

Pln 04 - **Exodus & Redemption - Exodus 1-12**

In our **last msg** - we saw the **Scarlett Thread of Redemption**
drawn from **Noah** to **Abraham**

God chose Abraham - Made Unilateral Covenant w/ him

To **Make** a **Great Nation** out of Him

To **Place** this Nation in the **Promised Land** - &

To **Bless** all the **Earth** Thru **Abraham** (Jesus Christ)

& in **GENESIS 17:7-8** - God made a **Personal, Relational,**
Everlasting Covenant **PROMISE** to **Abraham** & his descendants

"I will be your God, & you will be my people"

Today we will **see more** - Of **what THAT means**

Today we look at the **LARGEST Act** of **Redemption** this world
has **ever seen** - & **SECOND ONLY** to the **Cross** of **Jesus Christ**

The Redemption of the **Nation of Israel** in **Exodus**
& the **Cross of Jesus Christ** . . .

Are **SO CLEARLY Tied together** in **God's Plan of Redemption**
That it would **seem** almost **impossible** to **MISS IT**

Let's Pray

We **ended** last week by **briefly introducing** the **Patriarch's** of Israel:
ABRAHAM - His Son **ISAAC** - & His Grandson **JACOB**

& **after** an **incredible Wrestling Match** w/ God In **GEN 32**
God **Changes Jacob's Name** - to **ISRAEL**

& Israel (Abraham's Grandson) went on to have 12 sons
& those 12 sons became the 12 Tribes of Israel

& from GEN 37 TO 50 - we see the Story
of Israel's "Favorite" son - JOSEPH

& that "Favorite Son" thing got Joseph
sold into slavery by his jealous brothers

& God used that - & many other UN-JUST Circumstances
To ultimately put Joseph 2nd in command in Egypt

& when a Famine hit the Promised land of Canaan - Joseph brought
the sons of Israel & their families into Egypt to survive the Famine

Joseph placed them in a lush land in Egypt called Goshen
& they multiplied - LIKE RABBITS

Exodus 1:7 (ESV)

7 But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

In fact - Egypt became SO FILLED With Israelites . . .

That a Subsequent King of Egypt - Who did not Know JOSEPH
Became Extremely INTIMIDATED by these "Multiplying Israelites"

Exodus 1:8–14 (ESV)

8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

9 And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us.

10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them . . .

11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens . . .

12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel.

**13 So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves
14 and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.**

WAIT a MINUTE - I thought we were going to see that God Was the Israelite's God - & they Were His people

**How could he allow anything to be hard or painful for His people?
Isn't God supposed to make our lives BETTER, & EASIER?**

**Guys - What God HAS promised - is to be WITH YOU
IN your Trials & Tribulations**

**NOT to Remove them from you - But to Carry you thru them
UNTIL the day that he FREES you - from this FALLEN World**

& that day IS coming for Israel - But First - MORE Tribulation

**In EXO 1:15-21 - The Pharaoh commands the midwives
to KILL all male babies of the Israelites**

But they refuse out of FEAR of God

But then - in Exodus 1:22 we read (ESV)

22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

& it's actually - from THIS Very Command - that we MEET - MOSES

When Moses was born - his mother put him in a basket & placed him in the river - hoping against hope - he would survive

Down-river the Pharaoh's own daughter saw the basket

& DREW MOSES OUT of the river
JUST AS GOD would DRAW Israel OUT of Slavery in Egypt

Moses' NAME means (coincidentally) - TO DRAW OUT

& THEN - The Pharaoh's Daughter RANDOMLY Picks an Israelite to care for the baby - & it HAPPENS to be - Moses' OWN Mother

& So - Moses was raised in the house of the Pharaoh of Egypt
But God kept Moses' heart Connected to his people, Israel

One day (still in Gen 2) Moses tried to defend an Israelite who was being beaten - & Moses ended up killing the Egyptian

But instead of becoming a HERO
The Israelites questioned Moses' Motives

Pharaoh found out about it all - & Moses FLED to the wilderness

& it was there - on the BACK SIDE of the desert - for 40 yrs -
as a SHEPHERD - Moses learned how to lead God's people

For 40 years, alone in the desert tending sheep - God prepared Moses to lead the Greatest Act of Redemption ever seen
(*up to the point in history*)

It had been 430 YRS since the 12 sons of Israel came into Egypt to Avoid the Famine in the Promised Land

They'd experienced incredible hardship, extreme slavery, and death

They had given up All Hope - They had Relegated themselves to being Slaves to Egypt - & then Dying

But God - Was STILL keeping His promise
CONTRARY to Everything His people could see

& if you BELONG to God Today - God is STILL keeping
His Promise to YOU - CONTRARY to Everything YOU can see

In FACT - God had already told Abraham
THIS was exactly HOW it was going to work out

Back in GEN 15:13 God told Abraham - his descendants
would be SLAVES in a foreign land - for 400 Yrs . . .

BUT THEN - in the Very Next Vs - Genesis 15:14 (ESV)
14 But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

Which is exactly WHAT is going to happen

Guys - This Act Of Redemption that we're about to SEE -
is Second ONLY - To our Redemption in THE CROSS of Christ

AND - this Miraculous Act of Redemption in Exodus . . .

Is probably the most perfect picture we have in the OT
of the Miraculous Act of Redemption we have in Jesus Christ

In the Bible - Egypt is always a PICTURE (Type) of the World,
& Israel's Bondage in Egypt - Is a Picture of Our Bondage in SIN

Just as WE are Enslaved to the SIN - God's people had become
ENSLAVED to the symbol of sin - IN EGYPT

They had NO HOPE - & they had NO WAY to REDEEM themselves

& it's CRITICAL - we see the Connection between
ISRAEL'S BONDAGE in the Slavery of EGYPT
to OUR BONDAGE in the Slavery of SIN

It's important we SEE IT - - Israel had NO HOPE in Themselves
to be Redeemed from their BONDAGE in Egypt

Just as WE have NO HOPE in Ourselves
to be Redeemed from our BONDAGE to Sin

BUT GOD - - - BUT GOD Has a SINGLE PLAN of REDEMPTION

It's going to FREE Israel from their Bondage in Egypt
& it FREES US - from our Bondage to Sin

Exodus 2:23–25 (ESV)

23 During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help.

Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God.

24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

25 God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

The people of Israel GROANED in their Slavery
They had NO WAY OUT - They had NO HOPE

& as they cried out for Rescue - GOD SAW - & GOD KNEW

& if YOU are in Bondage to the SIN of this World today

CRY OUT to God - for Him to Rescue YOU

Because God SEES - & God KNOWS

What God is about to do - is a critical part of the Unbroken
Thread of Redemption - that runs from Genesis to Jesus Christ

& just as God did with Abraham - Again God chooses
to usher in this PHASE of His Plan - with a Single Man
& another unlikely man at that - - MOSES!

Moses was Lit HIDING on the Back Side of the desert - for 40 yrs

At least HE THOUGHT He was HIDING -
GOD was actually TRAINING him - to be a Deliverer

In EXODUS CH 3 - Is God's incredible "CALLING" of Moses
Would you Please - Give that Ch a CAREFUL READ

There's SO MUCH in EXO Ch 3 - about WHO God is
& HOW God RELATES to His People

This is the BURNING BUSH Ch - Moses is Minding His Own Sheep
& Suddenly He's Standing on HOLY GROUND talking to God

THREE times in this Ch - God Identifies HIMSELF as
"The God of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob"

& we read in Exodus 3:7–8 (ESV)

7 Then the Lord said (to Moses), “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings,

8 and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey . . .

& then **God says** to **Moses**

“Oh, & by the way, I’m going to use YOU to do it!”

FRANCIS CHAN points out a **very concise summary** of this text

At this point in Exo 3 - Moses asks TWO Questions to God:

1) **Who AM I ? - That you would use ME (3:11)**

2) **Who are YOU ? - Meaning, HOW do I DEFINE you? (3:13)**

& there’s an **incredible connection** here - From **Moses to US** -
Because **these** are the **2 Critical questions** - for **ea of us**

In the **1st question** - Moses is **rightly questioning** his **OWN** abilities
Who Am I - that you would use me?

& in **EXODUS 3:12** - God **simply says** - **“I WILL BE WITH YOU”**

Pls Lstn Carefully - We (as Christians) are **NOT DEFINED**
by **what** God **DOES FOR US**

We (as Christians) are **Defined** by the **fact** - that **GOD IS WITH US**

We **DID NOT** Receive a **GENIE**
to **make our lives** exactly **how we want** them

We were ADOPTED by the God of Creation

Who **Promised** to **NEVER Leave us** Nor **Forsake us**

& We are **MARKED** - **NOT** by What God **DOES FOR US**

But by the Fact that **GOD IS WITH US . . .**

AND - He has **PROMISED US** - **Ultimate Redemption** & **Victory**
over this **Fallen World**

When **God says** to us **"I AM with you"** - **My prayer** is . . .

We would **See THAT** - as the **Highest Defining Characteristic**
of what it **MEANS** to **BE** a Christian - - **GOD IS WITH US !!**

& **then** - the **2nd Question** from **Moses** to God is **EVEN BIGGER**

Moses' **2nd Question** to **God** is - **WHO ARE YOU?**

& **God's Answer** is as **BIG** as it **GETS**

In Exodus 3:14 we read (ESV)

14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

There are **Entire BOOKS** written on **THIS VS** !

HOW Can we **DEFINE GOD** ??

HOW Can **GOD CONVEY** to our **Pea-Sized Brains** - *Who He is?*

God **CANNOT Define Himself** - By Pointing to **ANYTHING** in **Creation**
Because **HE CREATED** it all

God DEFINES Creation - **NOTHING in Creation CAN Define GOD**

& so - **God's Answer** to Moses is - "I AM"

It means "I EXIST" - "I am the Existing One - the Eternal One"

"I AM WHO I AM" - Tell Israel - "I AM has sent you"

& **there's more!!** - **This name** becomes the **Personal Name** for **God**
This Name - Becomes God's "**Covenant-Making**" Name

I **don't have** the **time** to **adequately develop** this

So **let me** just give you **TWO DEFINITIONS**

DICTIONARY OF BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

[This is] a title of God with a focus on presence, care, concern, and relationship

THAT is **Defining** the **Personal - Covenant-Making** Name of God

VINES EXPOSITORY DICTIONARY

[This] is more than a simple statement of identity: "I am that I am"; it is a declaration of divine control of all things

THAT is **Defining** God's "**Unilateral Ability**"

to **BRING His Covenant Promises** - to **PASS**

& **FINALLY** - The **Personal, Covenant-Making Name** for the **LORD**
(**used** over **6,000 times** in the O.T) - **Comes** From **this Name - I AM**

& that name - is **JEHOVAH** . . . OR - **YAHWEH**

But **NOW** - We **Must Return Quickly** - to our **Story Line**

But Pls **MARK Exodus Ch 3** - cause **THAT** is a **HUGE Ch**

So - after a little more "PREPARING" of Moses - God sends him
w/ His brother Aaron - to the Pharaoh - w/ a Message

PHARAOH, PHARAOH, WHOA WHOA, LET ME PEOPLE GO!!
YEAH, YEAH, YEAH, YEAH

& what followed - was nothing short of a DEITY SHOW DOWN

The Pharaoh was Considered by the Egyptians - to be a god
The Representation of the Son God - RE (RA)

But the Egyptians had MANY gods - along with the Pharaoh

& so what followed was a Show Down between
ALL the gods of Egypt - & The SINGLE GOD of CREATION

10 Plagues Followed God's Command to Pharaoh
to Set God's People FREE

You can read all about it in EXODUS CH'S 5-10
& it is REALLY GOOD READING (try NLT, etc)

For the 1st NINE Plagues - Pharaoh DENIED God's Command
To Let His People God

& it was the TENTH PLAGUE that WON the REDEMPTION
of Israel from the Bondage & Slavery of Egypt

AND The TENTH PLAGUE - is a Picture - of How God has WON
Redemption for YOU & I - From the Bondage of SIN

& To this Day - The People of Israel
Celebrate the Results of this TENTH PLAGUE

The TENTH PLAGUE - is what WE call - The PASSOVER

It is God's REDEMPTION of Israel - Out of the Bondage of Egypt
& a PICTURE of God's Redemption of US - Out of the Bondage of SIN

Read about the TENTH PLAGUE - That WON Redemption
for the people of God - In Exodus Ch 11-12 (*the Passover*)

Ea Family was to bring a Spotless, 1 yr old Lamb - into their Home
just long enough to begin to LOVE the Lamb

The KIDS would FEED it, CARE for it, PLAY with it

& then - The Lamb was to be Killed - Draining its Blood

& they were to take the Blood of the Innocent Lamb
& put the blood on the TOP & On the SIDES
of the DOOR of their Homes

Read with me - Exodus 12:21–22 (ESV)

21 Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb.

22 Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin . . .

The Blood of an Innocent Lamb was Put on the Door of ea home
In THE SIGN OF THE CROSS (Top & Sides)

& then - Exodus 12:23 (ESV)

23 For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.

in **Every house** that was **NOT COVERED** by the **BLOOD of the Lamb**
The **Angel of Death** would **Kill the 1st born**

BUT - Any home that had the **Covering** of **The Blood of the Lamb**
The **Angel of DEATH** would **PASS-OVER** that home

Imagine the **IMPACT** on **God's People** - When a **First-Born Child**
asked his Father - ***"Dad, WHY did the Lamb have to DIE"***

& the **Father** replied - ***"Son, the Lamb died in your place,
He Died, so that YOU would NOT have to"***

The **ONLY WAY** to Escape this **JUDGMENT of GOD**
Was to **Trust** - **By Faith** - in the **Covering** of the **Blood of the Lamb**

Now - **Let me ask you** - **Do you think** God's **Plan of Redemption**
thru Faith in the **Sacrifice** of **Jesus Christ** - **is a N.T. IDEA ??**

The **ONLY WAY Israel** could be **spared** from **God's Judgment**

Was to **Completely TRUST God's Plan** - That was **FINALIZED**
in the **covering** of **the Blood of** a **Spotless Lamb**

& **JESUS** - **on the night** He was **betrayed**
Celebrated the **Passover** with **His Disciples** . . . (*w/ one difference*)

**Jesus Explained to His Disciples at THAT Passover
That HE was ACTUALLY The True - Passover Lamb**

That the Passover celebration had always been
LOOKING Forward to HIS Final Sacrifice on the Cross

**& He explained to them - That on the Next Day -
HIS LIFE would be the Substituted - For THEIRS
HE would DIE - So that THEY would NOT have to**

**HE would be - the FINAL Passover Lamb
To REDEEM ALL who would put their Trust & Faith in Him**

**As Paul says in - 1 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV)
7 . . . For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.**

**FAITH in The Blood of the Passover Lamb - SECURED Israel's
Redemption from the Bondage of Slavery in Egypt**

**& FAITH in The Blood of Jesus Christ - The Final Passover Lamb
Secures OUR Redemption from the Bondage of Sin - & Judgment**

Hebrews 9:12 (ESV)

12 [Jesus] entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

**In the Book of Exodus - Israel was REDEEMED
From their Bondage to Slavery in Egypt**

At the Cross - You & I can be Redeemed from our Bondage to Sin

**The Night after that Initial PASSOVER
God WON the REDEMPTION of His People**

**& they Walked out of Egypt - With their Heads held High,
& FREE from the Chains of Their Bondage**

**& the PLAN God used to REDEEM Israel
Is the SAME PLAN He uses - to REDEEM US**

Judgment MUST Come - Upon the Sin of this World

**& ONLY Those - Under the Covering of the Blood of the Lamb
Will be SPARED**

Not because they DESERVE it - Not because they've EARNED it

**But because they have put their FAITH
In God's SINGLE PLAN of Redemption**

**If YOU have not Yet DONE THAT
Please - Do it today - DO it Right Now !!**

We're about to take COMMUNION

**& on the HEELS of THIS Message
I pray it would be Especially SIGNIFICANT to You**

**But PLEASE - DO NOT Take Communion
Without FIRST Getting RIGHT with God**

Let's Pray