

Introducing Exodus

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BRAINSTORM AROUND TABLES

- 1) List the five most important things that happen in the book of Exodus
- 2) If you had to choose just one thing that Exodus was all about, what would it be?

A 14-word summary

ENGLISH

Beatings Bush
Plagues Passover
Water Whingeing
Father-in-law Fear
Case-Law Covenant
Tabernacle
Calf Cleft
Tabernacle

XHOSA

Ukuxhaphaza Ityholo
Izibetho Pasika
Ulwandle Ukukhalaza
Utata womkakhe Uloyiko
Imithetho Umnqophiso
Umnquba
Ithole Umqolomba
Umnquba

AFRIKAANS

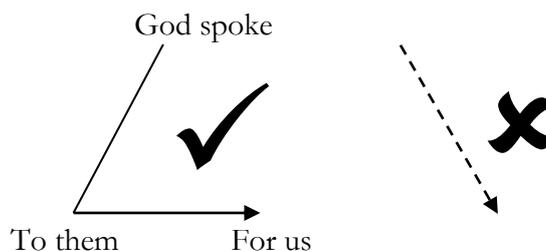
Loesing Bos
Plae Pasga
Water Kla
Skoon-pa Vrees
Wet Verbond
Tent van God
Kalf Spleet
Tent van God

What has Exodus got to do with me?

“I have never seen a burning bush, have never suffered a plague of boils (even as a seventeen-year-old the acne wasn’t *that* bad), have never parted my bathwater and walked through the middle, have never been to Mount Sinai, let alone heard God speaking from thunder on the top of it, and have never been even remotely tempted to worship an animal made from melted-down earrings. What possible relevance does the book of Exodus have to me?”

Romans 15:4 – it is for me.

But beware the “direct” application.



PRINCIPLE ONE: God is the Same

At the Bush, God reveals his name – “I AM” or “Yahweh” or “LORD”

- it’s about keeping his promises
- it’s about salvation and judgment
- it’s going to be seen in action

DISCUSS AROUND TABLES

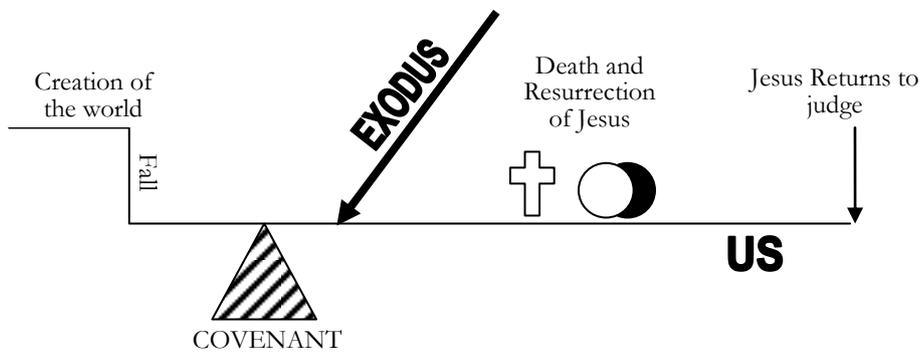
Look up these verses in context – 7:3-5, 17-18; 8:10-11; 9:13-16; 10:1-2 – asking the following questions:

- 1) How does God reveal his name?
- 2) To whom is this revelation directed?
- 3) What do we learn about God's character?

In the Song, God's name is celebrated (15:1-21)

At the mountain God's name is the reason for a second chance (34:6-7)

PRINCIPLE TWO: God's promises are the backbone of the Bible's Big Story



During the beatings, God is faithful to his Covenant behind the scenes

- 3:22 ⇒ 12:36
- 3:12 ⇒ 19:17

At Sinai, God establishes his covenant

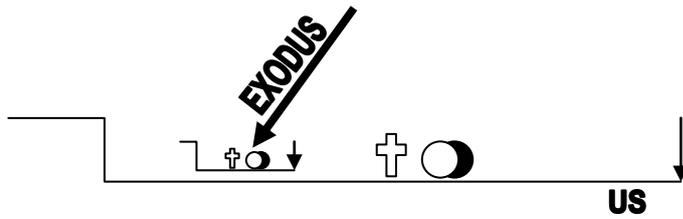
- with an already-saved people
- whom he wants to serve him

In the calf, God's people break his covenant

- Jesus brings in a better covenant (Hebrews 8)
- But nonetheless we should heed the warning not to break his covenant (1 Corinthians 10)

PRINCIPLE THREE: THE OLD TESTAMENT CONTAINS TYPES AND SHADOWS

They were slaves ⇒ but were redeemed ⇒ to be God's people ⇒ awaiting the Promised Land
We were slaves ⇒ but were redeemed ⇒ to be God's people ⇒ awaiting the Promised Land



A Typological Person: Moses

- an ordinary Christian?
- a church leader?
- Jesus?

A Typological Event: The Passover

DISCUSS AROUND TABLES

What casts the shadow? Look up the following verses

- 1) Mark 14:1, 12-25; John 13:1
- 2) John 19:36 quoting Exodus 12:46
- 3) And if it still isn't obvious ... 1 Corinthians 5:7!

A Typological Place: The Tabernacle

- In Exodus
- Today?
- In heaven (Hebrews 8-9)