

# The Birth of the Covenant Nation

**God Heard and Remembered**

**Lesson 1**

**Exodus 1-2**

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Exodus · the Beginning of the Great Nation

1446-1406 BC

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history

worship

In bondage in Egypt	The contest with Pharaoh	The exodus from Egypt	Early days of travel	The institution of the Law	The tabernacle revealed	The gold calf	The tabernacle constructed
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YAHWEH · the Savior

1:1

YAHWEH · the Jealous God

13:17

YAHWEH · the Glorious Presence

24:12

Egypt · 430 years

1:1

the wilderness  
2 mos.

15:22

19:1

Mt. Sinai · 10 months

# The Birth of the Covenant Nation

- ▶ The Bible – a presentation of salvation with focus on Jesus Christ
- ▶ The work of salvation revealed in a series of Covenants
  - The “first Gospel” (Genesis 3:15; Galatians 3:8)
  - Covenants: Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Jeremiah – Hebrews 13:20-21
  - The basic plan revealed first to Abram (Genesis 12:1-3, 7)
    - Blessing – eternal life in Christ
    - The great nation as a means of that blessing
    - Blessing for all the nations
    - The key place for “the Seed” (Jesus Christ)
- ▶ The birth of the great nation is described in Exodus
  - The role of the promise (Galatians 3:16-18) to the patriarchs
  - The deliverance of the great nation from bondage in Egypt
  - The covenant made with the nation Israel at Sinai
  - The Law and the Tabernacle
  - Later in history, the Davidic Monarchy

# What is the Role of the Nation Israel?

- ▶ NOT – a just a collection of moral stories
- ▶ NOT – the Church in the Old Testament
- ▶ A special nation to bless by revealing salvation and YHWH
  - Exodus 3:7-8; Psalm 147:19-20; Romans 9:4-5
- ▶ A mixed multitude – sinners and the remnant
  - Amos 9:8-10; 1 Corinthians 10:5; Isaiah 10:22; Romans 11:5
- ▶ The family of the Messiah
- ▶ A nation destined for a great role at the end of the age
  - Romans 11:11-12; 26-29
- ▶ An example for our instruction (1 Corinthians 10:1-13)
- ▶ Jesus cited the Exodus in resisting the temptations of Satan

# Lesson 1 – Exodus 1-2

- ▶ The story from Genesis continues (1-7)
- ▶ The new king – affliction, genocide and growth (1:8-22)
- ▶ The birth of Moses (2:1-4)
- ▶ The education of Moses (2:5-10)
- ▶ The presumption of Moses (2:11-14)
- ▶ The preparation of Moses (2:15-22)
- ▶ God remembered His Covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (2:23-25)

# The Story Continues (1:1-7)

- ▶ “And these are the names”
- ▶ The terminal end of the genealogies of Genesis from Adam (1:1-5)
- ▶ The preservation and formation of the great nation (Genesis 50:20; 24)
- ▶ Preservation through segregation (Genesis 46:33-34)
- ▶ The sons of Israel were fruitful . . . and exceedingly mighty (1:7)

# A New King (1:8-22)

- ▶ Preparation through the “mercy of affliction” (Calvin)
- ▶ The new policy – “deal wisely with them” – protect Egypt
  - James 3:15 – earthly, natural, demonic
- ▶ Phase 1 – hard labor – affliction
- ▶ The underlying reality (Eph 6:12) – a trial of faith
- ▶ The outcome – great growth of the nation (1:12)
- ▶ Phase 2 – genocide at birth by midwife
- ▶ The underlying reality – prevent the Messiah
- ▶ The outcome – prevented by the midwives
- ▶ The midwives feared God and deceived the king
  - God was good to them
- ▶ The outcome – great growth of the nation (1:20)
- ▶ Phase 3 – genocide at birth by mother

# The Birth of Moses (2:1-4)

- ▶ A beautiful baby (2:2; Acts 7:20; Heb 11:23)
- ▶ His mother hid him for 3 months
- ▶ Moses is put in the Nile with appropriate protections

# The Education of Moses (2:5-10)

- ▶ Pharaoh's daughter's compassion – the surprising plan of God
- ▶ Nurtured by parents of faith (2:9-10; Heb 12:23)
- ▶ Educated in Pharaoh's house – “man of power in words and deeds” (Acts 7:22)
- ▶ A man of faith (Heb 11:24-26)

# The Presumptuous Leader (2:11-14)

- ▶ “Ready or not, here I come”
- ▶ Moses presumed Israel was ready for his “power in words and deeds” (Acts 7:23-25)
- ▶ Moses, the murderer
- ▶ Moses, the rejected leader (2:13-14; Acts 7:26-29)
- ▶ Moses fled in fear for his life

# The Deliverer in Exile (2:15-22)

- ▶ The flight to Midian
- ▶ Moses' kindness to the daughters of Reuel
- ▶ Moses' home in exile – marriage to Zipporah – birth of Gershom
- ▶ “A sojourner in a foreign land” – 40 years to “unlearn Egypt”
- ▶ The mysterious ways of God – waiting upon Him

# God Heard and Remembered (2:23-25)

- ▶ “. . . those many days . . .”
- ▶ The cries of the sons of Israel because of their bondage (Deut 26:6-7)
- ▶ A nation of idolaters (Ezekiel 20:5-10; Amos 5:26)
- ▶ God heard their cries
- ▶ God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
- ▶ God saw the sons of Israel
- ▶ God knew them (2 Timothy 2:19)

# God Heard and Remembered

- ▶ The mysterious ways of God
- ▶ The faithfulness of God
- ▶ The grace of God
- ▶ The inadequacy of human wisdom