

Meet God's Covenant People

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Exodus 1

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Why was Genesis written?

- Genesis was written to teach God's people who they were and who their God was and how He works with His people
- Genesis shows the effects of sin on families and God's great mercy in redeeming men and calling out a people for His purpose

Exodus: the divine authorization of Moses' covenant order for God's people

Intro: 1:1-7

- God brought His people to Egypt as promised Gen 15:13-16
- Reminder of God's provision, care & sovereignty: 1:5 Joseph (Gen 37-50)
- God used Egypt to provide for & allow His people to flourish
 - Gen 45:7-11 provision during famine
 - Gen 1:28 - flourish - Israel multiplied 600K men by Gen 12:37

The World (Egypt) Opposes God 8-14

- In a Fallen World things change quickly 8-10
- No longer personal relationship with Joseph who was revered Gen 50:7
- History often forgotten especially over hundreds (~400yrs) Ex 12:40
- The world is NOT our home; Egypt was not home for Israelites Gen 15:13
 - The world is NOT our home: 1 Peter 2:11-12; Heb 11:13
 - Beware of living as 'contented exile'; have you been captured?
- Pharaoh plays race card - immigrants could rebel - fear of those different
- Policies change: 11
- Oppression of God's people causes them to flourish 12-14
- World can't outmaneuver God 1 Cor 1:19
- Our weapons in Christ are different: 2 Cor 10:3-5; Gal 5:19-24

Pharaoh escalates – as the world does 15-22

- World's approach always leads to death 16
 - Starts quiet (kill on birthstool) 16 becomes public (cast in Nile) 22
 - World does not value human life made in God's image
- God honors those who seek obedience to His principles
 - midwives more interested in honoring God than Pharaoh - protected 20
 - was this lying? Commended by God
 - God blessed them for obeying Him not man

Making the Epochal Adjustment

- We are foreigners in a hostile land
 - Gals 2:20; Deut 7:6
 - Exodus given for US - Rom 15:4-7
- We are God's chosen people
 - 1 Peter 2:9-10 - God's declaration
 - 1 Peter 2:11-12 - God's call for our obedience!
- We are to maintain our identity and not assimilate into the culture
 - Romans 12:1-2
- This narrative points us to Christ's ultimate work on the Cross: Jude 5
 - Jesus - world sought to kill Him Mt 2:16
 - Exodus points us to Christ Lk 24:27
 - We are the Israel of God - Gal 6:16

DISCUSS & APPLY

- Why does God ask his people to remember that they were slaves in Deut 5:15? What about Deut 24:18? How would you make the epochal adjustment for us today?
- Jesus compared sinning to slavery (John 8:34). Paul does likewise (Roman 6:16). How would you compare sinning to the condition of slavery? What do we learn from the Children of Israel about the condition of sin (slavery)? Hint Read Rom 6:17-23.
- Why do you think God allowed His people to become slaves? Why do you think He allows difficult situations in the lives of those whom He loves?
- Exodus 1:12 tells us that the more God's people were oppressed the more they multiplied. In what ways have you seen that in history? In your own life?
- What applications can you take away from the incident concerning the midwives concerning abortion in our day?