

“Living in Goshen” Exodus 9:22 – 26

The land of Goshen was a God-appointed and God-ordained place for His people to live during the famine of Egypt. There Israel worked, raised their families and educated their children. Goshen was a land of vineyards, orchards, tilled fields and rich gardens. Goshen was a place of peace amidst destruction, hope amidst hopelessness and safety amidst storms.

Even though Goshen was in Egypt, which is symbolic of the world and the world's system, they were not of Egypt. They lived under a different system that was governed by God, and God alone. The same holds true for us today - we are in the world, but not of the world, and just as there was a physical Goshen God's people then, there is a spiritual Goshen for us today.

GOSHEN IS A PROVIDED PLACE.

In the Old Testament, Joseph is a type of Christ who provides for those who drew near unto Him. When we draw close to God, He draws close to us (James 4:8).

God is ever near to us to provide and take care of us (Psalm 37:25 & Philippians 4:19).

GOSHEN IS A PROTECTED PLACE.

When God sent the plagues upon the land of Egypt, as a result of the hardness of Pharaoh's heart, it hit the entire land of Egypt, except Goshen!

God made it so for His people to plant life, farm livestock and live healthy. The same holds true for us today. God is in the business of protecting His people in the midst of famine, plague and devastation.

GOSHEN IS A PRESERVED PLACE.

There was mass confusion, fear, desolation and despair in Egypt, but in Goshen, God's people lived in light.

Jesus is still the light of the world ever shining in our souls. In this dark and cold world in which we live, we always have the light of God's presence to guide, lead and direct our path.

