

This article will address the Dispensations of God upon mortals. Having an understanding of the key Dispensations of God is helpful to one's progression in life while living as a mortal.

As a general definition, a Dispensation of God is the Revelation of God's Words-Will to mortals. Another word akin to God's dispensation/revelation is God's manifestation.

Absolutely, God has the prerogative regarding what manner He should communicate His Words-Will to humanity. Throughout different eras of humanity on earth, God has used various key-communication protocols.

For the Dispensations of God, the manner of which He communicated/communicates His divine Will to mortals are highlighted:

- God reveals Himself via personal visitation.
- God reveals Himself through His chosen Patriarchs.
- God reveals His Words-Will via Angels / Messengers, Dreams, Visions.
- God takes up a residence in a physical Temple (aka. The Mosaic Era).
- God reveals His Will to other mortals as mediators: Priests, Judges, and Prophets/Prophetess.
- The Son of God (Jesus the Christ) comes down to earth and abodes as a Mortal Man.
- God's Holy Spirit indwelling of Mortals.
- The Return of the Resurrected Jesus Christ before and during the Millennial era.

For this article, only select individuals/characters/scenarios are highlighted as this is not meant to be an exhaustive-detail of historical accounts.

## The Pre-Abrahamic Patriarchal Era

### *Patriarch Adam ...*

The great Patriarch Adam is the first and foremost Patriarch of humanity upon this earth.

In the Garden of Eden, prior to the expulsion of Adam and Eve, **Gods visited** Adam and Eve to give them specific instructions or commands: to multiply and replenish the earth, including the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil – they were forbidden to partake of its fruits, but they may freely act according to their free agency. **Genesis 1:28; Moses 3:15-17**

It was he, Adam, who was first given the commandment to offer the sacrificial lambs, such a command was received many days after their expulsion from the Garden of Eden:

*An **angel of the Lord appeared unto Adam**, saying: **Why dost thou offer sacrifices unto the land?***

*And Adam said unto him: **I know not, save the Lord commanded me.***

*Thereupon, the angel replied: **This thing is a similitude of the sacrifice of the Only Begotten of the Father, which is full of grace and truth. Moses 5:5-9; D&C 29:42 [Doctrine & Covenants]***

During this occasion in Adam's life, he was given the gospel of Jesus Christ, the only begotten of God the Father in the flesh, as the promised Messiah-Savior-Redeemer who will reconcile the fallen humanity to God, and provide a return-pathway to God's presence.

*... that I, the Lord God, gave unto Adam and unto his seed, that they should not die as to the temporal death, until I, the Lord God, should send forth angels to declare unto them repentance and redemption, through faith on the name of mine Only Begotten Son... **D&C 29:42***

**Very Important FYI:** Prior to God's angel-messenger revealing to Adam the purpose of the sacrificial lambs, Adam and Eve were already given the command to live the Law of Consecration and the Golden Rule – to have love one to another... do unto others as you would like others do unto you.

**Note:** For prior to Cain's rebellion of murdering his brother Abel, the entire household of Adam – with all his children (married and unmarried) had everything in common: everyone was given an assigned task and contributed to the sustenance of the entire community – Adam's ever-expanding family.

After receiving the good news of a promised Redeemer in Christ Jesus, Adam and Eve, with great joy, shared this God's great revelation-dispensation unto their children. However, a great number of Adam/Eve's children rejected the revelation.

So it was, Lucifer, the father of lies, appeared to the children of Adam/Eve, and convinced many to reject their parents' great news regarding the promised Savior in Christ Jesus – rejecting the Plan of Salvation. This great rebellion was headed by the eldest son (the first child) of Adam/Eve by the name of Beneli. It was Beneli who greatly influenced Cain (along with Lucifer's contract with Cain) to murder his younger brother Abel. Both Beneli and Cain became the sons of Perdition. Thereafter, many of the rebellious children of Adam/Eve followed Beneli for they loved satan more than God.

**Moses 5:13, 24, 29-32-41**

Due to the great rebellion amongst many of the children of Adam/Eve, a division took place between the believers of the True God from the unbelievers.

**Important Note:** Adam received baptism, both of water and of the Spirit. **Moses 64-66**

... when the Lord had spoken with Adam, ... he was caught up away by the Spirit of the Lord, and was carried down into the water, and was laid under the water, and was brought forth out of the water. And thus he was baptized, and the Spirit of God descended upon him, and thus he was born of the Spirit...

*Thou art baptized with fire, and with the Holy Ghost.*

From thenceforth, the believers of the True God were/are baptized both of water and of the Spirit of God, thus being born again.

**Important Note:** The dual baptisms were performed: both of water and of the Spirit of God.

### **Patriarch Enoch ...**

By the days of Enoch great wickedness had engulfed the land.

The Spirit of God descended out of heaven and abode upon Enoch, and he heard a voice from heaven: Enoch received a calling to prophesy and to call repentance upon the populace. **Moses 6:26-31-33-36-39**

Enoch's call for repentance was centered upon God's message-revelation-dispensation that Patriarch Adam received: the Plan of Salvation and Faith in Jesus Christ.

*...hearken unto my voice, and believe, and repent... be baptized, even by water, in the name of mine Only Begotten Son, who is full of grace and truth, which is Jesus Christ, ... whereby salvation shall come unto the children of men, ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost... Moses 6:52-68*

**Important Note:** The dual baptisms were performed: both of water and of the Spirit of God.

Enoch also saw the great influence of satan upon the people. **Moses 7: 26**

Enoch had success to a certain degree: for many of those who believed his call for repentance joined a righteous community called Zion, even a City of Holiness – having one heart and one mind (the heart & mind of God) – having no poor among them, for they lived the Law of Consecration, living the eternal law of heaven: living a life of having love one to another... Love God and Love others as thyself. **Moses 7:18-21**

**Note:** No physical temple with ordinances/performances was necessary for they lived the higher Gospel Law.

And, Enoch saw into the future the coming of the Son of God at the meridian time, in the days of wickedness and vengeance: that the Savior shall be lifted up on the cross. **Moses 7: 46-47, 55**

Furthermore, Enoch saw that in the last days the Great-resurrected Redeemer shall dwell upon the earth for 1,000 years... **Moses 7:65**

### **Patriarch Noah ...**

According to God's wisdom, a remnant of righteous people was left on earth when Enoch's City of Zion was translated to heaven. **Moses 8:2**

The Lord God spoke to Noah: he was commanded to declare the Gospel of Salvation in Jesus Christ as it was given to Enoch (the same revelation-dispensation as given unto Patriarch Adam). **Moses 8:19, 24, 27**

*Believe and repent of your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, even as our fathers, and ye shall receive the Holy Ghost, that ye may have all things manifest; and if you do not this, the floods will come upon you... (aka. the Great Flood)*

But most people within the reach of Noah's voice refused to believe Noah and repented not of their sins, resulting in the judgment of God that brought the Great Flood.

From Noah, 3 great major lineages sprang – from his 3 sons: Japheth, Shem, and Ham.

**Important Note:** God regarded Noah as a just man and perfect in his generation. **Moses 8: 27**

**Very Important Note:** Noah and his 3 sons were given the Gospel of Jesus Christ – the Plan of Salvation: they were given the Higher Law - Love God and Love others as thyself, as they walked with God (diligently following God's commands).

**Note:** No physical temple with ordinances/performances was necessary for they lived the higher Gospel Law.

**FYI:** Especially in the earlier days of Noah, he was exposed to other great Patriarchs, including his father Lamech, his grandfather Methuselah, his great-great grandfather Jared, his great-great-great grandfather Mahalaleel, his great-great-great-great grandfather Cainan, and his great-great-great-great-great grandfather Enos. (However, Noah's great grandfather Enoch had already been translated). In fact, only Adam, Seth, and Enoch were the 3 pre-flood Patriarchs that Noah was unable to meet.

Therefore, Noah and his 3 sons – as followers of righteousness – complied with dual baptisms: both of water and of the Spirit of God. They were also familiar with the Law of Consecration along with the Higher Law – Love God and Love others as thyself.

**Important FYI:** Contemporaneously living with Noah, a total of 6 great Patriarchs lived who had sons & daughters before and after Noah's birth.

**FYI:** The storyline that the great flood covered the entire earth, and that from Noah and his 3 sons sprung all people is incorrect/inaccurate. The flood was indeed great, it covered a vast region where Noah lived, not the entire world, and certainly not all people of the entire earth descended from Noah and his 3 sons. For there were other God-fearing men who were distant cousins of Noah, other sons (of Patriarchs) older-same age-younger than Noah that were living contemporaneously in the days of Noah, in other regions foreign to Noah's land-region.

**Important FYI:** For one, Jared and his brother were not descendants of Noah and his sons. Their ancestors lived contemporaneously with Noah and his 3 sons, however, in different land-region. Jared and his brother came from a family-tree direct from Patriarch Mahalaleel, not through the lineage of Noah.

**Note:** The false storyline of the Great Flood covering the whole earth did not come from Noah neither from his 3 sons, the story tellers after Noah's death made the Great Flood more interesting by ignorantly applying the great flood to be universal, and eventually became recorded as if it were a factual history. FYI, in the earlier days, there was no world-wide-news coverage... no one knew about the American continent nor other continents.

**Very Important FYI:** Whether you believe it or not, the written scriptures are NOT 100% error-free, nor complete.

It should be noted, Noah and his sons were also familiar with the ordinance of the Sacrificial Lamb: this was originally introduced to the great Patriarch Adam. For thanksgiving after the flood, Noah built an altar and offered burnt offerings.

**Genesis 8:20**

### Melchizedek ...

This great patriarch is identified as the King of Salem. **Genesis 14:18**

Salem is referred to as the City of Peace – aka. the holy city of Jerusalem (original name: Salem).

Melchizedek met with Abram and blessed him. Also, Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek. It should be noted that in the earlier years of Abram, he had already met Melchizedek... they were already very familiar with one another.

And Melchizedek king of Salem... and he was the priest of the most high God... and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth... **Genesis 14:18-20; Hebrew 7:10**

**Very Important Note:** The Priest order of Melchizedek preceded the Priest order of Aaron (of the Mosaic Era).

This high priesthood being after the order of the Son of God, which order was from the foundation of the world; ... being without beginning of days or end of years, ... from eternity to eternity... **Alma 13:6-9-14**

**Note:** It should be noted that 100% of the proceed collected from Tithing was for the support of the poor people. The Law of Tithing was instituted by the Priest for the support of the poor people.

Prior to Mosaic era, there was no temple edifice to support from the Tithing funds. For the faithful people lived the Higher Law – the Everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ (truly the Words of God the Father): Love God and Love others as thyself – Treat others with love in the same manner you would like to be treated by others.

### The Brother of Jared ...

During the days of Nimrod, the founder of the Tower of Babel in the land of Shinar, Jared and his Brother were living in the vicinity when the Lord confounded the common spoken language. **Genesis 10:8-10; Ether 1:33; Genesis 11:9**

But the Lord had compassion upon Jared and his brother that their language between them and their friends was not confounded. **Ether 1:33-37**

**Commentary:** The brother of Jared (Mahonri Moriancumer) was highly favored of the Lord for he desired to follow the righteous ways of his forefathers, and he humbled himself as he sought God through prayers.

Note: Jared and his brother belong to a lineage that descended from Mahalaleel, the grandfather of Enoch. It was in the days of Peleg when Jared and his brother became very close friends with Joktan, one of the descendants of Eber (a descendant of Shem-Noah). Joktan had many sons, several of whom followed the brother of Jared to the distant land that God led them over the great waters. Like the brother of Jared, these righteous sons of Joktan preferred to remain anonymous: they do not want their names to be held in high esteem by their descendants – they only wanted all glory be directed to God.

From the book of Ether, we get additional insight regarding the great faith that Moriancumer displayed as he was able to view the Spirit of the Lord – even Jesus the Christ / Jehovah.

Behold, I am he who was prepared from the foundation of the world to redeem my people... I am Jesus Christ... this body, which ye now behold, is the body of my spirit; and even as I appear unto thee to be in the spirit will I appear unto my people in the flesh. **Ether 3:1-6-12-14-16**

**Additional Commentary:** Interestingly, in Ether 3:17, prophet-historian Moroni – in the Americas, was **not** permitted to make a full account (not allowed to disclose all the particulars) of the interaction between Moriancumer and the Spirit of the Lord (Jesus Christ).

And now, as I, Moroni, ... could not make a full account of these things... **Ether 3:17**

Moroni, sealed up the greater portion of what Moriancumer was permitted to see, as he was commanded by the Lord.

I have written ... which the brother of Jared saw; and there never were greater things made manifest than those which were made manifest unto the brother of Jared... the Lord commanded me that I should seal... **Ether 4:4-5**

A person who exercises faith like unto the brother of Jared, shall be given access-understanding to the great revelation-dispensation that Moriancumer saw.

... in that day that they shall exercise faith in me, ... even as the brother of Jared did, ... may become sanctified in me (Christ Jesus), then I will manifest unto them the things which the brother of Jared saw, even to the unfolding unto them all my revelations, saith Jesus Christ, the Son of God... **Ether 4:7**

**Important FYI:** Moriancumer was given the full access regarding Pre-Mortal Stage, the Mortal Stage upon the Earth – all the way to the end of the world, and Post-Mortal Stage (beyond earth life) to different levels of exaltation. Furthermore, Moriancumer was permitted to meet both God the Father and Heavenly Mother – the Eternal Mother of his spirit (her name is Marihala).

**Important Note:** that Moriancumer and his brother Jared were taught the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ - including the dual baptisms (being born again in Jesus Christ), and were commanded to live the Higher Law: Love God and others as thyself. Moriancumer, with his brother Jared and friends (several sons of Joktan – very distant cousins of Jared), their families lived the Law of Consecration. They were also familiar with the ordinance of the Sacrificial Lamb.

**Note:** No physical temple with ordinances/performances was necessary for they lived the higher Gospel Law.

In the last days of Moriancumer and his brother Jared, a king was installed. After several generations, due to a wicked king taking the reign, the people ceased to comply with the Law of Consecration, as the people dispersed to various lands, following their tribal leaders (or kings). **Ether 6:19,22-23-24; Ether 7:4-5**

A great deal of wickedness and bloodshed prevailed among the Jaredite people, to their utter destruction / extinction. So, it was when people lose focus of the Words of God, lacking divine-eternal vision, the people eventually perish. The world's pride and the desire for power and control over others, including the desire for riches of the world – to live in excess, and to have servants/slaves to do all the labors, and the introduction of priestcrafts – bearing a heavy yoke upon the children of men the corrupt, false, unholy beliefs-practices-commandments-precepts-traditions of arms of flesh, led to the people's destruction.

## The Abrahamic Patriarchal Era

### *Patriarch Abraham*

Abraham was a descendant of Peleg, a descendant of Eber, from the lineage of Shem, one of the sons of Noah.

God covenanted with Abram to be a father of many nations, and commanded him to walk in righteousness and be perfect.

... the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God, walk before me, and be thou perfect.  
 ... thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.  
 ... As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: ... she shall be a mother of nations... Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed, and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. **Genesis 17:1-19, 20-21**

**Important Note:** As a token of the Abrahamic Covenant, God commanded Abraham to have all males within his household (including servants) be circumcised beginning from 8 days old. **Genesis 17:11-12**

**Commentary:** Although not explicitly recorded in the book of Genesis, Abraham most certainly received the Plan of Salvation (including the ordinance of baptism), consistent with God's revelation-dispensation given to the earlier Patriarchs – beginning with Patriarch Adam.

The token of the Abrahamic Covenant of circumcising all males beginning at **8 days old** is a 'reminder' to the people of Abrahamic Covenant that their children must be baptized at the age of 8 years old: for at this age every normal child becomes accountable for his/her actions before God.

Therefore, it is a great responsibility of the parents of young children to teach their children, preparing them to receive the ordinance of baptism.

Note, the sons of Abraham were the following:

- Ishmael (mother's name – Hagar) **Genesis 16:15; Genesis 17:20**  
Hagar was the handmaid of Sarah. Sarah gave Hagar to Abraham to bear a child of her.
- Isaac (mother's name – Sarah) **Genesis 17:19; Genesis 18:10-14; Genesis 21:2-5**  
In a very advanced age Sarah gave birth to a son, Isaac.
- Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah (mother's name – Keturah) **Genesis 25:1-2**

Thus, through the many children of Abraham sprang many nations.

**Important Note:** Abraham being the father of the faithful surely followed the course of righteousness, complying with the sacred ordinances he learned from the faithful patriarchs: the Gospel of Salvation along with the Baptism ordinance

and the ordinance of the Sacrificial Lamb; no physical temple with ordinances/performances was necessary for they lived the higher Gospel Law.

**Important FYI:** As a major part of the Abrahamic Covenant – through Abraham's lineage the entire humanity shall be blessed. Because of this declaration of God's promise, the Jewish people believed that they are the *Chosen People of God*. This notion that the Jewish people being the Chosen People is only correct (to a certain extent) for the fact that the promised Messiah came from the lineage of Abraham via the tribe of Judah. And, that through the atoning sacrifice of the Great Messiah, Jesus the Christ, the whole of humanity is blessed. Other than the mortal birth of the Redeemer Jesus the Christ, all peoples are the children of the Living God – everyone is special. Thus, God is no respecter of any persons/individuals. Furthermore, the Abrahamic Covenant is said to be *Everlasting*, this is the case since the Everlasting refers to a person in Jesus Christ (or God) – who is Everlasting: thus, Everlasting is a name/title that refers to God – in fact, it refers to the entire Godhead: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

### *Isaac and Jacob*

Through the son of Abraham, Isaac, and through Jacob (the son of Isaac or Abraham's grandson), the Abrahamic Covenant continued.

Recall that the major blessing of the first born-birthright (the Patriarchal Blessing) was secured by Jacob from his father Isaac, by devious manner. Rebekah, the wife of Isaac, favored Jacob to receive the blessing of the first born-birthright.

#### **Genesis 27:all**

For the preservation of the life of Jacob from his older twin brother Esau's wrath for stealing the first born-birthright (the Patriarchal Blessing), Rebekah (and Isaac) sent Jacob away to her kinship – to her older brother's household (Laban), to a distant land.

On the way to his uncle's town in Paddan Aram, Jacob rested – for one evening stop-over – where God revealed himself (as the God of Abraham and Isaac) to Jacob via a dream: he saw a ladder (aka. Jacob's Ladder) that extended to heaven where angels of God descended/ascended, and God revealed himself to Jacob, and pronounced a promise that this specific land shall be given to him and to his posterity; and Jacob called the name of this special place Bethel (during pre-Israel period called Luz). **Genesis 28:10-19**

**Important FYI:** The covenant between God and Jacob (in person as a man), began in Bethel.

**FYI:** Luz is also referred to as Qushta/Kushta (the Aramic word for 'truth'). Bethel signifies the House of God or hallowed place.

As a major part of Jacob's life, it was while living in his uncle Laban's household that Jacob, over the course of many working years for the benefit of Laban, secured 2 wives in Leah and Rachel – the daughters of Laban, and over time, 2 more wives in Zilpah and Bilhah, the maids of Leah and Rachel respectively.

Israel... aka the 12 tribes of Israel comprised of the 12 sons of Jacob, born to him through his 4 wives:

- The sons born through Leah (the older sister of Rachel): Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun
- The sons born through Rachel: Joseph, Benjamin
- The sons born through Zilpah (Leah's maid): Gad, Asher
- The sons born through Bilhah (Rachel's maid): Dan, Naphtali

**FYI:** The order of birth of the sons of Jacob is as follows: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, and Benjamin.

**FYI:** For completeness, the Bible records 1 daughter of Jacob: Dinah (mother's name – Leah).

**Important Note:** Later, Jacob's name was changed to Israel. The significance of this name change is God's confirmation that through Jacob the Abrahamic Covenant continued. **Genesis 32:22-30**

### *Joseph – the Dreamer*

In the Bible, we read that Jacob-Israel displayed a favoritism toward his son, Joseph. Joseph was gifted by his father a coat of many colors, made of highest quality – a special gift that caused envy from his elder brothers.

There were 2 dreams that Joseph had that he, as a young man, eagerly shared with his family members that added to the fuel of envy and increased hatred toward Joseph from his elder brothers:

- While binding sheaves of grain with his brothers, the 11 stalks of sheaves fell/bowed-low before Joseph's stalk of grain.
- The sun and the moon and 11 stars bowing low before Joseph.

Such dreams indicated that Joseph will reach a station in life that far exceeds his siblings, even as a ruler over them; and that his parents, in the future, will also acknowledge/recognize Joseph's high station in life.

**A blessing in disguise:** Joseph was sold (by his elder brothers - without the knowledge of Reuben) to a traveling merchant, and was eventually sold as a slave in Egypt, in the house of Potiphar.

**Commentary:** Unbeknownst to everyone in Jacob's household, God orchestrated life-events that ultimately blessed and preserved the Israel people.

Since Joseph and Benjamin were the youngest children of Jacob, they received the best home-schooling from their father, while their older brothers were tasked to do most of the laborious assignments.

Joseph was raised in a family rooted in a very strong belief in one True God – the God of Abraham-Isaac-Jacob. This type of upbringing was evident in his faithfulness that whatever circumstance in life may come, that the true God was always in charge: to Joseph... faithfulness in the one true God will reap blessings.

### *Joseph – the Viceroy of Egypt*

Joseph's ascent to the Viceroy of Egypt (the 2<sup>nd</sup> in command after Egypt's Pharaoh) followed a pathway marred of hardships... but with steadfast faithfulness to one true God:

- Due to the hatred of his older brothers, he was stripped of being one of the princes of Israel to one of the slaves of Egypt. His older brothers invented a story that Joseph was killed by wild animals – a story they related to their father Jacob.
- In the house of Potiphar, he became the governor of Potiphar's house: Potiphar appointed Joseph to governorship for his entire holdings: for Joseph was able to quickly learn the Egyptian language, able to read and write, and very good with accounting principles, and most of all... he was trustworthy. However, due to Potiphar wife's false accusations regarding Joseph's supposed immoral advancements toward her (she invented this lie to punish Joseph... for Joseph would not surrender to her immoral advancements), Joseph was unjustly committed to the Egyptian jail system.
- In the Egyptian jail system, the Warden recognized Joseph's fine qualities and promoted him to be the overseer of all the jail-inmates: for every to-do-item regarding the jail-inmates, had to go through Joseph's approval.

- Due to Pharaoh's displeasure, 2 well known personnel within the courts of Pharaoh were jailed: the Chief Baker and the Cup-Bearer/Butler. Joseph was informed of these important guests as their likely stay in the jail-system were temporary until the Pharaoh's displeasure subsided. Both the Cup-Bearer and the Baker had dreamed respectively... dreams which they were unable to decipher for themselves. Upon hearing of the dreams, and by the inspiration of God, Joseph was able to utter the true interpretations: in 3 days, the Baker will be committed to hanging and the birds will eat his flesh; and the Cup-Bearer/Butler will be restored to his position as the bearer of the cup of wine for Pharaoh. Thus, the events came to pass according to Joseph's interpretations.

**Genesis 40:8-22**

It should be noted that Joseph regarded the true interpretations of dreams belong to God. **Genesis 40:8**

- After several years, Pharaoh had 2 dreams that vexed him greatly. Not one of his wisemen nor magicians was able to decipher Pharaoh's dreams. At this point, Pharaoh's cup-bearer/butler intimated to Pharaoh that there was a certain young Hebrew who can interpret dreams as he related to Pharaoh regarding his dream and the Baker's dream correctly interpreted while they were jailed 2 years prior.
- Pharaoh ordered to have Joseph brought out of the prison, and be presented before him. Pharaoh related his dreams to Joseph:

**Genesis 41: 1-43**

- The 7 fat cows were devoured by 7 skinny cows; and yet the 7 skinny cows remained skinny, however.
- The 7 full ears of grain grew on a single stalk, then replaced by 7 withered ears of grain.
- Upon hearing these 2 dreams, Joseph declared to Pharaoh that both dreams were one and the same... that God had shown to Pharaoh of the upcoming 7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of famine.
- Furthermore, Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint someone who is wise that will properly manage and prepare for the upcoming events.
- Pharaoh, being fully satisfied with Joseph's interpretations, and very impressed with Joseph, he appointed Joseph to be the Viceroy of Egypt. Pharaoh recognized that the Spirit of God was with Joseph.

**Genesis 41:38**

It should be noted that Joseph declared that God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace. **Genesis 41:16**

- Thus, according to the prophesied timeframes, 7 years of plenty came, then were followed by 7 years of famine. This famine extended well beyond the Egyptian border. As news spread that there were corn/grain for sale in Egypt, people from everywhere came to Egypt to buy food.

### **Joseph – Reunited with his father Jacob and his brethren**

Upon hearing that food can be bought in Egypt, Jacob ordered his 10 older sons to buy food in Egypt. His youngest son Benjamin remained with Jacob.

The story of reuniting with his father Jacob's household was heart-warming and funny too: Joseph, having matured greatly in appearance and being regally-attired in an Egyptian Viceroy outfit, recognized his 10 brothers bowing before him while he was not recognized by them. Joseph first thought of an elaborate ruse to payback his older brothers for the evil-acts he received from them, prior to revealing his true identity to them. **Genesis chapters 42 thru 46**

Indeed, the 2 dreams that Joseph had in his youth that he shared with his family members were verified.

In Egypt the Israel people greatly multiplied.

### *The Passing of Jacob and Joseph*

Prior to Jacob's death, he blessed Joseph's 2 sons: Manasseh and Ephraim. Thereafter, he called all his sons one last time and pronounced blessings and prophecies upon them. Jacob died, and greatly mourned by his family and by the Egyptians; he was then buried in the cave of Machpelah, next to the burial place of Leah.

Prior to Joseph's death at the age of 110 years, he placed the children of Israel with an oath to carry his remains from Egypt when they depart Egypt in some future event. Note, this is a prophecy that the Israel people will eventually leave Egypt in a distant future. **Genesis 50:24-26**

### *The Israel people as Slaves in Egypt*

In the process of time, a new Pharaoh came to power who knew not Joseph. Since Israelites were considered by the new Pharaoh as threat to the Egyptians, they were forced to slavery and greatly vexed by the Egyptian task masters.

Since Pharaoh feared that the Hebrews will become a stronger people as they multiplied, he pronounced an edict to kill every new born-baby boy.

The preservation of the life of Moses, of the tribe of Levi, was divinely orchestrated: A baby boy was placed inside a basket (an ark of bulrushes), and set to float away in a river; the basket was found by Bithiah, a princess of Egypt. She named the baby, Moses, and she adopted him as her own child.

As Moses grew he learned of his true identity as a Hebrew. One day an event took place that he killed an Egyptian in order to save the life of one Israel-Hebrew slave. To escape the Pharaoh's wrath, Moses fled to a distant land – to the land of Midian. While in Midian in the house of Jethro (a priest of Midian), he married Zipporah, one of the daughters of Jethro. **Exodus chapters 1-2**

**Note:** Recall that Midian was one of the sons of Patriarch Abraham through his last wife Keturah. Thus, Moses, a descendant of Levi-Jacob-Isaac (being one of the sons of Abraham through Sarah), married a distant cousin in Zipporah.

Meanwhile, back in Egypt, the Israel people cried unto God due to the heavy burden placed upon them as slaves. **Exodus 2:23-24**

**Note:** The Israel people sojourned in Egypt for 430 years... of which at least 300 years were in bondage as slaves. **Exodus 12:40**

### *God introduced Himself to Moses and sent him to Egypt*

Up on the mount, God revealed Himself to Moses via a burning bush, and sent Moses to free the Israel people from the Egyptian bondage, and instructed him to bring the people at the foot of Mount Sinai. **Exodus 3:1-12**

Moses was instructed to declare to the Israel people that the God of their fathers Abraham-Isaac-Jacob will deliver them from the Egyptian bondage, and that God's name was/is I AM. **Exodus 3:12-17**

Furthermore, God foretold Moses that by the mighty hand of God will the Israel people be freed from the Egyptian stronghold, and that they will leave with the spoils of Egypt. **Exodus 3:19-20-22; Exodus 4:1-20**

**Interesting Note:** Moses' wife Zipporah circumcised their eldest son since Moses neglected this duty... by this action, Zipporah saved Moses from the wrath of God. **Exodus 4:24-26**

**Commentary:** Obviously, Zipporah knew of the Covenant token that God made with the Patriarch Abraham as she was brought up by her father who was a priest of Midian, Jethro – a descendant and a faithful follower of Abraham.

**Note:** There were 10 plagues that God brought upon Egypt: water turning to blood, frogs, lice, flies, livestock pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and the killing of firstborn of Egypt. *Exodus 6:11; Exodus 7:1-17; Exodus 8:1-2-16-21-24; Exodus 9:2-6-10-18-26; Exodus 10:4-21; Exodus 11:1-6*

**Important Note:** Prior to executing the last plague of killing the firstborn of Egypt, God instituted the Passover Feast with Unleavened Bread and bitter herbs. God instructed Moses to brush the unblemished lambs' blood upon the right-left-upper posts of each door of every Hebrew house. *Exodus 12:1-7-12, 21-23, 27-28, 29-31*

The next day their captivity in Egypt ended, the Israel people left Egypt along with the spoils of Egypt. *Exodus 12:35-36*

**Very Important Note:** For all the males (starting from 8 days old) in all of Israel and including every male foreigner/stranger within the Israel households must be circumcised in order to partake of the Passover Feast, otherwise he (that is uncircumcised) will not be allowed to partake of the Passover Feast. *Exodus 12:48*

**Note:** The coffin of Joseph was taken out of Egypt. Recall Joseph, prior to his death, placed the children of Israel to a covenant to carry his bones out of Egypt when the Israel people leave Egypt. *Genesis 50:24-26; Exodus 13:19; Joshua 24:32*

**Note:** The wooden Staff/Rod that Moses used symbolizes the Word/Will of God... for which the execution of the Will/Word of God was initiated. *Exodus 4:2, 17*; also see *Exodus chapters 7 thru 12* depicting the execution of the 10 plagues of Egypt through the use of the Rod.

**Important FYI:** After the death of Patriarch Jacob/Israel and his 12 sons (the patriarchs of the 12 tribes of Israel), by the 3rd generation, the people of Israel became slaves in Egypt. As slaves, the people of Israel were unable to fully exercise their belief, and many of them became strangers unto the God of their forefathers (the patriarchs). God had to remind them of the ordinance of Male Circumcision – the token of the Covenant that God made with Abraham: this action had to be accomplished prior to partaking of the Passover Feast.

Prior to embarking on the great exodus from Egypt, Moses made a proclamation that the people of Israel must always remember that by the strength of the hand of God their freedom from the Egyptian bondage was secured. *Exodus 13:3*

### *Journey to Mount Sinai*

The journey to Mount Sinai was filled with dramas, and great displays of God's power.

Leading, guiding, and feeding approximately 3+ million people (of all age groups) along with their flocks through the arid desert and wilderness, without modern form of transportation and no logistical support for food and water supply, was a task that only a God can accomplish.

God manifested His divine presence along the way:

- At day time hours, God went before them by a pillar of cloud; and by night it was a pillar of fire. *Exodus 13:21*
- When they were pursued by the Egyptians being cornered by the Red Sea, the terrified Israel people cried unto God with fear: majority of them having little or no faith, pronounced very repugnant declarations unto Moses... *that they were led to die outside of Egypt since there were not enough graves in Egypt*; some shouted that... *they wanted to be left alone that they may serve the Egyptians as slaves rather than die in the wilderness*. These Israel people were indeed forgetful of God's miracles and God's power manifested before their eyes.

Interesting (and funny) comment by God to Moses: ***Wherefore criest thou unto me? Tell the people to go forward...***

Here the Lord was reminding Moses that he was provided a Staff/Rod, and by it he can execute miracles. God gave Moses an instruction to divide the Red Sea: stretch out thine hand-Rod over the sea, and divide it, allowing the people to go on dry grounds in the midst of the sea, between the walls of water: one on the right side and one on the left side, between them forming a wide corridor-pathway of dry grounds whereupon the people can cross. **Exodus 14:15-16-22**

**Commentary:** Understandably, the dividing of a major and wide sea to form a corridor-pathway of dry grounds is absolutely, amazingly miraculous; but then again, God already displayed 10 miraculous plagues in Egypt (along with a pillar of Cloud by day and a pillar of Fire by night in their daily journey) before the Israel people. Therefore, the people should expect miracles since the God of Abraham-Isaac-Jacob – the One True God is a God of miracles. Instead of voicing out Fear – being faithless, they should declare that God is a God of great deliverance – having faith. **It is absolutely, Perfectly Fine-OK to expect miracles from God – look steadfastly unto God and overcome FEAR (False Evidence Appearing Real).**

Indeed, God dealt very graciously with the Israel people – a multi-generations of people having not known the One True God – since they were in bondage of slavery for over 300 years.

To delay the advance of the Egyptian armies in their pursuit to kill or capture the Israel people, an angel of God caused to form a dark pillar of cloud upon the Egyptian armies and detached the wheels of the chariots; and on one hand provided a pillar of cloud of light upon the Israel people, crossing the Red Sea. **Exodus 14:19, 25** Stubbornly, all or most of the Egyptian armies continued to pursue the Israel people in the midst of the sea between the walls of water. Once the Israel people successfully crossed the sea, God instructed Moses to close the pathway in the midst of the sea, drowning the Egyptian armies. **Exodus 14:23-25-27**

**Commentary:** Indeed, these scenes depicting the escape of the Israel people and the demise of the Egyptian armies were very dramatic. After witnessing the end of the Egyptian armies, the Israel people believed in God and in Moses, a servant of God. **Exodus 14:31**

Apparently, the belief in the true God was short-lived for many people; the faith of many waivered when life situations started to look difficult, bleak, or hopeless. This doubt in the minds of the people continued to resurface during their exodus to Sinai.

- After 3 days of journey in the desert following the Red Sea crossing, the drinking water supply had been consumed: the people started to murmur against Moses for the want of drinking water. At the waters of Marah ('bitter'), the waters were bitter – not pleasant for drinking: as the people complained, Moses cried unto the Lord.

The Lord instructed Moses to cast a certain tree into the waters that healed the waters of Marah (from bitter to sweet) so that the people can drink the waters. **Exodus 15:25**

**FYI:** Jehovah-Rapha – God that Heals: ... for I am the Lord thy God that healeth thee. **Exodus 15:26**

**Important Note:** God placed the Israel people under a covenant:

- To diligently hearken to the voice of God
- To do the right things before God's eyes
- To listen to God's commands
- To keep God's statutes / laws

Then God promised to put none of the diseases that were brought upon the Egyptians to the Israel people.

**Commentary:** God is a Covenant-Maker. Note, prior to the execution of the last plague in Egypt, God reminded the Israel people to keep the ordinance of the Male Circumcision – a covenant token that God made with Abraham... a covenant that should be carried over to Abraham's posterity. Now, at this occasion at the waters of Marah, God placed Abraham's posterity – the children of Israel – to a **direct covenant** with Him: that God will heal their diseases... for I am the Lord thy God that healeth thee.

- After the waters of Marah and then Elim, the Israel people reached the wilderness of Sin (aka. Ciyn / Thorn ...– a place with the presence of thorns) – between Elim and Sinai. **Exodus 16:1**

At this place, the people murmured against Moses and Aaron for the want of Bread and Flesh Pots: many of them once again, voiced out a very repugnant declaration... *for ye brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.* **Exodus 16:3**

God heard the murmurings of the people. God took this occasion to test the Israel people if they would obey God's command to gather bread (by a given measurement of an omer per man) when God rains bread from heaven each day, except on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. **Exodus 16:4-5**

Moses and Aaron also took the occasion to remind the people that their murmurings were actually directed to God; for it was God that brought them out of Egypt. **Exodus 16:8**

God caused, in the evening, quails to come upon the people's camp; and, in the morning, God caused bread 'Manna' from heaven to rain upon the people's camp [specifically, God instructed that an omer (a unit of measure for dry commodities) was the maximum amount for every man to gather Manna], and on the 6<sup>th</sup> day they must gather twice as much – for there will be no gatherings on the 7<sup>th</sup> day (a day of rest).

**Exodus 16:12-19, 23, 26, 31**

God was displeased for some people disobeyed the commands that were given via Moses/Aaron.

**Exodus 16:27-28**

Note: God provided food/Manna to the Israel people while journeying in the wilderness for 40 years.

**Exodus 16:35**

- Next stop on their journey to Sinai was Rephidim: the people of Israel continued to harden their hearts, instead of humbling themselves before God, they complained repugnantly for want of water: *Wherefore is this that thou has brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst? Is the Lord among us or not?* Furthermore, they were ready to stone Moses. For the people greatly chided and tempted the Lord – the place was called Massah and Meribah. **Exodus 17:3-4, 7**

Moses received instruction from the Lord: by using the Rod that God gave him, Moses struck a rock in Horeb before the elders of Israel as witnesses, and the water gushed out and provided drinking water for the people.

**Exodus 17:5-6**

Note: the first war against Amalek and his people took place; Joshua with select men defended Israel with God's help. This first victory was memorialized by Moses – Jehovah-nissi. **Exodus 17:8-15-16**

This initial war with Amalekites was just the first of many wars over generations between Israelites and Amalekites.

- Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses, arrived with his daughter Zipporah (Moses' wife) and her 2 children. Jethro offered a thanksgiving unto God via a burnt offering for delivering the people of Israel to freedom. **Exodus 18:5-12**

Jethro counseled Moses to organize trusted, God-fearing men, to serve as lesser judges for the people of Israel, teaching them the measurement of judgments according to God's statutes: thus, the lesser judges handled the everyday-type, not so serious disputes between the people; and Moses handled all the serious complaints. This counsel helped Moses to delegate duties wisely, instead of keeping all duties to himself. **Exodus 18:13-26**

- In the 3<sup>rd</sup> month after departing Egypt the Israel people encamped at the base of the mount Sinai. **Exodus 19:2**

The Lord charged Moses to have the Israel people sanctify themselves; for on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day the Lord will be on mount Sinai to put the people into a covenant. Thus, on the 1<sup>st</sup> & the 2<sup>nd</sup> days the people prepared themselves: by washing themselves and their clothes, and be ready to hear from their God who brought them out of Egypt. God also forwarded a strict boundary that the priests and the people should stay at the base of the mount and not touched the border of the mount – and that the violators shall perish. **Exodus 19:20**

Thus, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, the Lord was upon the top of the mount and called Moses to ascend the mount along with Aaron. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke for the Lord was upon the mount in fire, and the whole mount quaked greatly. **Exodus 19:18-19, 24**

The basic framework of God's covenant upon the people of Israel was thus stated:

For the people's part:

- That the people obey God's voice
- Be faithful in keeping the Covenant

Then, God shall:

- The people shall become God's people
- The people shall be considered holy before Him
- God shall make of them a kingdom of priests (aka. dedicated to priestly duties)

Thus, Moses went before the people and relayed the overall framework of God's Covenant for the people of Israel. The people agreed to enter-proceed into a Covenant with God. **Exodus 19:4-11**

- God pronounced the 10 Commandments in the presence of the Israel people. **Exodus 20:1-17**
  1. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.
  2. Thou shalt not make any graven image, or any likeness of any thing in heaven above, or that is in the earth, or that is in the water under the earth.
  3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
  4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
  5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
  6. Thou shalt not kill.
  7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
  8. Thou shalt not steal.
  9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
  10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

However, as the people saw (and heard and felt) the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking – the people were affrighted: **Exodus 20:18-21**

- They removed themselves, and stood afar off.
- They cried unto Moses... **Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us**, lest we die. **Exodus 20:19**

**Commentary:** At this juncture when the people of Israel preferred a mortal-mediator (Moses in this case) between them and God, it displeased God... but God allowed/suffered it so. This is akin to a people wanting a mortal-king instead of having God be the King in their midst as their protector: similar case when the people asked for a mortal-king and got king Saul... likewise, the Jaredites wanted a mortal-king and got king Orihah. In both cases, God allowed/suffered it so – complying with people's free-agency (the voice of the people).

It should be noted that it displeases God when people choose a mortal-mediator or mortal-mediators to talk to God.

Throughout history, eventually, people were/are misled by mortal-mediators (including Popes, Priests, Rabbis, Sadducees, Pharisees, Sanhedrin, Prophets-Seers-Revelators, mortal-kings). This is the case due to mortals' weaknesses: such mediators have the tendency to get corrupted in their judgments: introducing / propagating / perpetuating false teachings-precepts-commandments-traditions, including using the name of God in vain.

**Very Important FYI:** God always prefer to talk to people (His children) **directly**, eliminating dependency upon mortal-mediators. The best communication is **direct communication with God** (Godhead).

**Very Important FYI:** God does not have a limitation with His communication ability... He is able to speak directly to His children all at once at any given time for any given subject (His Will... Words, Truth, Revelations, Manifestations, Dispensations, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, etc.)

So, it was... the people of Israel refused to speak directly to God. Instead of every household having direct communication with God, a group of men from the tribe of Levi – Aaron and his sons became the priest-mediators between the people of Israel and God. The people were unable to live the Higher Law and to have direct communication with God.

**Very Important FYI:** Those people who do not (or *refuse to*) communicate with God directly, always dependent on mortal-mediators are NOT living God's Higher Law.

Such people that always believe that God must first speak to **mortal Prophets-Seers-Revelators** are ignorant-blind to what God wanted them to progress in becoming as true-faithful children of God. Such people will not and cannot attain the Celestial kingdoms, *for they cannot learn for themselves the Real Truth of the type of Beings belonging to the Celestial order*. The Celestial Beings have **direct** communication with God (Godhead) at all times (*no mortal-mediators!*).

**Additional Commentary:** Take the following to heart... Ecclesiastical-Church Leaders were/are NOT infallible people, although they may think of themselves so highly that they are infallible. By truthful examination of historical evidences (not being blind or ignorant to the truth), one can easily learn the falsity of anyone or a group of men (e.g., LDS GA – Prophets-Seers-Revelators, Sanhedrin-Pharisees-Rabbis, Popes-Priests-Clergies, etc.) making a claim to infallibility principle by virtue of their '*claim*' to Priesthood Office(s). I recommend everyone to revisit-reread the Words of Moroni on Free Agency (a major article in the website: [www.ClarionVoice.org](http://www.ClarionVoice.org) ... please review the other articles as well).

No doubt, the LDS GA consider themselves above everyone else as being the conduit to God's Will & Mind.

**Very Important FYI:** The True God considers the LDS Church as one of the most corrupt churches on earth – advancing a False Religion – the LDS Church is a major Vendor of Salvation... one of Lucifer's strongholds on earth – having a form of Godliness and using the name of Christ in vain. Definitely, in time, the LDS temples will turn to rubbles as prophesied by Moroni... this can happen anytime by natural destructive forces due to God's wrath upon a very unrepentant and very wicked organization / people... due to unholy temple ceremonies-works and false tenets and blind-faith. Therefore, Be Wise and Stay Away from such edifices... You have been forewarned. The time for repentance is coming to an end.

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***Below: see attached info regarding... Timelines – Pre-Flood Patriarchs to Noah***

### Timelines: Pre-Flood Patriarchs to Noah

|             | Patriarchs             | Total Years |      |      |      |               |               |                                                                                   |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------|------|------|------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gen 5:3     | Adam                   | 930         |      |      |      |               |               | Note: Adam died 126 years before Noah was born                                    |
|             |                        |             | 130  | +800 |      |               |               |                                                                                   |
| Gen 5:6     | Seth                   | 912         | born |      |      |               |               | Note: Seth died 14 years before Noah was born                                     |
|             |                        |             |      | 105  | +807 |               |               |                                                                                   |
| Gen 5:9     | Enos                   | 905         | born |      |      |               |               | Note: Enos was 821 when Noah was born; he died 516 years before the Flood         |
|             |                        |             |      | 90   | +815 |               |               |                                                                                   |
| Gen 5:12    | Cainan                 | 910         | born |      |      |               |               | Note: Cainan was 731 when Noah was born; he died 421 years before the Flood       |
|             |                        |             |      | 70   | +840 |               |               |                                                                                   |
| Gen 5:15    | Mahalaleel             | 895         | born |      |      |               |               | Note: Mahalaleel was 661 when Noah was born; he died 366 years before the Flood   |
|             |                        |             |      | 65   | +830 |               |               |                                                                                   |
| Gen 5:18    | Jared                  | 962         | born |      |      |               |               | Note: Jared was 596 when Noah was born; he died 234 years before the Flood        |
|             |                        |             |      | 162  | +800 |               |               |                                                                                   |
| Gen 5:21    | Enoch                  | 365         | born |      |      |               |               | Note: Enoch was already translated when Noah was born                             |
|             |                        |             |      | 65   | +300 |               |               |                                                                                   |
| Gen 5:25    | Methuselah             | 969         | born |      |      |               |               | Note: Methuselah was 369 when Noah was born; he died the same year the Flood came |
|             |                        |             |      | 187  | +782 |               |               |                                                                                   |
| Gen 5:28-30 | Lamech                 | 777         | born |      |      |               |               | Note: Lamech died just 5 years before the Flood started                           |
|             |                        |             |      | 182  | +595 |               |               |                                                                                   |
|             | Noah                   | 950         | born |      |      |               |               |                                                                                   |
| Moses 8:12  | Japheth, Shem, and Ham |             |      |      |      | 450, 452, 500 | 600           | 150 days                                                                          |
|             |                        |             |      |      |      | 3 sons born   | Flood Started | Flood Ended                                                                       |

**Noah was exposed to 6 Great Patriarchs (who had sons/daughters before and after Noah's birth):**

- Lamech
- Mehuselah
- Jared
- Mahalaleel
- Cainan
- Enos

**Note 1:** Patriarch Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, is NOT the same Jared (the brother of Moriancumer).

**Note 2:** Mahonri Moriancumer and his brother, Jared, were indeed descendants of Mahalaleel. They were not direct descendants of Noah and his sons (not from the lineage of Noah nor any of Noah's sons).