

You Have A Mighty Source

The Exodus

I. Genesis

- A. "in the beginning" Gen 1-11
- B. Abraham and a covenant people, Gen 12-50

II. Exodus

A. Enslaved

Exodus 1:8-11 (NIV)

⁸ Then a new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt. ⁹ "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become much too numerous for us. ¹⁰ Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country." ¹¹ So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh.

B. Deliverance

1. Moses ---God uses people, imperfect people

Exodus 2:5-10 (NIV)

⁵ Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it. ⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. ⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" ⁸ "Yes, go," she answered. And the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

2. God involved in history

Exodus 3:6-8 (NIV)

⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey--the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

3. Better to be "God's people"

C. Freedom, Now What?

1. Wilderness ---things to learn

Exodus 13:17-22 (NIV)

¹⁷ When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." ¹⁸ So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. . . . ²¹ By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. ²² Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

2. Marah ---grumble or pray

Exodus 15:23-24 (NIV)

²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. ²⁴ So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"

3. Manna ---God's _____

Exodus 16:2-5 (NIV)

² In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." ⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will

rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.⁵ On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

4. Grumbling ---heart condition

5. 10 Commandments ---expression of _____

6. The Tabernacle ---lessons in _____

Exodus 26:1-2 (NIV)

¹ "Make the tabernacle with ten curtains of finely twisted linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, with cherubim worked into them by a skilled craftsman. ² All the curtains are to be the same size--twenty-eight cubits long and four cubits wide.

a. Ark of the covenant ---God in our midst

Exodus 25:10-11 (NIV)

¹⁰ "Have them make a chest of acacia wood--two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high. ¹¹ Overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out, and make a gold molding around it.

b. Holy Place ---_____ of God

c. Sacrifices ---giving

Exodus 35:21-22 (NIV)

²¹ and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work on the Tent of Meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments. ²² All who were willing, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewelry of all kinds: brooches, earrings, rings and ornaments. They all presented their gold as a wave offering to the Lord.

7. Refusal to Trust/Believe -which side are you on?

Numbers 13:26-28, 32-33 (NIV)

²⁶ They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷ They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. ²⁸ But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. . . . ³² And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. ³³ We saw the Nephilim there. We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

Hebrews 3:12, 16-19 (NIV)

¹² See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. . . . ¹⁶ Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? ¹⁷ And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? ¹⁸ And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? ¹⁹ So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

I know you are my deliverer. I rejoice today in Your provision and protection for my life. Forgive my ingratitude and stubbornness. I choose to yield to You, to follow Your direction and obey Your instruction. I choose to believe, help my unbelief. May Your word become a living reality within me. In Jesus' name, amen.

KEY: provision; grace; worship; character;

Mighty Source Reading this week:

Genesis 25-26 Genesis 27-29 Genesis 30-31 Genesis 32-34 Genesis 35-37 Genesis 38-40 Genesis 41-42