

Old Testament Survey

Session Six

The Book of Exodus

Storyline of the Pentateuch

Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy
1-11: Creation 2080 yrs Fall Flood Babel	1-13: God's work through Moses to deliver Israel from Egyptian bondage 14-18: Journey from Egypt to Sinai	19-24: Mosaic Covenant	25-31: Moses receives instructions for tabernacle, anointing of priests.	32-34: Golden calf 35-40: Construction of Tabernacle
12-50: Abraham 300 yrs Isaac Jacob Joseph Abrahamic Covenant dominates				

The Book of Exodus – General

- The Book of Names (שְׁמוֹת) *Shemoth*
- Author: Moses
 - Moses was the only literate at the time (Acts 7:22)
 - Exodus attributes Exodus to Moses (Ex 34:27)
 - OT attributes Exodus to Moses (1K 2:3; 2Ch 34:14)
 - NT (Jesus) attributes Exodus to Moses (Mk 12:26)
- Date:
 - Moses in Egypt (1527 – 1487 BC)
 - Moses in Midian (1487 – 1447)
 - Moses in the wilderness (1447 – 1407) ←
- Covers: 1860 – 1447 BC
 - sojourn of Israel in Egypt to Mt. Sinai

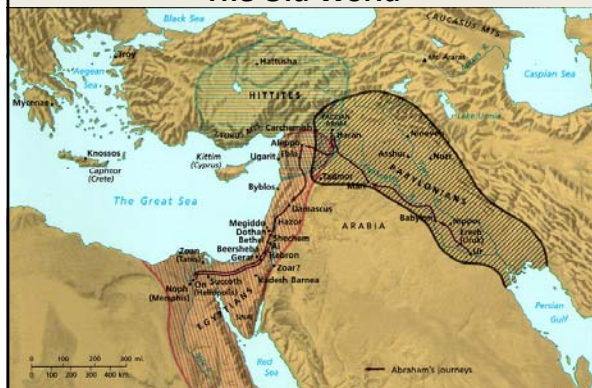
Major Themes

- Redemption and Deliverance
- Yahweh – “I AM”
 - Power of Yahweh (demonstrated through the plagues on Egypt)
 - Compassion of Yahweh in caring for Israel on the way to Sinai
 - Faithfulness of Yahweh in accomplishing His Word
 - Knowledge of Yahweh (9:13-16)
 - Fear of Yahweh (9:27-30; 14:30, 31)
- Moses
- Holiness
 - Moses and the burning bush
 - Israel’s obligation in the Mosaic Covenant
 - The layout of the tabernacle
- Covenants
 - Abrahamic (2:24; 6:4, 5)
 - Mosaic
- Tabernacle and its Furnishings
- Priests

Structure

- From Egypt to Mount Sinai (Chaps. 1-18)
 - The growth and enslavement of Israel (1)
 - The Life and Call of Moses (2-6)
 - The Ten Plagues (7-12)
 - The Exodus and Journey to Sinai (13-18)
- The Covenant at Mount Sinai (Chaps. 19-40)
 - The Giving of the Law (19-24)
 - Preparation for the Construction of the Tabernacle (25-31)
 - The Incident of the Golden Calf (32-34)
 - The Construction of the Tabernacle and its Furnishings (35-40)

The Old World



**Growth & Enslavement of the People
Chapter 1**

- Ex 1:1 Now these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob.
- 2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,
- 3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,
- 4 Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.
- 5 And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already.
- 6 And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.
- 7 And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

**Growth & Enslavement of the People
Chapter 1 (cont.)**

- Ex 1:8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.
- 9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:
- 10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.
- 11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.
- 12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.
- 13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:
- 14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

**Growth & Enslavement of the People
Chapter 1 (cont.)**

- Ex 1:15 And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah:
- 16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.
- 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive.
- 18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive?
- 19 And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.
- 20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.
- 21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.
- 22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

Life and Call of Moses Chapters 2-6

- Ex 2:1 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.
- 2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.
- 3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.
- 4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.
- 5 And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.
- 6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children.
- 7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?
- 8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.
- 9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.
- 10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

Life and Call of Moses Chapters 2-6 (cont.)

- Ex 2:11 And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.
- 12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.
- 13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?
- 14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.
- 15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.
- The priest of Midian (Reuel; also Jethro) seven daughters
- Moses marries Zipporah and has a son, Gershom
- During this time, Israel's cry is heard by God
- Ex 2:24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.

Life and Call of Moses Chapters 2-6 (cont.)

- Ex 3 – Moses and the burning bush
- Ex 4
 - Moses' doubt
 - Circumcision of Gershem
 - Moses meets Aaron
- Ex 5 – Moses confronts Pharaoh
- Ex 6 – God sends Moses back to Pharaoh

The Ten Plagues Chapters 7-12

- Ex 7
 - Aaron set as Moses’ spokesman
 - Moses’ rod turns to a serpent
 - First Plague (Nile turns to blood)
- Ex 8
 - Second Plague (Frogs)
 - Third Plague (Lice, gnats)
 - Fourth Plague (Flies, beetles)
- Ex 9
 - Fifth Plague (Murrain (plague) on cattle)
 - Sixth Plague (Boils on man and beast)
 - Seventh Plague (Hail)
- Ex 10
 - Eighth Plague (Locusts)
 - Ninth Plague (Darkness)
- Ex 11-12 – Tenth Plague (Death of Firstborn)

The Ten Plagues Chapters 7-12 (cont.)

- 1 – Nile turns to blood *Vs. Nilus, sacred river god*
- 2 – Frogs *Hekt, god of reproduction*
- 3 – Lice, gnats *Seb, god of earth*
- 4 – Flies, beetles *Khephera, sacred scarab*
- 5 – Murrain on cattle *Apis & Hathor, sacred bull & cow*
- 6 – Boils on man & beast *Typhon, evil-eye god*
- 7 – Hail *Shu, god of atmosphere*
- 8 – Locusts *Serapis, protector from locusts*
- 9 – Darkness *Ra, sacred sun god*
- 10 – Death of Firstborn *Ptah, god of life*

Exodus and Journey to Sinai Chapters 13-18

- Ex 12 – Israel departs from Egypt
- Ex 13 – God leads them (pillar of smoke by night & fire by night)
- Ex 14 – Passage through the Red Sea
- Ex 15 – Praises to murmurings
- Ex 16 – Quails and manna
- Ex 17
 - Water from a struck rock in Rephidim
 - Amalekites attack (Joshua)
- Ex 18
 - Zipporah, Gershom, Eliezer
 - Jethro advises Moses



**The Giving of the Law
Chapters 19-24**

- Ex 19 – Consecration of the people
- Ex 20 – Ten Commandments (special guidance)
- Ex 21 – Laws concerning slavery and personal injury
- Ex 22 – Laws concerning theft, property damage, and personal actions
- Ex 23 – Laws concerning obligations, the Sabbath, and conquest
- Ex 24 – Covenant ratified

**The Tabernacle Preparation
Chapters 25-31**

- Ex 25-27 – Materials for the Tabernacle
- Ex 28 – Priestly Garments
- Ex 29 – Priests Consecrated
- Ex 30 – More Tabernacle Items
- Ex 31 – Workmen & Sabbath

**The Golden Calf Incident
Chapters 32-34**

- Ex 32
 - The people become restless
 - Aaron forms a golden calf
 - Moses intercedes for them
- Ex 33
 - The people repent
 - Moses sees God’s glory
- Ex 34
 - Moses gets new tablets
 - Moses’ face shined

**The Tabernacle Construction
Chapters 35-40**

- Ex 35 – Prelude to building the tabernacle
- Ex 36
 - The people’s offering
 - Curtains, boards, and vail made
- Ex 37 – Ark and table made
- Ex 38 – Brass altar, laver, and court made
- Ex 39 – Garments for Aaron made (Moses inspects)
- Ex 40 – Tabernacle erected (God fills)

Form of the Mosaic Covenant

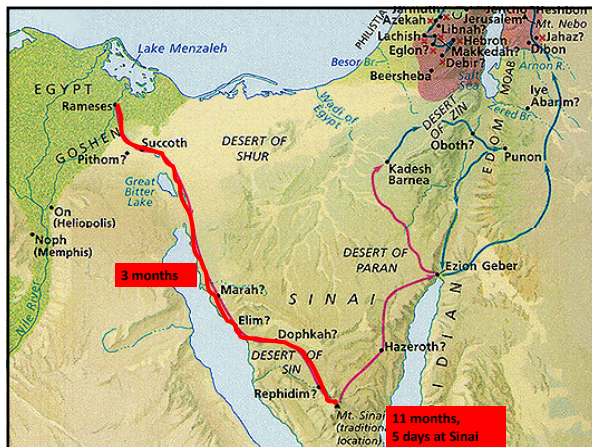
Historical Prologue	Exod 19:1-4
Preamble	Exod 19:5-6
Stipulations	Exod 20:3-23:19
Provision for Reading	Exod 24:4-7
Blessings & Curses	Exod 23:20-33; Lev 26

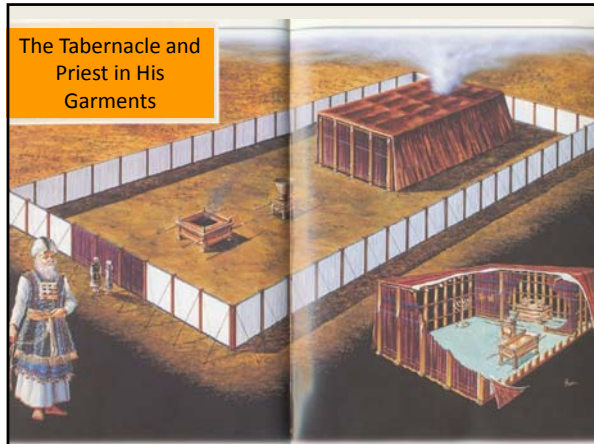
Relationship of the Mosaic Covenants to the Other Covenants

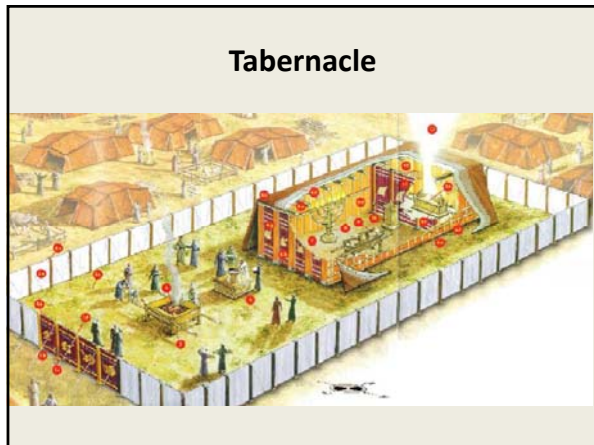
- The Mosaic Covenant was the constitution for the nation of Israel, governing the relationship between God and His elect nation.
- It was the means by which the promises of the **Abrahamic Covenant** would be fulfilled.
- The **Deuteronomic Covenant** is in essence a renewal of the Mosaic Covenant with the new generation of Israelites.
- The king provided for in the **Davidic Covenant** was responsible to conduct his rule in accordance with the principles of the Mosaic Covenant.
- And even the **New Covenant** states that the Law of God will be put within the descendants of Abraham and written upon their hearts (Jer 31:33).

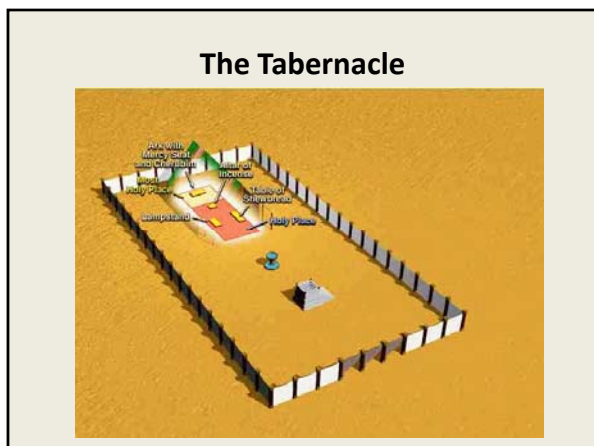
Later Commentary on the Mosaic Covenant in Scripture

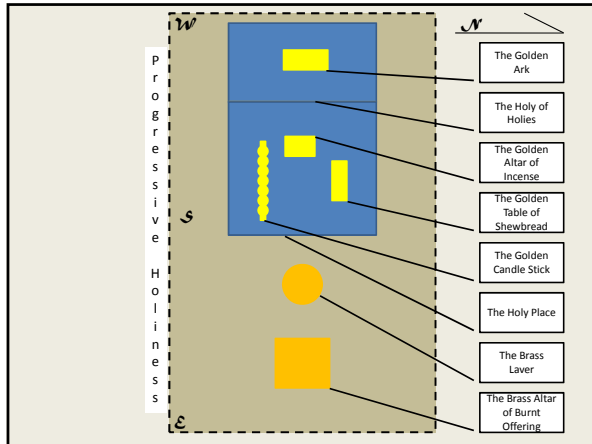
- After the book of Deuteronomy, in which the Mosaic Covenant is renewed with a new generation of Israelites, much of the remainder of the OT is largely a commentary on Israel's lack of fidelity to the covenant God made with her at Sinai.
 - The historical books provide the record of this infidelity.
 - A number of the Psalms lament it.
 - The Prophets seek to call Israel to repent of it and return to her God.
- In the NT, much of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is a clarification of the true meaning of the stipulations of the covenant (Matt 5:17-19), in contrast to the teaching of the Pharisees.













The Ten Commandments

Godward

- Thou shalt have no other gods
- Thou shalt have no graven images
- Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain
- Thou shalt remember the Sabbath, keep it holy

Uward

- Thou shalt honor father and mother
- Thou shalt not kill
- Thou shalt not commit adultery
- Thou shalt not steal
- Thou shalt not bear false witness
- Thou shalt not covet ...

The Hardening of Pharaoh's Heart

- God prophetically states that He will (4:21; 7:3)
- Pharaoh hardens:
 - 7:13 after his magicians do their rod to serpent illusion
 - 8:15 after the frogs are removed
 - 8:19 after the lice
 - 8:32 after the beetles
 - 9:7 after the murrain
- The Lord hardened:
 - 9:12 after the boils
- Pharaoh hardened:
 - 9:35 after the hail
- The Lord hardened:
 - 10:1 "I have hardened..."
 - 10:20 after the locusts
 - 10:27 after the sun smitten
 - 11:10 The Lord hardened
 - 14:4 "I will harden..."
 - 14:8 "I hardened..."
 - 14:17 "I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians..."

The Hardening of Pharaoh's Heart

Proverbs 16

- 1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.
- 3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.
- 9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

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End Session Six

Question Time!
