

The following table is verses 3-5

לֹא נִדְעָתִי	יְהוָה	וּשְׁמִי	בְּאֵל שַׁדַּי	וְאֵל-יַעֲקֹב	אֵל-יִצְחָק	אֵל-אַבְרָהָם	3. וַיֵּרָא
I not known	YHWH	my name	as El-Shadai	to Jaakob	to Itzchak	to Avraham	Appeared
<i>lo nodati</i>	<i>YHWH</i>	<i>u'shmi</i>	<i>b'el shadai</i>	<i>el-Yaakov</i>	<i>el-Yitzchak</i>	<i>el-Avraham</i>	<i>vaera</i>
אֶת-אֶרֶץ	לָהֶם	לָתֵת	אֲתָם	אֶת-בְּרִיתִי	הִקְמֹתִי	וְגַם 4	לָהֶם:
the land	to them	to give	to them	my covenant	established	and also	to them
<i>et-eretz</i>	<i>lahem</i>	<i>latet</i>	<i>itam</i>	<i>et-briti</i>	<i>hakimoti</i>	<i>v'gam</i>	<i>lahem</i>
אֶת-נִאֲקָתִי	אֲנִי שָׁמַעְתִּי	וְגַם 5	בָּהֶן:	אֲשֶׁר-גָּרוּ	מְגֻרֵיהֶם	אֶת אֶרֶץ	כְּנָעַן
the cry	I heard	and also	were	which foreign	their journey	the land	Canaan
<i>et-na'akat</i>	<i>ani shamati</i>	<i>v'gam</i>	<i>vah</i>	<i>asher-garu</i>	<i>meguraihem</i>	<i>et eretz</i>	<i>Canaan</i>
אֶת-בְּרִיתִי:	וְאֶזְכֹּר	אֲתָם	מְעַבְדֵימֶם	מִצְרַיִם	אֲשֶׁר	יִשְׂרָאֵל	בְּנֵי
my covenant	remember	them	enslaved	Egypt	which	Israel	sons of
<i>et-briti</i>	<i>va'ezkor</i>	<i>otam</i>	<i>ma'avidim</i>	<i>Mitzraim</i>	<i>asher</i>	<i>Yisrael</i>	<i>b'ney</i>

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I have changed some references back to the *transliterated* words.

Ex 6:2-5 And *Elohim* spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am YHWH¹. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as *El Shaddai*, but by My name YHWH I was not known to them. 4 I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. 5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant.

YHWH told Avraham that HE was going to send his children to Egypt for 400 years--Gen 15.13. The reason was for judgment and to reveal his might over the other gods of the world. Look at v. 16 "But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." According to rabbinic tradition, YHWH first offered HIS covenant to the people dwelling in the land in Abraham's day. They broke his covenant, rejecting it, and their sins had not reached its climax.

Now it is time to bring the people back home. Ex 6:6-9 "Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am YHWH; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. 7 I will take you as My people, and I will be your *Elohim* (God). Then you shall know that I am YHWH your *Elohim* who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am YHWH.'" YHWH is faithful. HE will keep his promises. HE is not a man that HE should lie. Sometimes though we need to remind HIM of HIS promises.

Ex 6:9 "So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage." Sometimes we will not listen to the words of YHWH because our spirit is in anguish. During these times we need to learn to encourage ourselves in YHWH. Remember all the times HE came trough for us.

1. I place the Sacred Name in the text replacing "the Lord" or GOD where appropriate.

Ex 6:10-13 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 11 "Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the children of Israel go out of his land." 12 And Moses spoke before YHWH, saying, "The children of Israel have not heeded me. How then shall Pharaoh heed me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?" 13 Then YHWH spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them a command for the children of Israel and for Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. It seems that YHWH is ignoring their concerns. Have you ever felt that YHWH wasn't listening to you? The problem isn't HIM it is us. We need to realize that we do not know as much as HE does and accept HIS instructions and follow through on them. Sometimes that feels impossible. We just know we are going to die and so make excuses for not doing HIS will. "I don't believe that was YHWH." Then ask HIM to confirm so you can be confident in your actions. Don't agree with the adversary. That only gets you into trouble. That is what the Amorites did. Look where it got them!

Here are the first four sons of Yaakov. The columns are the family lineage with transliteration and root meanings.

יִצְחָר	לֵוִי	שִׁמְעוֹן	רְאוּבֵן
<i>Yitzhar</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Shimon</i>	<i>Reuven</i>
oil (anointing)	attached	listen	see a son
קֹרַח	גֵּרְשׁוֹן	יְמוּאֵל	חֲנוּךְ
<i>Korach</i>	<i>Gershon</i>	<i>Yemual</i>	<i>Chanoch</i>
ice / bald	refugee	day of God	Discipline
נֶפֶג	קֵהַת	יָמִין	וּפְלוֹא
<i>Nefeg</i>	<i>Kehat</i>	<i>Yamin</i>	<i>Falu</i>
spring forth	ally	right hand	distinguished
זִיכְרִי	מֵרָרִי	אֹהַד	חֶצְרוֹן
<i>Zichri</i>	<i>Merari</i>	<i>Ohad</i>	<i>Chetzron</i>
memorable	bitter	united	court-yard
		יָכִין	כְּרֵמִי
		<i>Yachin</i>	<i>Charmi</i>
		he will establish	gardner
		צָחַר	
		<i>Tzochar</i>	
		whiteness	
		שָׂאוּל	
		<i>Shaul</i>	
		asked	

Ex 6:28-30 "And it came to pass, on the day YHWH spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, 29 that YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 'I am YHWH. Speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you.' 30 But Moses said before the Lord, 'Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh heed me?'"