

A LIGHT IN GOSHEN
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EXODUS 8:20-22, 9:22-26, 10:21-23

When in Egyptian captivity, Pharaoh gave the Israelites the land of Goshen to live in. It was there that they were protected from the plagues that devastated the Egyptian people. In Goshen, they were protected from the flies, from the hail, and from the darkness that prevented the Egyptians from seeing anyone or moving about for three days. There was light in Goshen, when all of Egypt was in darkness.

- We may not be in Goshen now, but we are in Christ. If God protected His people in Goshen then, how much more will He protect His people who are in Christ today?
- Victory over covid-19, and protection from it, can be found in Christ.
- Of course, we should take proper health precautions, but we shouldn't stop there. We should go beyond every natural means and look to God for victory.

I CORINTHIANS 15:57 – There are four thoughts that will encourage us to stand strong and firm in faith against every challenge life brings our way.

1. Victory: Winning over an opponent or enemy. It's not God's intention we lose the battles of life. He doesn't want us to live defeated lives. He's for our success.
 - A. **JOSHUA 1:8** – Here we have the key to success.
2. God "gives" us victory. We have our part, but ultimately, victory comes from God.
 - A. **2 CORINTHIANS 2:14** – Always means at all times, in all occasions; repeatedly. Victory is God's gift to all.
 - B. The ultimate victory we've been given is victory over sin and spiritual death.
 - C. Victory over the world is ours as well. **1 JOHN 5:4**
3. Victory is given through Christ.
 - A. **JOHN 16:33 (AMPC)** – In Christ we have peace.
 - B. **PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11** – Even covid-19 must bow!
4. Ongoing victory is a reason to be thankful.
 - A. **1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18**
 - B. **COLOSSIANS 1:10-14**

ROMANS 8:37

1. This chapter begins with no condemnation and ends with no separation. This verse repeats some of what's already been said.
 - A. Our victory is found in Christ.
 - B. Our victory is pervasive "in all these things."
 - C. Our victory is an expression of Christ's love. **ROMANS 8:35**
2. Summary
 - A. God gives us the victory.
 - B. Christ makes us more than conquerors.
 - C. Victory in Christ is a free gift.
 - D. Ours is an always victory.
 - E. Victory is an expression of God's love. **EPHESIANS 2:4-5**
 - F. Thankfulness is a key to continued victory.

CONCLUSION:

We may not be Israelites in the land of Goshen, but we are children of God in Christ. If God protected His people in Goshen, we can be assured He'll protect us today in Christ.