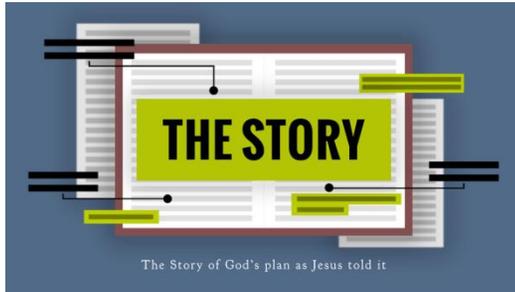


Follow-Up for Gospel Communities Week of Oct 14



Key passages: Ex 19:1-6, Deut 30:1-10, 18:15-19

The Nation of Israel: Moses (A Kingdom of Priests)

For 400 years the enslaved Israelites were beaten, abused, and hopeless in Egypt. But near the end of that time the people cried out to God for a deliverer. So God raised up a mighty deliverer named MOSES. Moses went and told Pharaoh, that God says, 'let my people go!' Pharaoh didn't listen so God sent plagues. The Egyptians worshiped frogs so God gave them frogs. They worshiped the river so God turned the river into blood. All the plagues were related to their gods. God brought about the plagues for 3 reasons: to convince Pharaoh to let the Israelites go, to convince Israel to follow Moses, and to expose their gods as false gods. For the last plague God promised to spare those who would put the blood of a lamb on the door frame of their house. All who trusted God's word were spared from the last plague which took the life of every first born. The Egyptians finally released the Israelites and Moses led the nation of Israel out of Egypt. God parted the red sea so they could escape Pharaoh's army, drowning the Egyptians and setting Israel free at last.

Moses then led them south to Mt Sinai. At Mt Sinai Israel is formerly made into a nation by God. He gave them the law which was essentially their constitution. The law had three divisions: civil, ceremonial, and moral. The moral laws are the 10 commandments which are really the first principles of the law. God forms the entire law, all 613 laws, into a covenant with Israel. The essence was this if they obey the law they will be blessed, if they disobey they will be cursed: In other words, God's presence, protection, and thier homeland were gifts they could only enjoy through obedience. Obey and be blessed, disobey and be cursed. In a way this forms the rest of the history of Israel, thourout the Old Testament.

Moses then led them just south of the land of Canaan to a town called Kadesh Barnea. There they sent 12 spies into the land to see if they could conquer it. When the spies came back 10 said no, there are giants in the land. And 2 said go God will protect us. The two were Joshua and Caleb. As a result the people question God's character and refuse to enter the land. So God sentenced them to wander in the wilderness for 40 years until everyone over 19 dies, except Joshua and Caleb. Then Moses leads them to the plains of Moab to get the next generation ready to enter the land. Here he preaches 5 big sermons, basically giving them the law a second time. Moses dies and a new leader is raised up to lead them into battle and take the land: Joshua.

Review and Learn the main points of the story:

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1qyJm5EnMc>)

- To deliver Israel from slavery God raises up a deliverer: Moses (raise up arms)
- Pharaoh wouldn't let the Israelites go, so God brought about plagues for 3 reasons (count off 3 fingers): to convince pharaoh to let Israel go, to convince Israel to follow Moses, to put down the Egyptian gods.
- Moses leads them out of Egypt to the (part the sea with your hands) Red Sea which God parts so they can escape to freedom.
- Then Moses takes them to (make mountain with hands) Mt Sinai where God gives them the Law (make book with hands)
- There are three divisions of the law (count off fingers): civil, ceremonial, moral
- The first principles of the law were called the (hold up 10 fingers) 10 commandments and all the laws together were 613
- God makes a covenant with them: obey and be blessed (praying hands), disobey and be cursed (hex fingers)
- Moses then leads them across the wilderness to a little town south of the land called Kadesh Barnea
- They send 12 spies into the land And when they report 10 say no (fingers followed by thumbs down) and 2 say go (fingers followed by thumbs up) The two that say go are (wiggle thumbs up) Joshua and Caleb

- The People question God's character and refuse to go into the land so God sends them to wander in the wilderness (walk around floppy) for 40 years!
- Until everyone over 19 dies except: (wiggle thumbs) Joshua and Caleb
- After their wandering, Moses then leads them to the plains of Moab where he gives them the Law a second time (make peace sign)
- Then God raises up a new leader: Joshua (fist in the air) to lead them into the land

Key Things we learn from the Mosaic Covenant:

1. God made a covenant with Israel, the nation God promised to Abraham, to bless all the families of the world through them.
2. His intention was for that nation to be a nation that introduced God to the nations of the world - "a priestly kingdom & a holy nation"
3. At the foundation of this nation was a set of first principles (ten commandments) designed to guide them as a nation, set apart for God. (Ex 19:1-6, 20)
4. But they would not be able to fully obey the covenant until a future time when God would change their hearts permanently. (Deut 30)
5. In the future a prophet would come, in the tradition of Moses, through whom God would explain everything. (Deut 18:15-19)

Questions:

Does the covenant and the predictions given by Moses seem to line-up with the recorded history of the Jewish people? How?

Can you think of some ways the Nation of Israel helped prepare the way for Jesus?