

EXODUS INTRODUCED

1. THE BIG PICTURE OF EXODUS

- **The story of Exodus in one verse:**

Exodus 3:12, "And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain"."

Not just about getting out of Egypt
From Israel enslaved, to Israel united around God's presence
From slavery to worship

- **The structure of the book of Exodus**

Getting out of Egypt (chapters 1-18)

1:1 - 4:31 Birth and call of Moses

5:1 - 15:21 The exodus from Egypt

15:22 - 18:27 God's guidance and provision in the wilderness

Preparing to worship the Lord at the Mountain (chapters 19-40)

19:1 - 24:18 The establishment of the covenant with Israel at Sinai

25:1 - 31:18 Laws of tabernacle and priesthood

32:1 - 34:35 Violation of the covenant and its re-establishment

35:1 - 40:38 The building of the Tabernacle

2. HOW WILL THE BOOK OF EXODUS TEACH US?

- Through a **brilliant story**: which is a mixture of commands and narrative
- *Danger*: normalising narrative
- *Danger*: we lose the story
- So enjoy the story! And wonder at the God behind it!

3. WHAT WILL GOD TEACH US IN THE BOOK OF EXODUS?

- (a) How God continues to work out the covenant promises of Genesis 12:1-3 (biblical theology)

What did God promise Abraham?

1. People
2. Place
3. Blessing... to all

How do we find these promises at the start of Exodus?

How does Exodus advance them?

1. People
2. Place
3. Blessing... to all nations (see Exodus 19:6)

(b) Unchanging patterns by which God likes to work (typology)

- **Salvation:**
The Bible's archetypal pattern
i.e. slavery, blood, judgement, rescue – see 1 Corinthians 5:7

- **Relationship:**
The Lord makes himself known
But how may sinful people can dwell with a holy God? (e.g.40:35)
Solution: law, tabernacle, sacrifices, an intermediary

- **The character of God: God preaching God on every page**
Holy, faithful, sovereign, merciful

(c) Exodus and Jesus: the importance of Exodus in the New Testament

For example...

Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

1 Corinthians 5:7 Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast-- as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

1 Corinthians 11:25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Revelation 15:3 and sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

GOOD RESOURCES

The Bible – read it!

Specifically on Exodus:

- Andrew Sach and Richard Aldritt, *Dig even deeper*
- Alec Motyer, *The message of Exodus*, (Bible Speaks Today commentary)
- T.D. Alexander, "Exodus", in *The New Bible Commentary 21st Century Edition*, pages 92-120

Short introductions to each book in the Bible

- Mark Dever, *The message of the Old Testament* and *The message of the New Testament*
- Capitol Hill Baptist Church, *Core Seminars: the O.T.* (online)
- *IVP New Bible Commentary*(21st century edition)
- William Dumbrell, *The faith of Israel*
- Ray Dillard and Tremper Longman III, *An introduction to the Old Testament*
- Carson, Moo and Morris, *An introduction to the New Testament*

Bible overview books:

- Vaughan Roberts, *God's Big Picture*
- Christopher Ash, *Remaking a broken world*
- Don Carson, *The God who is there*

NEXT WEEK: LEVITICUS

Please read the following chapters if able: 1-3, 8-10, 15-16,