence

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Coming of the Spirit

- Isa. 44:3 “For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will **pour my Spirit** upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.”
- Ezekiel 36, 37, 39:29 “And I will not hide my face anymore from them, **when I pour out my Spirit** upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord GOD.”
- Zechariah 12:10 “And **I will pour out** on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a **spirit of grace and pleas for mercy**, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.”



Life of Christ

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Early Church

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The Feast of Ingathering - Pentecost

The king would have His people – His church (Matthew 16:16 – 18).

The king and the kingdom came (Mark 9:1; Psalm 2, 16, and 110).

Good news of the risen King was shared with a Jerusalem multitude.

Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved (Acts 2, 22).

God adds to this family all who submit to His Son (Acts 2:47).

God's:
One Family
One Body
One Church

- Eph. 1:18 – 23 “having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his **glorious inheritance** in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable **greatness of his power** toward us who believe, according to the **working of his great might** 20 that he **worked in Christ** when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his **right hand** in the heavenly places, 21 far above **all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named**, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as **head over all things to the church**, 23 which is **his body**, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”

God's Kingdom Family Church Spread

- The Message of the king spreads and many come to obey Him.
- He will be our God and we will be His people.
 - 2 Cor. 6:16 “For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”
- He will bring us safely home.
 - “And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared **as a bride** adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the **dwelling place of God** is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will **be his people**, and God himself will be with them as their God.” (Rev. 21:2 - 3)

Are you in Christ?

- “For just as the **body is one** and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with **Christ**. For in one Spirit we were **all baptized into one body**—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12: 12 – 13)
- “for in **Christ** Jesus you are all **sons of God**, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into **Christ** have put on **Christ**. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in **Christ Jesus**. And if you are **Christ's**, then you are Abraham's **offspring, heirs** according to promise.” (Gal. 3:26 – 29)