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Expanding His Kingdom...Impacting Our World

THRIVING IN THE MIDST OF THE CRISIS

Genesis 47:27

Meanwhile, the people of Israel settled in the region of Goshen in Egypt. There they acquired property, and they were fruitful, and their population grew rapidly.



THE LAND OF
GOSHEN
Genesis 47

Exodus 8:22-23 (NLT)

22 *But this time I will spare the region of Goshen, where my people live. No flies will be found there. Then you will know that I am the LORD and that I am present even in the heart of your land.*

23 *I will make a clear distinction between my people and your people. This miraculous sign will happen tomorrow.’ ”*



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Deuteronomy 6:21-25 (NLT) – 21 “Then you must tell them, ‘We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt, but the LORD brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand. **22** The LORD did miraculous signs and wonders before our eyes, dealing terrifying blows against Egypt and Pharaoh and all his people. **23** He brought us out of Egypt so he could give us this land he had sworn to give our ancestors. **24** And the LORD our God commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear him so he can continue to bless us and preserve our lives, as he has done to this day. **25** For we will be counted as righteous when we obey all the commands the LORD our God has given us.’



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SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM WAS A SETUP FOR THE CROSS

“The whole sacrificial system looked forward to fulfillment in the perfect sacrifice for all sin, Jesus Christ the Son of God. His death and resurrection took away all barriers to fellowship with God. The Old Testament sacrificial system expressed this through the images of forgiveness and reconciliation, healing and purification, and payment of debt.” (Survey of OT; Williams & Horton)

- **1 Peter 2:5 (NLT)** – And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What’s more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.
- **Romans 12:1 (ESV)** – I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.



THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE: THE FRUIT OF OUR LIPS...“WORDS”

- **Hebrews 13:15 (ESV)** – Through him then let us **continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God**, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.
- **Hebrews 13:15 (TPT)** – So we no longer offer up a steady stream of blood sacrifices, but through Jesus, we will offer up to God a **steady stream of praise sacrifices**—these are “the lambs” we offer from our lips that celebrate his name!
- **Praise:** *praise (worship) n. – offering words of homage as an act of worship. (Bible Sense Lexicon)*
- **Sacrifice:** *offering n. – something presented (to a deity) for acceptance or rejection; often referring to sacrifices.*



PRAISE: RELEASES THE SUPERNATURAL INTERVENTION OF GOD

- **Psalm 22:3 (AMP)** –But You are holy, O You Who dwell in [the holy place where] the praises of Israel [are offered].
- **Acts 16:25-26 (TPT) – 25** Paul and Silas, undaunted, prayed in the middle of the night and sang songs of praise to God, while all the other prisoners listened to their worship. **26** Suddenly, a great earthquake shook the foundations of the prison. All at once every prison door flung open and the chains of all the prisoners came loose.

- *Praise Declares the Greatness of God*
- *Praise is an action that comes from an attitude of worship*



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- **2 Chronicles 20:21-22 (ESV) – 21** And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the LORD and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say, "Give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever." **22** And when they began to sing and praise, the LORD set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed.
 - **Praise (tehilla)** *This root connotes being sincerely and deeply thankful for and/or satisfied in lauding a superior quality(ies) or great, great act(s) of the object (TWOT)*
 - *Praise is an act of giving thanks to God for His Greatness*



PRAISE: RELEASES THE SUPERNATURAL BLESSINGS OF GOD

- **Psalm 67:5-6 (NLT) – 5** May the nations praise you, O God. Yes, may all the nations praise you. **6** Then the earth will yield its harvests, and God, our God, will richly bless us.
- **2 Samuel 6:11-12 (ESV) – 11** And the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household. **12** And it was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, **because of the ark of God.**"
 - *Obed Edom was part of the Levitical choir that sang "joyful" songs of praise to God. (1 Chron 15:12)*



PRAISE: RELEASES THE SUPERNATURAL FAVOR OF GOD

- **Acts 2:46-47 (TPT) – 46** Daily they met together in the temple courts and in one another's homes to celebrate communion. They shared meals together with joyful hearts and tender humility. **47** They were continually filled with praises to God, enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord kept adding to their number daily those who were coming to life.
- **Psalm 22:3 (AMP)** – But You are holy, O You Who dwell in [the holy place where] the praises of Israel [are offered].
- **Psalm 16:11 (AMP)** – You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.



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- **Psalm 91:2-4 (AMP) – 2** *I will say* of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I [confidently] trust! **3** For [**then**] He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. **4** [**Then**] He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings shall you trust and find refuge; His truth and His faithfulness are a shield and a buckler...
 - *Praise are the words we speak concerning Who God Is!*
Declaring His Praise releases all the promises found in Psalm 91
 - *Deliverance (escape from enemy), Protection, Answer When We Call, With Us In Times of Trouble, Brought To Safety, Happy and Satisfied Life, Victorious Salvation of God*

PRAISE: OUR SUPERNATURAL WEAPON OF WAR

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! It's time to sing to God a brand-new song so that all his holy people will hear how wonderful he is! ² May Israel be enthused with joy because of him, and may the sons of Zion pour out their joyful praises to their King. ³ Break forth with dancing! Make music and sing God's praises with the rhythm of drums! ⁴ For he enjoys his faithful lovers. He adorns the humble with his beauty and he loves to give them the victory. ⁵ His godly lovers triumph in the glory of God, and their joyful praises will rise even while others sleep. ⁶ God's high and holy praises fill their mouths, for their shouted praises are their weapons of war! ⁷ These warring weapons will bring vengeance on every opposing force and every resistant power—⁸ to bind kings with chains and rulers with iron shackles. ⁹ Praise-filled warriors will enforce the judgment-doom decreed against their enemies. This is the glorious honor he gives to all his godly lovers. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!