

Sunday Morning in the Word



March 8, 2020



EXODUS

God brings us out to bring us in

Exodus 17:8-18:27

The background is an abstract composition of layered, textured shapes. It features a mix of vibrant reds, deep greens, and bright yellows, creating a sense of depth and movement. The textures appear to be layered, with some areas looking like rough, torn paper or thick paint strokes. The overall effect is dynamic and visually rich.

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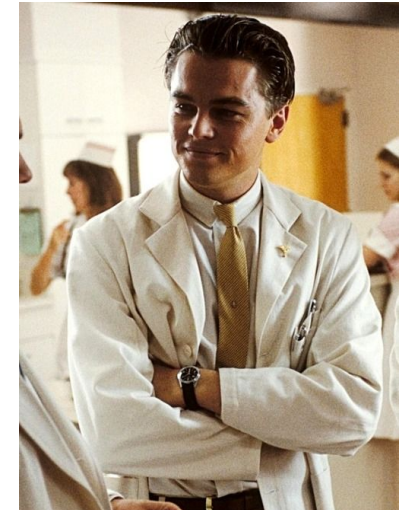




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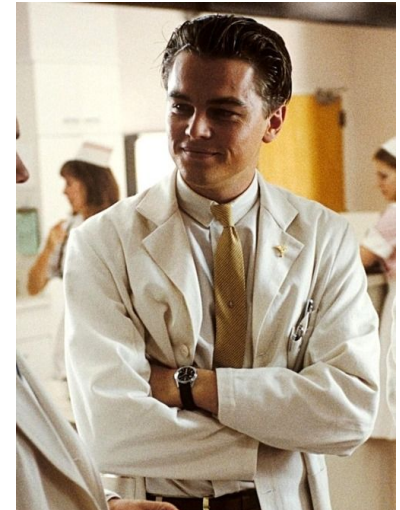
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Exodus 4:23

And take in your hand this staff, **with which you shall do the signs.**

“Throughout our study of the book of Exodus, the staff has been representative of **the judgment of God** on those who hate him, **not prayer**. When Moses raises the staff and touches the Nile, it turns to blood. When he raises the staff, the locusts come in. When he raises the staff, the frogs come. When he raises the staff, the gnats come.”



Matt Chandler

“When he is backed up with the people of God against the Red Sea and the Egyptian armies are coming to destroy them and wipe them off of the face of the earth, it is the raising of the staff that parted the Red Sea, and it is the raising of the staff that made the sea close on the Egyptians and destroyed them forever. **The raising of the staff is not about prayer; it’s about the judgment of God.**”



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God's Prophetic Word

Deuteronomy 25:17-18

Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you came out of Egypt, 18 how he attacked you on the way **when you were faint and weary, and cut off your tail, those who were lagging behind you, and he did not fear God.**

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The Altar Moses Builds (17:15)

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With kingdom hope **unfurled**
No other name has power to save
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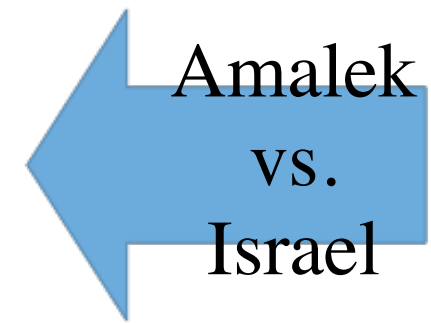
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Romans 1:16

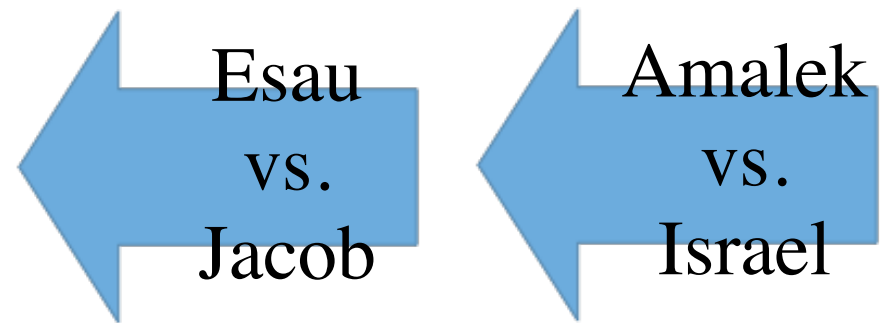
For I am not ashamed of **the gospel**, for it is **the power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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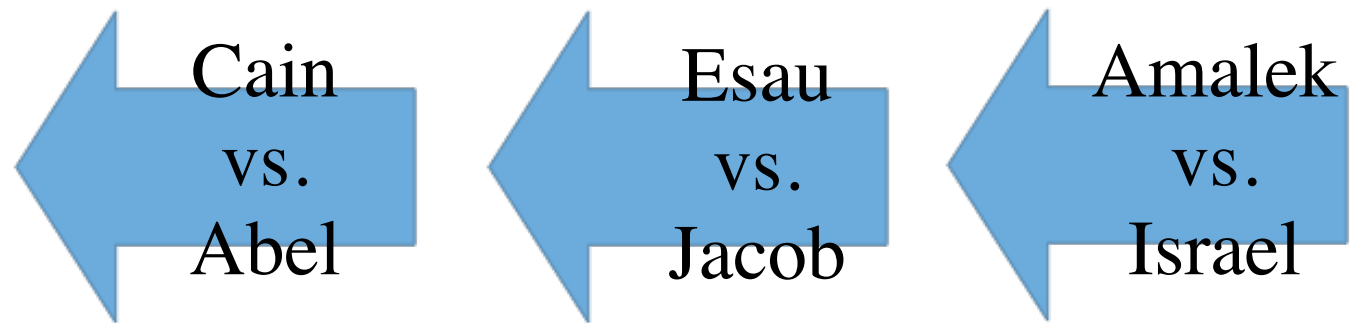
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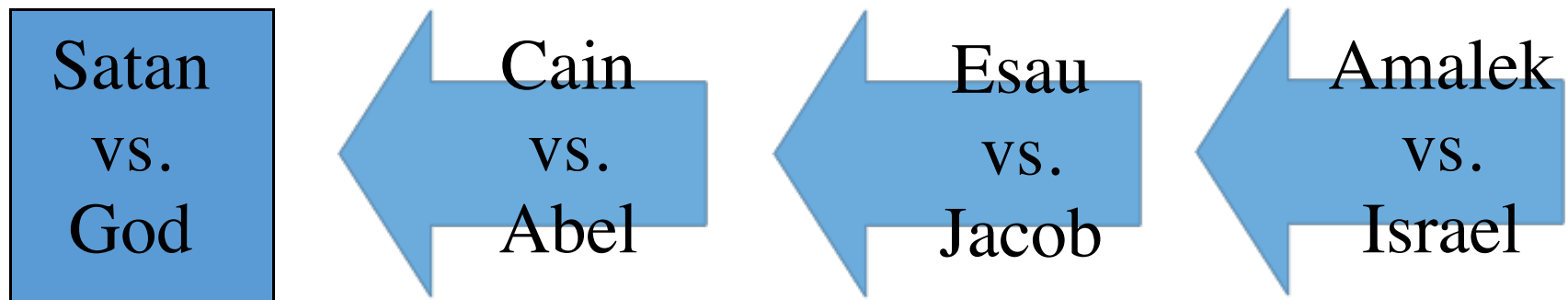
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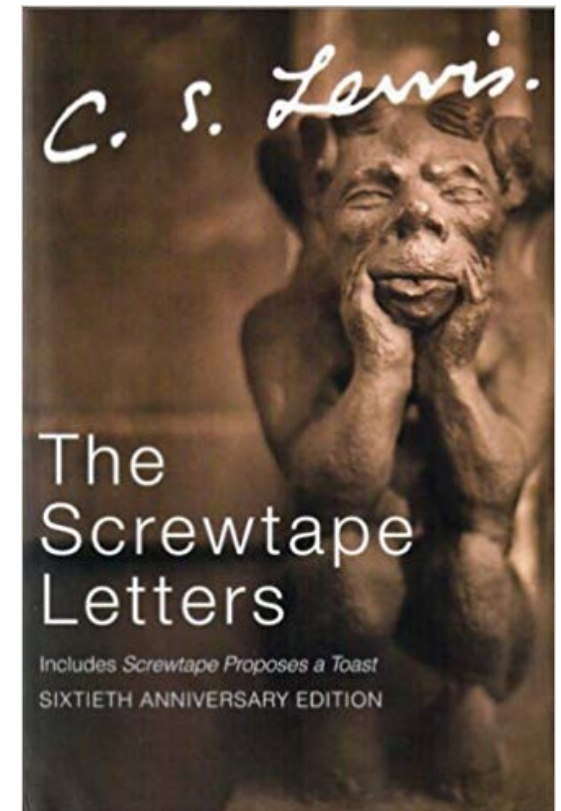




God's chosen people
Israel and the pagan
Amalekites

There is the spiritual
battle raging in the
supernatural realm
between God and our
adversary the Devil.

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.”
(C. S. Lewis)



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1 John 3:12-13

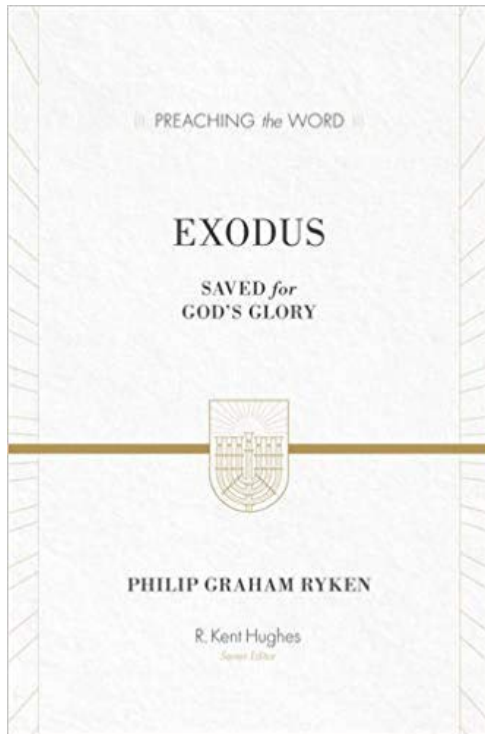
We should not be like Cain, **who was of the evil one** and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him?

Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. **13** Do not be surprised, brothers, **that the world hates you.**

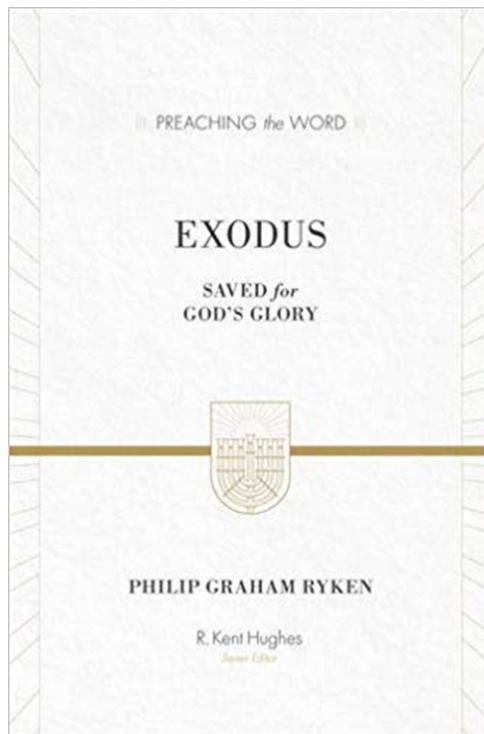
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1 John 5:19

We know that we are from God, and **the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.**



“Israel’s encounter with the Amalekites is a picture of the church in its spiritual warfare. This battle is another Old Testament *type* — a Biblical event that shows the pattern of our life in Christ. The attack was a historical event that pointed to a higher spiritual reality. We have been delivered from the Egypt of our sin, and now we are heading for the land of glory. Our ultimate victory is certain because Jesus won the crucial battle when he died on the cross.”



“Speaking of his great enemy the devil and all the demons of Hell, Scripture says that Jesus, **“having disarmed the powers and authorities . . . made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross”**

(Colossians 2:15).



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Exodus 18:7-8

Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. And they asked each other of their welfare and went into the tent. 8 Then Moses told his father-in-law all that the Lord had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them in the way, and **how the LORD had delivered them.**

Story #2 -- A story of Wisdom (18:1-27)

Exodus 18:9

And Jethro **rejoiced** for all the good that the LORD had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.

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Exodus 18:10-12

Jethro said, **“Blessed be the LORD**, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

11 Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods,

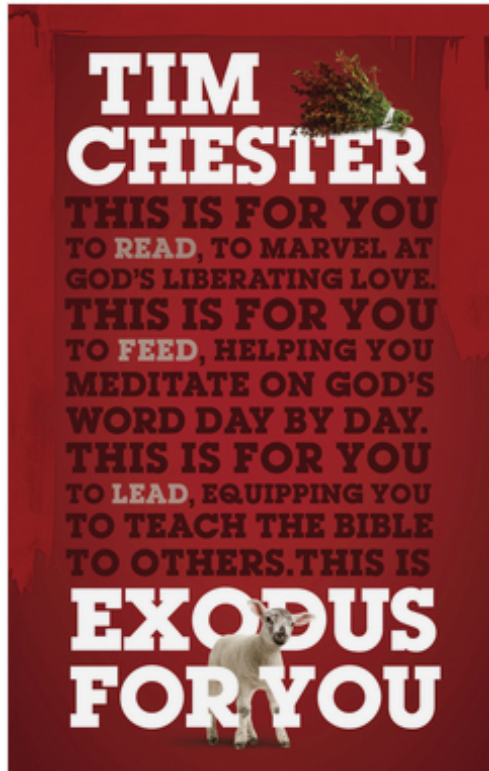
because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people.”

12 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

Story #2 -- A story of Wisdom (18:1-27)

Revelation 7:9-10

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from **every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, **10** and crying out with a loud voice, **“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”**



“At one level, this is a simple example of the wisdom of delegating responsibility. And it is striking that Moses, the man of God, is happy to adopt this wisdom from the Gentile world. But the book of Exodus is not a book on management practice! The story is here because it paves the way for the giving of the law. Israel needs a system for resolving legal disputes because Israel is about to become a nation governed by the rule of law, the rule of God’s law.”





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Revelation 19:11-13

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! **The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True**, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. **12** His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. **13** He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and **the name by which he is called is The Word of God.**

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Revelation 19:14-16

And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. **15** From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. **16** On his robe and on his thigh **he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.**

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Revelation 19:19

And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army.

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Revelation 19:20-21

And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. **21 And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse,** and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.



Are you numbered among the enemies of God? Or are you now a member of God's chosen, God's covenant people, the Church of Jesus Christ?



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