

Lesson four: The Exodus

Unfinished Business:

We are looking at the major events that defined the flow of history in the Old Testament. To this point we covered:

- The creation and corruption of all things
- The condemnation of the world
- Last time looked at the Drunkenness of Noah and the resulting curse. We saw the Division of the languages resulting in forced obedience and we just introduced Divine Selection. That was the unfinished business.

So look now and let's move ahead.

1. A divine selection was made for God's ultimate solution to man's sin. (Gen 12:1-9)
 - a. A man was chosen - Abraham was not chosen because he was good or godly but because of God's on choosing.
 - i. God spoke to Him.
 - ii. Abraham listened to God
 - iii. Abraham set out to obey God.
 - b. A nation was born
 - i. I will make of you a great nation
 - c. A covenant was given (repeatedly)
 - i. I will bless thee – and how!
 - ii. I will make your name great
 1. The Jews Christians and Muslims all regard Abraham
 - iii. You will be a blessing.
 - iv. I will bless those that bless you.
 - v. I will curse those that curse you.
 - vi. In thee will all families of the earth be blessed.
 1. Mt 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:
 - d. A pattern was **established**: Faith for **righteousness** Gen 15:6.

2. Escape from famine and exodus from Egypt.
 - a. God planned the **Egyptian** experience. Genesis 15:12-16
 - i. **Joseph** was used to get God's people to Egypt – see side sheet on Parallels between Joseph and Jesus.
 - ii. **Pharaoh** was used to segregate God's people in Egypt
 - iii. Divine blessing made the children of Israel **prosperous** in Egypt
 - iv. **Persecution** was used to make them uncomfortable in Egypt.
 - v. They were in Egypt 400 plus years - *Ex 12:40 Now the sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years.*
 - b. God planned the **Exodus** experience. The Exodus period covers about 325 years. It covers the books of Exodus – Deuteronomy. The Key characters are Moses, Aaron, Caleb, and Joshua.
 - i. Israel Enslaved in Egypt.
 1. God people: persecuted by a New Pharaoh Ex 1.
 2. God's Grace – Ex 2:23-25
 3. God's man was **Moses** was deliverer as well a type of Christ. (There are roughly 50 parallels between them. I'll get them to you.)
 - a. Moses spent 40 years as a prince in Egypt (Ex 2:1-14)
 - b. Moses spent his next forty years as a Shepherd in Midian (Ex 2:5-4:31)
 - c. Moses spent the last 40 years as the deliverer and guide for God's people
 4. God enemy was **Pharaoh**.
 5. God's Miracles – Exodus 7-10
 - a. The first plague of bloody waters was directed against Osiris, the god of the Nile.
 - b. The second plague of frogs was against the frog goddess Hekt.
 - c. The third plague of lice was against Seb, the earth god.

- d. The fourth plague of beetles (or flies) was against Hatkok, the wife of Osiris.
 - e. The fifth plague of cattle disease was against Apis, the sacred bull god.
 - f. The sixth plague, boils, was against Typhon.
 - g. The seventh plague, hail and fire, was against Shu, the god of the atmosphere.
 - h. The eighth plague, locusts, was against Serapia, the god who protected Egypt against locusts.
 - i. The ninth plague, darkness, was against Ra, the sun god.
 - j. The tenth plague, the death of the firstborn, was an attack on all gods especially that man can be God.
- ii. Israel in Route to Mt Sinai - Ex 12-18. Main events...
 - iii. Israel settled at Sinai – Main events...
 - 1. The **commandments** of the Law (Ex 20:3-17)
 - a. Requirements for divine fellowship
 - 2. The **corruption** of the calf (Ex 32)
 - a. Ruin of divine fellowship
 - 3. The **Construction** of the Tabernacle (Ex 25-31;35-40)
 - a. Restoration divine fellowship
 - 4. Three fold division of the Law
 - a. **Moral** code – Revelation from Christ _ 1 Cor 10:1-4
 - b. **Spiritual Code** Ex 35-40; Leviticus – Realization in Christ Matt 5:17,15; Rom 10:4; 1 Cor 5:7.
 - c. **Social Code** – Book of Leviticus
 - i. Regulation until Christ Gal 3:24
 - iv. Israel In route to Kadesh – Barnea – Numbers 10-12 Main events...
 - v. Israel at Kadesh Barnea. Numbers 13-14 – Main events
 - 1. Two fold Report about Canaan
 - a. 10 man **majority report** – fear
 - b. 2 man **minority report** – faith
 - 2. Two fold reaction to the reports

- a. The people feared their fate at the hands of the **Canaanites.**
- b. The people meet their fate at the **word of God.**
- vi. Israel renews its journey from Kadesh – Barnea to the Eastern Bank. Num 14-26. Main events.
- vii. Israel arrives at the Eastern Bank - Deut – Moses finishes his work but he misses the blessing.
 - 1. He preached Three sermons
 - 2. He Challenged his successor
 - 3. He blessed the 12 tribes
 - 4. He completed The Pentateuch
 - 5. He composed a Song
 - 6. He **dies and departs.**