

# Yahweh's Messenger & the Exodus

## I. Yahweh's Messenger defending Israel from Pharaoh's Army:

**A. Exod. 13:19-22** (NKJV) 19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you." 20 So they took their journey from Succoth and camped in Etham at the edge of the wilderness. 21 And **the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light**, so as to go by day and night. 22 He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people.

**B. Exod. 14:19-20,24** (NKJV) 19 And **the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them**. 20 So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night. ... 24 Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that **the LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud**, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians.

## II. Yahweh's Messenger Descended to Mt. Sinai to give the Law

**A. Exod. 19:18-20** (NKJV) 18 Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because **the LORD descended upon it** in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. 19 And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice. 20 Then **the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai**, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

**B. Acts 7:35,38-39** (NKJV) 35 This Moses whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?' is the one God sent to be a ruler and a deliverer **by the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush**. ... 38 "This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with **the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai**, and with our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us, 39 "whom our fathers would not obey, but rejected. And in their hearts they turned back to Egypt,

### III. Yahweh's Messenger Led Israel to the Promised Land:

A. Exod. 23:20-23 (NKJV) 20 "Behold, **I send an Angel** [LXX – "My Messenger"] **before you** to keep you in the way and **to bring you into the place which I have prepared**. 21 "Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him." 22 "But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. 23 "For **My Angel** will **go before you** ..."

B. Exod. 32:34 (NKJV) 34 "Now therefore, go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you. Behold, **My Angel** **shall go before you**. ...

C. Exod. 33:2 (NKJV) 2 "And **I will send My Angel before you**, and I will drive out the Canaanite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

D. Deut. 32:9-12,15 (NKJV) 9 For the LORD'S portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance. 10 "He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. 11 As **an eagle** stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, **taking them up, Carrying them on its wings**, 12 So **the LORD** alone **led him**, And there was no foreign god with him. ... 15 "But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked; You grew fat, you grew thick, You are obese! Then he forsook God who made him, And scornfully esteemed **the Rock of his salvation**.

E. 1 Corinthians 10:1 (NKJV) 1 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, 2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of **that spiritual Rock** that followed them, and **that Rock was Christ**. 5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. ... 9 **nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents;**

F. Jude 1:5 (ESV) 5 "Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that **Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.**"

**G. Judges 2:1-4 (NKJV)** 1 Then the Angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: "I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you. 2 'And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.' But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this? 3 "Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be thorns in your side, and their gods shall be a snare to you.'" 4 So it was, when the Angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept.

#### IV. Moses Spoke Face-to-Face with Yahweh's Messenger

**A. Exod. 33:7-23 (NKJV)** 7 Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass that everyone who sought the LORD went out to the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp. 8 So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, that all the people rose, and each man stood at his tent door and watched Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle. 9 And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses. 10 All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door. 11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

12 Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.' 13 "Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people." 14 And He said, "My Presence [lit. "face"] will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence [face] does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. 16 "For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth." 17 So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name." 18 And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." 19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness [LXX- My Glory] pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have

compassion on whom I will have compassion." 20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." 21 And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. 22 "So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. 23 "Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

**D. Isa. 63:9** (NASB) 9 In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the Angel of His Presence [face] saved them; In His love and in His mercy He redeemed them; And He lifted them and carried them all the days of old. (cf. Exod. 19:4 "I carried you on eagles' wings")

**E. Heb. 1:1-3** (LGV) 1 God, formerly speaking at many times and in many ways to the fathers in the prophets, 2 upon the conclusion of those days spoke to us in the Son whom He appointed Heir of everything, through whom He also fashioned the ages. 3 Who, being the radiance of the glory and exact image of His Being, [Yahweh's Face] even carrying everything with the declaration of His power,..."