



A SERMON SERIES ABOUT
GOD'S WORK IN WILDERNESS



MAIN CHARACTERS

YHWH: the creator but also the director of this great salvation story

Moses: the vessel YHWH works through to deliver the message

Pharaoh: the obstacle to Israel's freedom, the enslaver

Israel: the party being rescued, don't fully understand what's happening, concerned about their freedom, through their trust and submission to YHWH's and Moses' leadership

EXODUS NARRATIVE-OUTLINE

SETTING: Egypt has built its economy on the back of Israelite slavery.

God honors his covenant by calling Moses and setting in motion a series of increasingly costly events.

The deliverance is so monumental and complete that Israel has a "before and after narrative" that will shape their spirituality.

CONCLUSION: It will quickly become clear after Israel's salvation that YHWH intends on developing their relationship and shaping them.

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country.”

God also said to Moses, “I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord I did not make myself fully known to them. I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners. Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

“Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.

Exodus 6:1-6

Now the Lord had said to Moses, “I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely. Tell the people that men and women alike are to ask their neighbours for articles of silver and gold.” (The Lord made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and Moses himself was highly regarded in Egypt by Pharaoh’s officials and by the people.)

Exodus 11:1-3

So Moses said, “This is what the Lord says: ‘About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the female slave, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again. But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any person or animal.’ Then you will know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.

Exodus 11:4-7

“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.

Exodus 12:12-14

At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the Lord as you have requested. Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me.

Exodus 12:29-32

The God of the exodus is a God with teeth. Who can dismiss blood on the doorposts or plagues of hail, locusts, and darkness and paint a portrait of divinity that is all sunshine and orchids? Who can read these words -

"Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his officials and all the Egyptians; and there was a loud cry in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead" (v. 30) -without stopping to wonder who this God really is and to what lengths he will go? This is not a comfortable or convenient God. This God is not the God of children's picture Bibles. He is not easily painted*. He is wrapped in mystery [...] This God was inexhaustible in his ways to surprise and awe. He was known, but unknown. He could never be taken for granted

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The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country. “For otherwise,” they said, “we will all die!” So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing. The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing. The Lord had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians.

Exodus 12:33-36

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, “What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!”

Exodus 14:5

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

1 Corinthians 10:1-5

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

“will sing to the Lord,
for he is highly exalted.

Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea.

“The Lord is my strength and my defense[a];
he has become my salvation.

He is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a warrior;
the Lord is his name.

Exodus 15:1-3

...we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Heb 10:10

**GOD SAVES DECISIVELY AND
COMPLETELY**



God's people are rescued by God's had and God's work

God's people are rescued by participating through
submission to God's call to obedience

