

OT SURVEY: PENTATEUCH

WEEK 4: EXODUS 19-40

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES

- In this Series we will be going through the Old Testament books of the Pentateuch.
- We need to know our Bibles from front to back.
 - What implications does this have for my life?
 - What are the major themes in each book of the Bible?
 - How does each book fit within the overall framework of the Bible?
 - When I read each section of Scripture, what are commonly misread passages?
- Each year we will highlight each part of Scripture, both its importance and profitability (2 Tim 3:16-17).
- Specifically, the first five books of the Bible, called the Pentateuch (pent = 5), give us the foundation for how God has ruled and reigned over his creation through the first 2500 years of the history of the world.
- God has self-revealed the account of His creation, the establishment of His covenant with Israel, and the laws that govern His people.
- If your neighbor asked you what the difference is between each book of the Pentateuch, could you help?
- **Class Schedule:**
 - October 26: Genesis 1-11
 - November 2: *Missionary Update: The Streets*
 - November 9: Genesis 12-50
 - November 16: Exodus 1-18
 - **November 23: Exodus 19-40**
 - November 30: Leviticus
 - December 7: Numbers
 - December 14: Deuteronomy

EXODUS IN THE CORPUS OF SCRIPTURE

- The significance of God's deliverance reaches beyond the Pentateuch:
- Joshua 5:2-9 ~The men of Israel born in the dessert circumcised. **And the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you."**
- 1 Samuel 2:27 ~ Reminder of how God did reveal himself to Israel when they were in Egypt
- 1 Samuel 6:6 ~ Reminder not to harden your heart as the Egyptians and Pharaoh did

- 2 Samuel 7:23 (1 Chron 17:21) ~ And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods?
- 1 Kings 6:1 ~ Solomon's temple built 480 years after the people left Egypt (At the same dedication, 2 Chron 20:22 promises that disobedience and forsaking the Lord's statutes and commandments will result in exile. 'Because they abandoned the Lord, the God of their fathers who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods and worshiped them and served them. Therefore he has brought all this disaster on them.')
- 2 Kings 20:7 ~Assyrian captivity because of Israel's sin against Yahweh, who rescued them from Pharaoh king of Egypt. What a reminder!
- Nehemiah 9:9, 17-18 ~Reminder of the affliction in Egypt, their cry at the Red Sea, and then the recent stiff necks and disobedience and exile. Post exile, they remember that 17b-19a~ But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them. ¹⁸ Even when they had made for themselves a golden calf and said, 'This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt,' and had committed great blasphemies, ¹⁹ you in your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness.
- Psalms ~God performed wonders (78), rescued (80:8), declared his covenant "I am the Lord your God" (81:10); and God struck down the firstborn of Egypt (78:51; 135:8; 136:10)
- Isaiah 10:24-26 ~Reminder of the staff of oppression that was lifted up by Egypt
- Jeremiah 7:22-25 ~The need for prophets to serve the people since they were delivered from Egypt
- Lamentations 5:6 ~Assyria now added to Egypt in the list of those they begged for bread
- *Ezekiel 20:5ff ~Reminder from the Lord the covenant he made with Israel.
- Daniel 9:15 ~Daniel's prayer that Israel has sinned, God identified as "O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly."
- Hosea 2:15 ~Future hope promised to Israel just "as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt."
- Hosea 7:16; 8:13; 9:3; 11:5, 11 ~Assyria will be their future "Egypt" they will RETURN to slavery.
- Amos ~Three references to God reminding them HE brought them up out of the land of Egypt. One reference to the pestilence that will come to Israel in their judgment just as it did to Egypt in their judgment.
- Micah 7:15 ~Future judgments just as God did "in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt."
- Matthew 2:15 ~Jesus came out of Egypt in exile (Hosea 11:1) Ex 4:22 "Israel is my firstborn son"
- Acts 7:17-44 ~Stephen preaches about the history of Israel, highlighting the sins of the people.
- Hebrews 3:16 ~ The people of Israel provoked God when they came out of Egypt

- Hebrews 8:6, 9ff ~ Jesus has **obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.**
- Hebrews 11:26-29 ~ Moses's place in the Hall of Faith. He considered the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt for he was looking to the reward. **"By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them. ²⁹ By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though *they were passing* through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned."**
- Jude 5 ~ Reminder of God's swift judgment on those who do not believe, even after being rescued from Egypt. **"Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe."**
- Revelation 11:8 ~ Jerusalem will be known as a city of great wickedness, yet like Sodom and Egypt, some will be rescued out of it (11:13)

EXODUS 19-40 OVERVIEW

- Israel Encamped at Sinai (19-40)
 - The Law of God Prescribed (19-24)
 - The Tabernacle of God Described (25-31)
 - The Worship of God Defiled (32)
 - The Presence of God Confirmed (33-34)
 - The Tabernacle of God Constructed (35-40)
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- Exodus begins with Israel's **grief** and ends with God's **glory**.
 - Exodus is about a growing nation and a God who cares for them (2:24-25) by immanent action (plagues) and transcendent power (slaves freed without a battle!)
 - Exodus is about a hardhearted Pharaoh used by God for his purposes.
 - Exodus highlights God's faithfulness in the first part of Abraham's promise, that God would **multiply his descendants** and bring them out of a foreign land toward the **promised land**.
 - God would **establish his law** with his people at Sinai.

Key Places of Exodus 19-40

- Base of Mt. Sinai,
- Upon Mt. Sinai,

Key Events of Exodus 19-40

- God's Presence on Sinai

- God's Provision of the Law
- God's Preparation for the Tabernacle
- God's Patience with Sin
- God's Tabernacle Built
- God's Glory Fills the Tabernacle

Key Verses from Exodus 19-40

19:5-6; 20:2 (1-17); 33:18; 40:34-35

Exodus 34:6-8 ~ Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; 7 who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations." 8 Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship.

THE LAW OF GOD PRESCRIBED (19-24)

- After 3 months of travel, the company arrives at Sinai.
- Moses goes up (19:3, 9, 20) and down (1;7, 14, 25) Mt. Sinai 3 times initially, to be in God's presence.
- FIRST, Moses heard the reminder of God's faithfulness and concern.
 - "what I did to the Egyptians"
 - "If you will obey my voice and keep my covenant"
 - "You shall be my own possession... a kingdom of priests... a holy nation."
- SECOND, Moses hears from the Lord instructions for preparation.
 - For 3 days, the people were to prepare to meet God.
 - Anything intolerable to God must be set aside.
- THIRD, not even the priests are to approach God's presence on the mountain. Only Aaron may come.
- CH. 20: God gives "10 words" in the Decalogue to all the people. Even Moses is one of the many listeners. God is majestic in power and speaks from heaven (20:22), giving weight to his commands.
- CH. 21: Ordinances and Injuries, Slavery, Capital Punishment
- CH. 22: property laws, miscellaneous laws, and the need to be holy (22:31)
- CH. 23: Three annual agricultural feasts. Conquest of the Land
- CH. 24: The Law of the Lord read, the affirmation of the people. Vs 7: "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!"

THE TABERNACLE OF GOD DESCRIBED (25-31) AND CONSTRUCTED (35-40)

- The Mosaic Law in Exodus had three primary parts:
 1. The Decalogue/10 Commandments – Exodus 20:1-26
 2. Civil and Religious Ordinances – Exodus 21:1-24:11
 3. Ceremonial Regulations – Exodus 24:12-31:18
- CH. 25: First of 7 divine speeches (25:1; 30:11, 17, 22, 34; 31:1, 12)
- The Tabernacle instructions (25-30) and the tabernacle completion (37-38)
 - Representing an Invisible God by Visible Symbols (25:21-22)
- Parallels between Mt Sinai and the Tabernacle:¹
 - The glory of the Lord settles on both (24:16; 40:34). God’s presence among the people.
 - Moses was able to enter the cloud of Mt. Sinai but not able to enter into the tabernacle (24:18; 40:35)
 - Sinai is the start of the new relationship between Yahweh and Israel. The Tabernacle is the continuation of his dwelling with his people.
 - God visits Israel on Sinai from heaven, but inhabits the tabernacle among the people (29:42-43)

THE WORSHIP OF GOD DEFILED (32)

- While Moses is on the mountain receiving the blueprints for the tabernacle, the people are breaking the first 2 commandments of the decalogue!
- Apostasy: All the words which the Lord has spoken we will do (24:3:7)... come, make us a god who will go before us (32:1).
- Leadership: Aaron, the appointed spokes-prophet for Moses (7:1), “**This is your god, O Israel...** (32:4)
- Intercessor: Moses pleads with the Lord to remember his character, and the Lord withholds his wrath.
- God’s Words: 2 Tablets of the Testimony, engraved by God Himself (32:15-16)
- Blame: **the people... are set on evil** (32:22)... I threw their gold in and out came a calf (32:24)!
- Intercessor: Moses again goes up to the Lord to plead again: **forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out from Your book which You have written!”**
- Sacrifice: Moses was willing to be removed from God’s book of Life in order to save His people (32:32)
- Just individual punishment for sin: **“Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book..., I will punish them for their sin.”**

THE PRESENCE OF GOD CONFIRMED (33-34)

¹ Hamilton, 234-235

- Purpose: Go to the Land I have for you.
- Punishment: God would not go with them as he disclosed at Sinai, the people were stripped of ornaments.
- Presence: God meets outside the camp in the tent of meeting, which Joshua is found in constantly (33:11)
- Relationship: Moses desires to know God's ways that he might know God (33:13) and see his glory! (33:18)
 - Response 1: "My presence will go with you" ~ 33:14
 - Response 2: "I will make all my goodness pass before you (33:19; 34:5-6)
 - Moses' Response: Moses bowed, worshiped, and asked for forgiveness for Israel.
- CH. 34: Tablets replaced and Covenant renewed.
- God's glory veiled for Moses (33:20-23; 34:5-6), Moses' face veiled for the people (34:29-35)

GOD'S CHARACTER IN EXODUS 19-40

1. God is Accessible (24:32; 34:4-7)
2. God is Good (34:6)
3. God is Gracious (34:6)
4. God is Long suffering (34:6)
5. God is Merciful (34:6,7)
6. God is True (34:6)
7. God is Jealous (34:14)
8. God is Wrathful (32:11,35)
 - a. Wrath in 7:20; 8:6, 16, 24; 9:3, 9, 23; 10:13, 22; 12:29; 14:24, 27
 - i. Judgment on Egypt for disobedience.
 - ii. 8:16 ~ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff...'"
 - iii. Blood, frogs, gnats, flies, pestilence, boils, raining fire, locusts, darkness, firstborn.
 - iv. Confusion of the army, Red Sea drowning
 - b. Wrath in 32:11, 35
 - i. 32:11 ~ Then Moses entreated the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does Your anger burn against Your people whom You have brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?"
 - ii. 32:25 ~ Now when Moses saw that the people were out of control—for Aaron had let them get out of control to be a derision among their enemies—
 - iii. 32:35 ~ Then the Lord smote the people, because of what they did with the calf which Aaron had made.