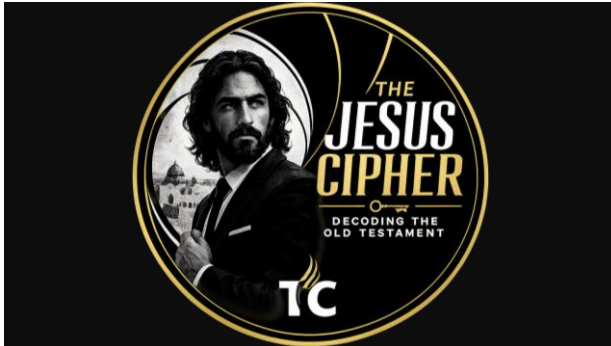




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CONTEXTUAL Information



Israel has minimal knowledge of God . . . but much experience with religion

Israel has no national identity . . . but knows what it means to obey masters

Israel has known only weakness . . . but now are protected by an awesomely powerful God

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A Kingdom Call — Exodus 19



- What is God's invitation to Israel?

"Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me." (Exodus 19:5)

- Language is IMPORTANT!
 - Obey = Listen to my voice and understand me!
 - Keep my covenant = Protect our union
 - Be my treasure = I will protect you like a precious jewel!

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A Kingdom Call — Exodus 19:1-8



- What does it mean to be a "kingdom of priests and a holy nation?"

"And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation.' This is the message you must give to the people of Israel." (Exodus 19:6)

- How did Israel respond to the invitation?

"All that the LORD has spoken we will do?" (Exodus 19:8)

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The Consecration — Exodus 19:9-15



- Why would God set Moses up so the people “will always put their trust” in him?
“I will come to you in a thick cloud, so that the people may hear when I speak with you and may also trust in you forever.” – **Exodus 19:9**
- What is the purpose of the consecration and purification process?
“Go down and prepare the people for my arrival. Consecrate them today and tomorrow, and have them wash their clothing. Be sure they are ready on the third day” – **Exodus 19:10-11**

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The Encounter — Exodus 19:16-25



- Why did God make this encounter so intense?
“there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud over the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.” – **Exodus 19:16**
- Compare what we have seen in Exodus 19 to this . . .
“I will live among you, and I will not despise you. I will walk among you; I will be your God, and you will be my people. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so you would no longer be their slaves. I broke the yoke of slavery from your neck so you can walk with your heads held high.” – **Leviticus 26:11-13**

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Key Take Aways

“I will walk among you; I will be your God, and you will be my people.”

Leviticus 26:12 (NLT)



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What can we learn about JESUS in this passage?



- Israel's perception of God was rooted in their prior experience of religion and power
- God's process for Israel was rooted in their needs . . . not HIS.
- God meets His people at the level they can handle

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Hermeneutical Applications

If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.

John 14:7



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Interpretive Methods and Tools



- What tools/ways of reading the passage help us read it from a Christic perspective?
- How might we mis-read this passage that could give us a skewed perspective of God the Father?

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Discussion



What particular methods or tools or ideas stood out to you from this session?

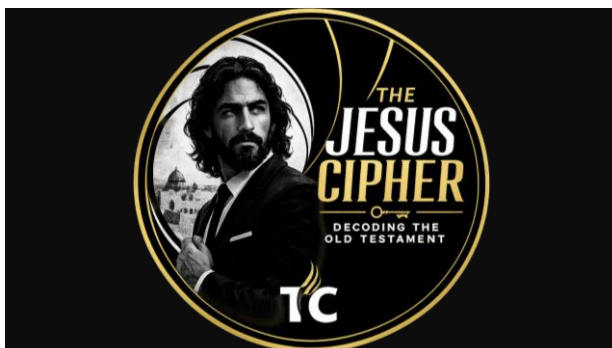
How did this story in particular help/hinder your engagement with a Christo-centric Biblical interpretation/hermeneutic?

How can you apply 1-2 methods discussed in your personal devotional and bible reading?

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