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FROM
SLAVERY
TO
SINAI

FROM DARKNESS
TO LIGHT - THIS
IS THE STORY WE
ALL SHARE, AS THE
PEOPLE OF GOD.

FROM SLAVERY
TO SINAI.

FROM THE BIRTH
OF ISRAEL TO THE
CHURCH TODAY,
GOD DELIVERS
AND DWELLS WITH
HIS PEOPLE.

"I WILL TAKE YOU
TO BE MY PEOPLE,
AND I WILL BE
YOUR GOD, AND
YOU SHALL KNOW
THAT I AM THE
LORD YOUR GOD,
WHO HAS
BROUGHT YOU
OUT FROM UNDER
THE BURDENS OF
THE EGYPTIANS."

EXODUS 6:7

BEFORE EXODUS: A SUMMARY OF GENESIS

The first book of the Bible, Genesis, begins with a description of God creating the universe. Everything He made—from land to light to vegetation to animals—He called “good.” Only when God created man and woman did He deem creation “very good” and complete. Adam and Eve lived in the garden of Eden and had dominion over creation. But it didn’t take long for the peace of Eden to shatter.

Sin entered the world and changed everything. Mankind became separated from God, banished from paradise. Nothing would be the same. As mankind multiplied, they filled the earth and corrupted it. God brought His judgment upon earth, wiping out mankind with a flood and using the family of Noah to start anew. The Lord had a plan of redemption, and He would carry it out.

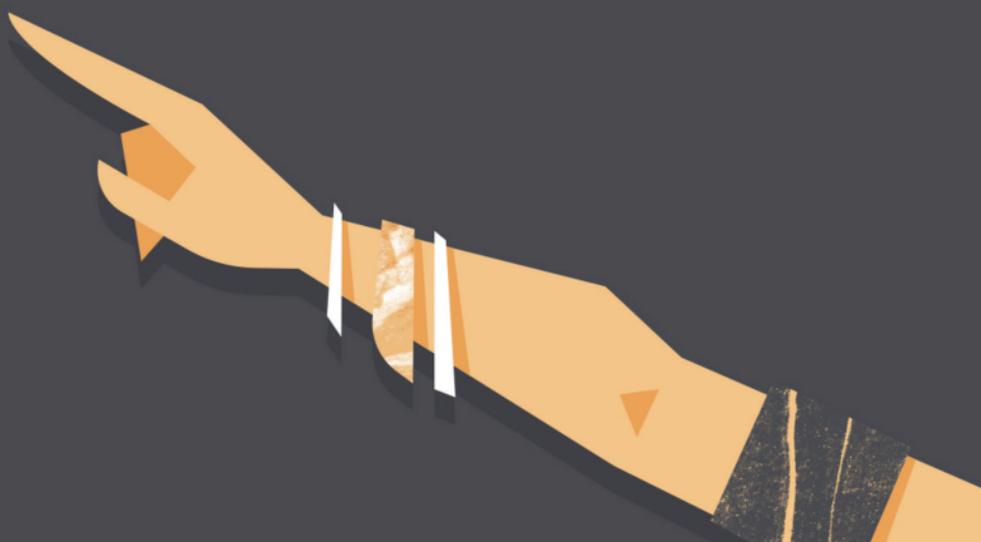
Generations passed, and the father of a future people, Abraham, was born. Abraham settled in Haran, where he received a promise from God. The promise was this: God would make Abraham and his offspring into a great nation, and they would one day dwell in the Promised Land. Abraham then moved his family to Canaan, but when a time of drought and famine hit, he brought them to Egypt. Years passed, and Abraham had a son, Isaac, and Isaac had a son, named Jacob.

Now Jacob had 12 sons, but the youngest, Joseph, was his favorite. Joseph’s brothers, in their jealousy, sold Joseph into slavery. But the Lord gave Joseph favor with the pharaoh of Egypt, and Joseph rose to power in the royal palace. And when famine ravaged the land of Canaan, Joseph’s family came to Egypt, seeking food and provisions, and Joseph forgave his brothers. So the house of Jacob remained in Egypt, and Joseph lived 110 years. But before he breathed his last, Joseph reminded the people of God’s promise to draw them out of Egypt and into the Promised Land.

EXODUS PART 1: GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE



More than 400 years passed from the time God made His promise to Abraham, and the Israelites still had not seen its fulfillment. Instead, they lived as foreigners in the land of Egypt. The Egyptians feared that the Israelites would grow into a mighty nation and overtake them, so the pharaoh of Egypt forced them to work as slaves. Day after day, the Israelites worked in the heat of the sun and sand, the taskmasters whipping their backs, sweat stinging their wounds. But the nation of Israel continued to grow.



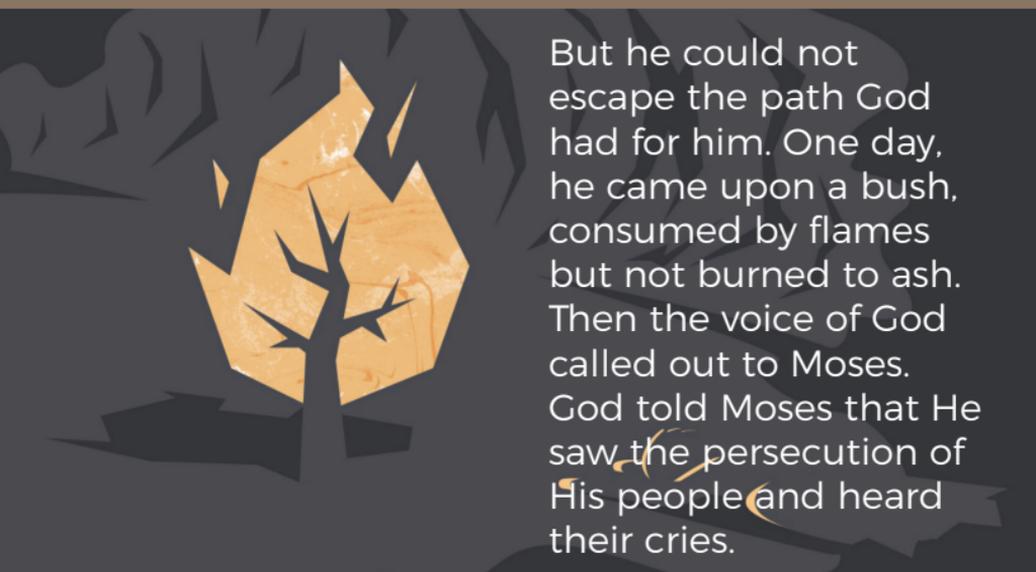
One day, Pharaoh sent out a terrible decree: Every son born to the Israelites would be thrown into the Nile River. But a Levite couple defied this order. When they could no longer hide their baby boy, the mother placed him in a basket and into the river, trusting God's will for his life.



And God did have a plan for the child. Pharaoh's daughter found the basket, caught in the reeds beside the river. She took pity on the crying baby and decided to take him in as her own child. She named him "Moses" because he was drawn out of the water.



The years went by, and Moses grew into a man within the walls of the palace. But when he saw the suffering of his people, anger burned within him. After he witnessed an Egyptian beating an Israelite, Moses killed the man and fled Egypt to hide in the desert.



But he could not escape the path God had for him. One day, he came upon a bush, consumed by flames but not burned to ash. Then the voice of God called out to Moses. God told Moses that He saw the persecution of His people and heard their cries.

He promised to deliver them from slavery, and He commanded Moses to go before Pharaoh, the very man Moses had escaped from. Moses was terrified to return. But God sent Moses' brother, Aaron, to go with him, and they obeyed.



But Pharaoh would not listen. God had hardened his heart, and the king of Egypt would not be moved by signs and wonders. Even when Aaron's staff transformed into a snake, slithering on the sand, Pharaoh refused to believe. So the God of the Israelites brought down plagues upon Egypt. The water of the Nile turned to blood. Frogs, gnats and flies swarmed over every inch of land, and locusts consumed the fields. Darkness descended, blotting out the sun for days. Nine plagues in all, but Pharaoh's heart remained hard as stone. To prepare for the 10th and final



plague, Moses had the Israelites mark their doors with the blood of spotless lambs. That night, the Passover, the angel of death passed through the kingdom, killing the firstborn child of every Egyptian household that did not bear the mark. Not even the child of Pharaoh was spared.

With that, Pharaoh told Moses and Aaron to take the Israelites and go. They were free. Thousands of men, women and children journeyed out toward the Promised Land. By night, a pillar of fire led the people, and by daylight, a pillar of cloud. This was the Spirit of the Lord, who did not leave the people.





Then God warned Moses: Pharaoh and the Egyptian army were coming to recapture the Israelites. When the Israelites came to the Red Sea, they cried out in fear. Certain death awaited them on either side—the sea ahead or the chariots of the Egyptian army behind. But Moses lifted his staff to the sky, and the waters parted. The Israelites passed through the towering waves that stood like walls on each side of them, but the Egyptians—they were swallowed by the sea. God had indeed drawn His people out of bondage, out of darkness, and He would dwell with them soon.



The story of Israel is also the story of us today; we are God's people. He draws us out of our sin, our Egypt, and draws us into His presence, into relationship with Him.

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THE PLAGUES



// PLAGUE Water turned to blood
// EFFECT It killed all the fish and made the water unusable, devastating the economy.



// PLAGUE Frogs
// EFFECT Frogs invaded all the homes and later died. The Egyptians believed frogs to be sacred.



// PLAGUE Gnats
// EFFECT The dust of the desert turned to gnats and swarmed over everything—the Egyptian sorcerers couldn't duplicate.



// PLAGUE Flies
// EFFECT Flies swarmed the Egyptians—the first plague that didn't also affect the Israelites.



// PLAGUE Diseased Livestock
// EFFECT The Egyptian cattle died, devastating the economy further.



// PLAGUE Boils
// EFFECT Boils covered the bodies of the Egyptians and kept the sorcerers away from the royal court.



// PLAGUE Hail
// EFFECT Hail and fire ruined the Egyptians' land.



// PLAGUE Locust
// EFFECT The locusts devoured the Egyptian crops, preventing a harvest for that year.



// PLAGUE Darkness
// EFFECT Darkness covered Egypt for three days, but the Israelite homes still had light.



// PLAGUE Death of the Egyptian Firstborn Sons
// EFFECT The angel of God killed the firstborn sons of the Egyptians but passed over the homes of the Israelites.

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Almighty // Nothing is too hard for God.

Attentive // God hears and responds to the prayers of His children.

Compassionate // God sees, cares and acts when His children are in need.

Creator // God made everything.

Deliverer // God rescues His children.

Faithful // God always does what He says He will do.

Generous // God gives what is best.

Glorious // God shows His greatness and worth.

Good // God is what is best.

Holy // God is completely perfect and separate from sin.

Just // God is right to punish sin.

Loving // God does what is best.

Merciful // God does not give His children the punishment they deserve.

Provider // God meets the needs of His children.

Refuge // God is a place of safety and protection for His children.

Sovereign // God has the right, wisdom and power to do all that He pleases.

Unchanging // God never changes.

Wise // God knows what is best.

Worthy // Only God deserves all glory.

GROW ON YOUR OWN

WEEKLY STUDY PLAN:

Resources You'll Need:

1. **Bible**
2. **North Central Church App** or online access to northcentral.org/exodus
3. **Exalting Jesus in Exodus** by Tony Merida (Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary)

WEEK 1:

- Listen to "Intro to Exodus" message
- Complete "Intro to Exodus" (commentary pages 3-6)

WEEK 2:

- Read Exodus 1-2
- Listen to "The Violence in Egypt" message
- Complete "Redemption and Mission" (commentary pages 7-20)

WEEK 3:

- Read Exodus 3-4
- Listen to "The Call In The Wilderness" message
- Complete "I AM Has Sent Me" (commentary pages 21-33)

WEEK 4:

- Read Exodus 5-6
- Listen to "The Return To Egypt" message
- Complete "Fighting Discouragement With Gospel Promises" (commentary pages 34-49)

WEEK 5:

- Read Exodus 7-11
- Listen to “The Plagues In Egypt” message
- Complete “That They May Know That I AM Yahweh” (commentary pages 50-65)

WEEK 6:

- Read Exodus 12-13
- Listen to “The Feast In Egypt” message
- Complete “The Passover” (commentary pages 66-77)

WEEK 7:

- Read Exodus 14-15
- Listen to “The Crossing Of The Red Sea” message
- Complete “Who Is Like You Oh Lord?” (commentary pages 78-92)

WEEK 8:

- Read Exodus 16
- Listen to “The Provision In The Wilderness” message
- Complete “Wilderness University” (commentary pages 93-105)

WEEK 9:

- Read Exodus 17-18
- Listen to “The Essentials For A Healthy Faith Family” message
- Complete “Essentials for a Healthy Community of Faith” (commentary pages 106-117)

WEEK 10:

- Read Exodus 19-20
- Listen to “The Encounter On The Mountain” message
- Complete “The Ten Words” (commentary pages 118-133)

