

How Are You Known By Him?

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The Creator of the universe is a God of patterns. His patterns help us to recognize His hand in the affairs of His children and in the nations. *"Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."* (Exodus 14:18) If you know how to recognize it, the patterns of the exodus are playing out once again.

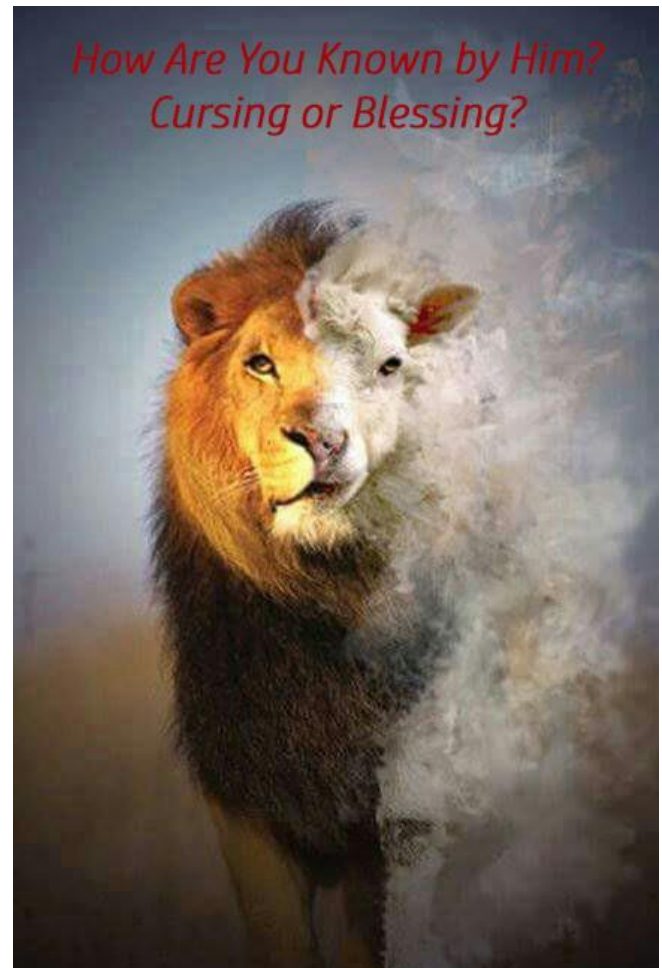
The fate of Pharaoh and His army serve as a template for all time. All the world will one day know Him by an outstretched arm of judgment or His hand of mercy. (*Chesed*)

To Him who struck Egypt in their firstborn, For His mercy endures forever; And brought out Israel from among them, For His mercy endures forever; With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, For His mercy endures forever;(Psalm136:10-12)

The Holy One of Israel promised through the prophets that the final exodus would exceed the scope of the first. He said He would no longer be known by the miracles of the exodus from Egypt but He would be known by the greater miracle of the re-gathering of His children from the land of the north and all the nations where He had driven them. By these latter-day miracles, **He will be known.**

The Holy One of Israel promises that not only will His children be reunited with Him, but by this miraculous regathering the nations will also know that He is the living God. Whether they like it or not! **How do you know Him?** Or maybe the more important question would be; **How are you known by Him?**

The scriptures clearly delineate Gods intentions for those who contend with His children verses those for who will care for them. Like Pharaoh many will harden their hearts but the invitation to care for them is to all the nations. ***Thus, says the Lord God: "Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, and set up My standard for the peoples; They shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders.***



(Isaiah 49:22) This is an incredible opportunity to serve Him by serving the Jewish people in their final exodus back to Israel.

But like Pharaoh, choosing to persecute or harm the Jewish people will be dealt with by God's divine judgment. ***But thus, says the LORD: "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, And the prey of the terrible be delivered; For I will contend with him who contends with you, And I will save your children. I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh, and they shall be drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine. All flesh shall know That I, the LORD, am your Savior, And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."*** (Isaiah 49:25-26)

Today, He is calling to the nations, to people like you and me, to be involved in His eternal plan. God's intention to regather all the Jewish people back to the land of promise is by far the most clearly outlined plan in all of scripture. There are consequences for the nations who immerse themselves in this holy business. ***Blessings for those who bring comfort and aid. Curses to those who contend or attempt to thwart God's plan.*** The only real question is; on which side of this equation do you wish to be on?

Have you set yourself apart from the pattern of world-wide, pervasive hatred that permeates attitudes toward the Jewish people? Can you recognize the hard-hearted Pharaohs that still strut in the kingdoms of the earth today?

Are you known by God as one who contends with His children ether by your deeds or even by your apathy? **Or are you known by God as one who loves His children as much as He does?**

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