

Who Am I?

Unlocking and Understanding the Mystery of Christ

Week One

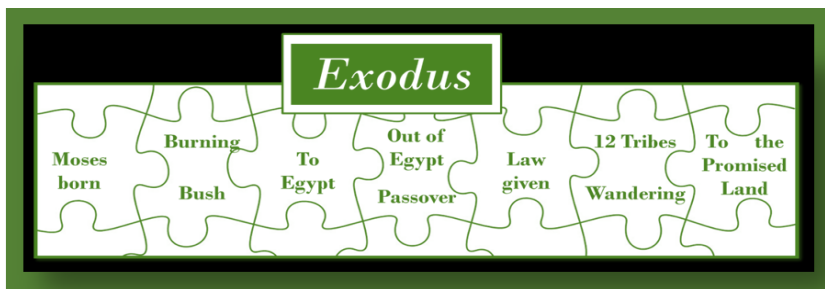
Day Two

Standing On the Promises of God

Exodus-Deuteronomy

“His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”
(2 Peter 1:3-4)

Genesis was the book of beginnings. This lesson will cover the span of Moses’ life which is found in Exodus, Numbers, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy. We will focus on Exodus. Through the Exodus, we see God’s hand of **redemption, provision, protection.** We also see **His presence and His promises kept.**

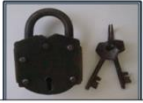


The families of Jacob make up the Israelite people. They stayed in Egypt and multiplied. They were safe for a while, but through the years, a Pharaoh finally took over that didn’t remember or know Joseph. The Egyptians grew to fear the Israelites because there were so

many. It was at this time they became enslaved to Egypt, and there they remained for 400+ years. This brings us to the book of Exodus.

Egypt, the country God used to save and protect His people, has now turned on them and treated them poorly because of the fear of an uprising. Words that are used to describe their situation include bondage and slavery. They are suffering, and they are crying out to God as they try to hold on to the promise Joseph prophesied as he lay dying. “‘I am about to die,’ he said, ‘but God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land He promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.’ And Joseph made the sons

of Israel swear an oath and said, ‘God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place.’” (Genesis 50: 24-25)



Unlocking the Mystery

Promises can sure be hard to keep. As a mother, I was very cautious over the years to actually make only promises that I could keep. It seemed that something that was so important one minute just wasn't that important later on, or something that seemed very easy to do had to be put on hold because of finances or time conflicts. I hated not being able to keep and fulfill promise, so I seldom made them. Promises I could keep were the ones that said, “I’ll always do my best for you.” Or “I’ll always love you,” and “I’ll always pray for you.” Outside influences could not keep those promises from being fulfilled; as often times, it is the outside influences that kept broken promises at the forefront of the mind.

God made many promises throughout Scripture. It’s a mystery that all of His promises come to pass, and I love that we have the privilege of tracking the promises and seeing the fulfillment of them, as well. God made promises that He will keep. Outside influences try to keep doubt and anxiety, as well as, what seems like broken promises in front of us. However, if we settle in our hearts and minds that God cannot go back on His word and His promises will come to pass, and if we settle in our hearts and minds that our thoughts, timing, and ways are NOT God’s thoughts, timing, and ways, we can trust and believe. Then, we can **STAND ON THE PROMISES OF GOD**. In today’s lesson, you will encounter the fulfillment of God’s promises to redeem His people from bondage and slavery, and then take them into the Promised Land. We will work through the book of Exodus to see how the pieces of Moses’ life fit together. If you are wanting a more complete understanding, take time to read through Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, as well.



Understanding the Word

God’s people were put into bondage by Egypt, but God promised He would bring them out. That promise took 400+ years to fulfill. I am sure many doubted the prophetic promise and were filled with anxiety as they couldn’t understand the delay of God’s release. Finally, the deliverer had come. God’s hand was on him as he grew up, but all he went through during those years made it seem as though God was nowhere to be found. This deliverer’s name was Moses.

A ROUGH START

DIGGING DEEPER: Exodus 1-2

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURE: Exodus 1:12, 16; 2:3, 5, 12, 15, 23, 24

The Israelite numbers became too large, so a decree was made to do what?

V. 1:12, 16 1) oppressed with forced _____ 2) kill every new born _____

God's hand was on Moses. How was he saved?

V. 2:3 Moses was placed in a _____ by his _____

V. 2:5 Moses was found floating in the Nile by _____ daughter

Moses was raised in Pharaoh's palace, but one day, he was watching his people do their work and saw a Hebrew (Israelite) being beaten by an Egyptian.

V. 2:12 What did Moses do to the Egyptian? _____

V. 2:15 When Pharaoh heard of this he tried to kill Moses, but Moses did what? _____

Knowing he could not go back to Egypt, Moses stays in Midian for 40 years.

V. 2:23-24 During that long period, the king of Egypt died and the Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning and he remembered his _____ (or promise) He made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

HIS CALLING

DIGGING DEEPER: Exodus 3

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURE: Exodus 3:2, 4, 10, 12, 14

God's hand was on Moses... He was out with the sheep. What did he encounter?

V. 3:2 The _____ of the LORD appeared to him in _____ of _____ from within a _____.

V. 3:4 Moses went to the bush, and who called to him? _____

God identifies Himself. He tells that He is concerned for His people and is about to deliver or rescue them from their oppressors, but Moses questions whether he is the correct choice.

V. 3:10 I am sending _____ to Pharaoh and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt.

V. 3:12 but God said, “_____ will be with you.”

V. 3:14 By what name did God identify Himself? _____

STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD

DIGGING DEEPER: Exodus 4-5; 6-12:30

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURE: Exodus 6:6-8; 11:1-12:30

God’s hand was on Moses as he spoke to the Israelite people.

V. 6:6-7 Say to the Israelites: “I am the LORD, and I will bring you _____ from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will _____ you from being _____ to them, and I will _____ you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as _____ people and I will be _____ God...”

V. 6:8 And I will bring you to the _____ I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.”

God sent 10 plagues to Egypt before Pharaoh’s heart would soften enough to let the people go.

V. 11:5 What was the 10th plague? _____

V. 12:13 What cause to celebrate came from this night? _____

God told the people to sacrifice a perfect lamb and then put the blood of the lamb over the door frames of their homes. They were to stay inside and follow the instructions He gave. He told the people that He would PASS OVER the doors that He saw the blood on, thus not killing the first born child as He struck Egypt.

DIGGING DEEPER: Exodus 16-40

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURE: Exodus 32:1-33:6; 35:4

God delivered 600,000 men, plus women and children, all the while protecting and providing for them. God sent manna from heaven (bread-like substance) and quail. He even gave them water from a rock. The people came to Mt. Sinai where they encountered Moses talking with God. Moses goes up the mountain, and God carves out the LAW for Moses to take to His people. We know it as the 10 Commandments. There were more laws and instruction for God's people, but circumstances caused them to doubt and become anxious that God would not honor His word. God stayed with His people, but He made them wander the wilderness for 40 years because of their doubt and rebellion. God didn't even allow the current generation (except Joshua and Caleb) to enter the Promised Land. Through the reading of the Word, we see God does keep His promises to His people, but they are always in His way and in His time.

V. 32:1-33:6 Just to drop in a piece of the puzzle of Exodus that you probably know of, what act of rebellion did the Israelite people demonstrate while Moses was on the mountain top?

V. 35:4 What was constructed to house the presence of God? _____

The people constantly grumbled and complained about the hardships they faced, yet constantly neglected to remember where God had brought them from and where He was taking them to. He was protecting them and providing for their needs, and yet, they were a rebellious people. This caused God to lead them into the WILDERNESS WANDERINGS. The book of Numbers describes their time there.

The book of Leviticus outlines, in more detail, the Law and God's instructions. The book of Deuteronomy prepares the people to enter into the Promised Land by way of their new leader, Joshua. It repeats much of what you learned in the previous books because it had to prepare a new generation.

Jesus came at just the right time Scripture says. Moses was a foreshadowing of the Messiah to come. As infants, each was hunted to be killed. Each had a wilderness time. Each was hand-picked by God to redeem His people from the bondage of slavery. To the New Testament believer, Egypt represents the enemy, and slavery represents the bondage of sin. Jesus came to deliver us out of that bondage, and to this day, we continue to stand on the promise of God that Jesus will be coming back to take us to heaven... to the Promised Land.

