

THE STORY OF THE WORLD



Redemption from Slavery (pt. 1)

Exodus 1-12

Main Idea

God brings a Redeemer to deliver His people out of slavery and into Freedom by the blood of an unblemished Lamb.

Overview

- **Chapter One:** Nothing can stop God in making good on His promises to grow His people
- **Chapter Two:** God miraculously raises up a Redeemer from a humble estate to deliver His people
 - He hears, sees, remembers, and knows His people and the Covenant He made with them (2.23-25)
 - See Gen. 15.13-14 where God says His people will Sojourn in a foreign land & come back
- **Chapter Three:** God Calls His redeemer in Moses and reveals His Holy Name
 - I AM: The one who has always been will be with them in their deliverance
- **Chapter Four:** God gives Moses 3 signs that tell God is with Moses and his purpose to deliver them
 - God hardens Pharaoh's heart for His glory and the care of His people
 - Three times the Lord declares that He will harden His heart (4.21, 7.3, 14.4)
 - Six times the Lord actually hardens His heart (9.12, 10.1, 20, 27, 11.10, 14.8)
 - Seven times the text uses the lang. of Gods passive hardening (7.13-14, 22, 8.19, 9.7, 35, 14.5)
 - There are three times where it says Pharaoh harden his own heart (8.15, 32, 9.34)
 - It is contrary to Gods nature to sin (Numbers 23.19, 1 John 1.5, etc.)
 - We know He works all things together for the good of His people: Romans 8.28
 - Pharaoh was not morally neutral: Exodus 9.16-17
 - Herein we see God is using him for His own exaltation
 - Nothing can overcome God's glory and His purposes
- **Chapter Five:** Pharaoh will not let Gods people go and makes their work more difficult
- **Chapter Six:** God makes three familiar promises: Redeem His people, Adopt them, and Give them Land
 - Redeem: Vs. 6
 - Adopt: Vs. 7
 - Land: Vs. 8
 - This passage could serve as an outline for what God is doing in all the Bible (world)
- **Chapters Seven through Eleven:** Plagues:
 - First Plague: Nile River into blood
 - Second Plague: Frogs
 - Third Plague: Gnats
 - Fourth Plague: Flies
 - Fifth Plague: Egyptian Livestock killed

- Sixth Plague: Boils
- Seventh Plague: Hail Storm
- Eighth Plague: Locusts
- Ninth Plague: Darkness
- Tenth Plague: Passover
 - Gods people are protected in these plagues (Ex. Exodus 9.3-4)
 - Ultimate end of these plagues is Gods glory: Exodus 9.29
- **Chapter 12:** Passover: Gods people get delivered
 - Gods people are instructed to take the blood of an unblemished lamb and wipe it on their door posts
 - They are to eat of ALL the Lamb...whatever is left they are to burn (no leftovers)
 - In this plague all of the firstborn that do not have blood on the door posts will be killed
 - This comes to fruition and Pharaoh “lets” Gods people go...Redemption comes!

Questions

Discussion Starter: *Why is it we love stories of Redemption? Is the story of your redemption a story you treasure? Why/why not?*

1. Read Exodus 1:1-12. How do you see Exodus building off the story of Genesis? How does this affect the way you read the Bible or at least the first five books of the Bible?
2. Read Exodus 2.23-25. What is God’s motive in the forthcoming actions? How are we like the Egyptians in slavery? How does God’s reaction comfort you?
3. Read Exodus 3:1-14. What does it mean for God to be “Holy”? Why does Moses need to take off his sandals, not approach God? How does Moses react, and how should this inform our lives? Our sin? Our redemption?
4. What are you learning about God’s promises? What promises can our church hold onto? What promises can you hold onto for your life?
5. Work through Exodus 6.2-8 and describe what is happening. Who is bringing this about? Why is this significant? Do you see any New Testament patterns in these verses?
6. What do the Plagues teach us about God? (see the repetition in 7:5, 17; 8:10, 22; 9:14, 29; 10:2; 7:16, 8:1, 20; 9:1; 13, 10:7)
7. Read Exodus 12:1-14. Discuss the details of Passover.
8. Now Read Matthew 26:17-29. How does the Passover meal point towards Christ and the greater redemption found in Him?
9. How does this inform the way the Bible is put together?
10. What are you taking away from this story of redemption that informs your own redemption?

Accountability Question: *If the blood of an unblemished lamb was graciously given to you... (1) do you treasure that blood bought redemption? Why or why not? (2) Is there someone that you need to share the story of redemption with that they too might be freed from slavery?*