

# THE STORY OF THE WORLD



## Redemption from Slavery (Pt. 2)

Exodus 13-40

### Main Idea

The Lord redeemed His people by Grace to bring them into the promised land that they might worship and obey.

### Overview

- Chapter Thirteen: Gods people are running out of Egypt and are led by a Pillar of cloud by day and a Pillar of fire by night
  - That pillar was understood to be the Lord (13.21)
- Chapter Fourteen: The Lord fights for His people through the Red Sea on dry ground and conquers the charging Egyptian army, thereby saving Gods people
  - The people fear and believe the Lord (14.31)
- Chapter Fifteen: The Israelites celebrate their deliverance by singing and dancing in exultation to the Lord
- Chapter Sixteen: God provides food for them in the form of manna though they grumble (vs 14)
- Chapter Seventeen: God provides water at Meribah; he also delivers them from the Amalekites as long as Moses arms are upheld
- Chapter Eighteen: Jethro, Moses' father in law, helps Moses multiply himself in the governing of the people
- Chapter Nineteen: The Lord reminds the people of how He delivered them from Egypt and brought them to Himself (vs 4) then He promises them three important things in their obedience:
  - They will be His treasured possession out of all the earth (vs 5)
  - They will be a Kingdom of Priests (vs 6)
  - They will be a Holy Nation (vs 6)
- Chapter Twenty: Grace precedes the Law (vs 2)
  - The Law is good because it:
    - Shows us the nature of God
    - Shows us how to thrive in the Land
    - Shows us how far we fall short (Romans 3.20, 7.7)
  - The Gospel is the power over the sin that the Law makes us aware of (Romans 3.21-26)
    - It gives us Christ's righteousness therein justifying us
    - It redeems us from the slavery to sin
    - Through faith in Christ's work we are no longer condemned but free (Romans 8.1, Gal. 5.1)
  - This then fuels us in our obedience
    - The Ten Commandments are the heart of the Mosaic Covenant
      - The people respond by asking for a Mediator in light of their fear of God (20.18-19)
- Chapters 21-24: The Judgments of the Law

- These serve as precedent law in living out the Ten Commandments
- Chapters 25-40: Instructions for Worship
  - Establishment of the Priesthood that would minister at the Tabernacle
    - The Tabernacle would be the dwelling of Gods presence with His people
- Chapters 32-34: Moses serves as Mediator for Gods people in their sin
  - The Israelites construct a golden calf to worship in lieu of Moses' lengthy departure
  - Gods wrath burns against them and He sets His wrath on His people (32.9-10)
  - Moses calls God to His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (32.13)
    - The Lord relents and shows His people grace yet again (32.14)
  - Moses asks to see the Lord's glory and the Lord grants that He see the back of Him (33.18-23)
    - Moses' face shines with the Glory of the Lord (34.29)
  - Moses' ministry points us to Christ who is the great High priest...the one true Mediator (1 Tim. 2.5)

### Questions

Discussion Starter: *How have you or those around you always understood the Law and/or the way people in the Christian faith get "saved?"*

1. Read Exodus 14. Describe the ways the this passage showcases the Lord's grace? What does this tell us about how God takes care of His people? How are you encouraged, or strengthened by these things?
2. Why does the rest of the OT put so much emphasis on this story? How does it point us to the Gospel?
3. Read Exodus 15:22-16:3. How do the people respond to the grace of Gods salvation? How are we often like the Israelites?
4. Read 19:16. Describe the three significant promises made in this passage. Are there the same promises in the New Covenant (cf. 1 Peter 2:9-10)? How might this inform Restoration church?
5. Read 20:1-2. What is the significance of promises of chapter 19 in addition to the reminder of verse 2 coming BEFORE the giving of the Ten Commandments?
6. Describe what the Law is, how it works, and what significance it has for us.
7. How does the Law relate to the Gospel?
8. Read 25:1-9 (note: chapters 25-40 essentially cover the details of the tabernacle). Why do you think God would give so many details for the tabernacle? With all the instructions regarding the Tabernacle and its importance, how does that inform texts like 1 Corinthians 3:16 and 1 Peter 2:9? Apply this for work, play, etc.
9. Read Chapter 40:34-38. Discuss why this is importance for them and how it points us to Heaven.
10. Discuss how Moses ministry points us to Christ.

Accountability Question: *Read through the Ten Commandments and discuss the ways you are not displaying God. (Remember that Grace precedes the Law...let that inform your repentance and the good fight of faith)*