The Birth of the Covenant Nation

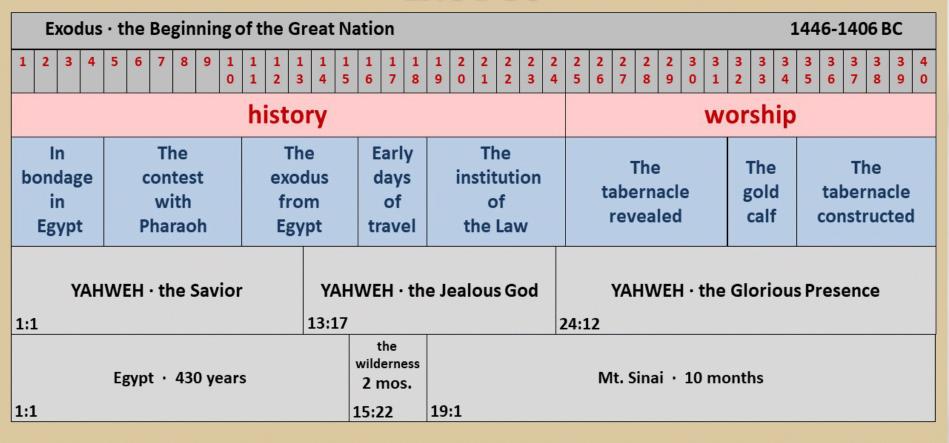
The Hand of YHWH Lesson 5 Exodus 9-10

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The Covenant Nation

- The revelation of the two great works of God
 - Creation a Kingdom for the Son of God
 - Salvation a holy people by faith in the Son of God
- ► Genesis creation and the start of the work of salvation
 - The fall the flood the father the family
- Exodus an era of revelation the great nation





The Contest with Pharaoh (Exodus 5-10)

- Predicted, but unexpected (3:19-22; 4:21)
- ▶ Pharaoh: "Who is YHWH that I should obey His voice?"
- ► A bad situation made worse for Moses and the people
- Exodus 6 God's plan for Israel made clear: "I am YHWH"
 - I will bring you out . . .
 - I will deliver you from bondage . . .
 - I will redeem you . . .
 - I will take you for My people . . .
 - I will be your God.
 - You shall know I am YHWH your God
 - I will bring you to the promised land
 - I will give it to you for a possession

The Plagues (Exodus 7-10)

- Aaron's rod The serpent (7:8-13)
- ► Plague #1 Water to blood (7:14-25)
- ► Plague #2 Frogs (8:1-15)
- ► Plague #3 Gnats (8:16-19)
- ► Plague #4 Flies (8:20-32)
- ▶ Plague #5 Death of livestock in the field (9:1-7)
- ► Plague #6 Boils on man and livestock (9:8-12)
- ► Plague #7 Storm of hail and fire (9:13-35)
- ▶ Plague #8 Locusts (10:1-20)
- ► Plague #9 Darkness (10:21-29)

#5 – Death of Livestock (9:1-7)

- Command followed by warning
- Special protection of livestock of Israel
- Setting a definite time the next day
- ► The complete destruction of the livestock in the field
- Pharaoh sent to see if the livestock of Israel survived
- ▶ The heart of Pharaoh was hardened

#6 - Boils on Man and Beast (9:8-12)

- No confrontation with Pharaoh or warning
- Soot in the air over all of Egypt caused boils on man and animal
- Magicians could not stand
- ► YHWH hardened Pharaoh's heart
- Pharaoh did not listen to Moses "just as YHWH had spoken to Moses"

#7 - Hail and Fire (9:13-35)

- ► YHWH speaks to Pharaoh
 - None like YHWH in all the earth
 - YHWH'S restrained power
 - A display of YHWH'S power
 - Proclaim YHWH'S name through all the earth
 - Still you exalt yourself "against My people" by not letting them go
- ► Warning with definite time set
- ► Servants of Pharaoh who feared YHWH a work of grace
- Unprecedented hail and fire storm devastated the land
- Goshen protected
- Pharaoh's fake confession sin and righteousness
- ► Lesson: "that you may know that the earth is YHWH'S"
- ▶ Heart was hardened; he hardened it

#8 – Locusts (10:1-20)

- Explanation for Moses and future generations:
 - Egypt mocked by signs so Moses will know God is YHWH
 - To tell his son and grandson
- ▶ Warning in great detail worst ever
- Pharaoh's servants plead with Pharaoh to let Israel go
- Pharaoh brings Moses and Aaron back to negotiate
- Pharaoh despises YHWH and Moses and refuses to change
- Pharaoh's fake repentance
 - Sin "against YHWH your God"
 - Asks forgiveness and relief from death
- Plague stopped and YHWH hardened Pharaoh's heart

#9 - Darkness (10:21-29)

- ▶ No announcement
- Deep darkness
- ▶ Pharaoh's fake repentance no sense of guilt, only a desire for help
- ► Pharaoh go serve YHWH without your flocks
- Moses refused no service to God without sacrifice
- ▶ YHWH hardened Pharaoh heart
- Pharaoh evicted Moses from his presence forever
- Moses agreed

9 Plagues and the Ways of God

- ▶ Purpose: display His power and His name (9:14, 16; 10:2)
- ▶ Result: no change for His people in bondage to Pharaoh
- ▶ The priority of faith
 - Romans 11:33 wisdom, knowledge, judgments, ways deep and rich
 - Lamentations 3:21-26 it is good to wait for Him
 - Hosea 14:9 the ways of YHWH are right
- ▶ The transformation of Moses from Exodus 6:30 to 10:29
- Egyptians feared YHWH (9:20)
- ► The warning of wrath to come "Mercy precedes wrath" (Shultz)
- ▶ The power of the message in our time