



05. Digging Deeper: The Gospel In The Book Of Exodus

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Today, we look at the bigger picture of where the book of Exodus fits in over the course of redemptive history we see throughout the Bible and how the Old Testament specifically highlights the gospel.

Noteworthy Quotes

I think as you could look at the book of Exodus, God is revealing Himself. As I think we've said this before, as, as a Redeemer to His people, like they, they know Him as sovereign. They know Him as King, but now they're there knowing this is a God who saves and redeems His people from the condemnation of, of death, uh, that they have as a result of sin. -Caleb Click

He shows up and he disrupts everything in Egypt and the lives of Israel and it's for their good and that they would know the God who could redeem. -Caleb Click

There's this work of God that is taking place among His people and the lives of His people, through His people and it's according to God's design, according to His timing, according to His sovereign rule and reign as the God of the universe. -Jeff Norris

The single most important thing that is happening here is God is glorifying Himself. He is making Himself known, not just to Israel, but to Egypt. -Caleb Click

I didn't get into this in my sermon, but when Israel leaves, after the night of the killing of the firstborn, when Israel is spared and Pharaoh finally pushes them out of the land, with the same force, he used to hold them into the land. Now he is using it to send them out. It {Exodus} says that a mixed multitude left with them. It was not just ethnic Israel that walked out of that land. It was other people who watched God move and realized this, this is not only the God who rules and reigns over all things, but this is a God who cares and redeems and saves his people and wherever He is going, we want to be with Him.
-Caleb Click

You're seeing God already, even here in Exodus chapter 12, bringing the nations to Himself, which is exactly what you see in the new Testament and even greater way with the bringing together of Jew and Gentile and Jesus Christ. -Caleb Click

Why is it so important that we have to understand that God is a God of judgment in order for us to really embrace at the level that we need to His mercy and the gospel?
-Jeff Norris

Once we understand the greatness of the gospel, and this is what Exodus is about, Exodus shows us the gospel, and there is a judgment here. -Bob Cargo

We understand the truth of rightness and wrongness and judgment because there's no gospel, there's no mercy. There is no forgiveness without that. We wouldn't, I wouldn't want, a universe of righteousness without mercy. Uh, but there's no such thing as mercy, if there's not righteousness. -Bob Cargo

There is this core understanding that we have to have, that we're all under the judgment of God because of our sin. And that God is executing judgment. Like you said, Bob, yes, on Egypt, but also on Israel. And that the only, the only shelter, the only way of refuge of rescue for Egypt and Israel, alike for anyone made in the image of God is under the blood of the lamb. -Jeff Norris

What Israel was in the Old Testament is what the church is in the new and the greatest picture of this in the Bible, I think there two, but the one that maybe more people would recognize is in the book of Romans. Paul talks about there's an olive tree, and he says there, those who are Israelites, those are Jews who believe in Jesus are like natural branches of this olive tree that remain. And the Jews that do not believe in Jesus those are branches that are broken off. And we as Gentiles who believe in Jesus are like wild olive branches that are grafted into the tree. Now, the point is, couple of things, first is it's one tree, not two. And that's the main thing. It's not that Israel was one tree and the church is the other we're engrafted into Israel. -Bob Cargo

I'm just very passionate about people seeing the importance of the Old Testament, because it's our story. And the gospel is here all over the place. -Bob Cargo

Jesus, is the one through whom God is doing the work of creation. Jesus is the one through whom God the Father is doing the work of redemption, both in the old Testament and in the new, and it's everywhere. -Caleb Click

We don't want to get our theology from the New Testament and our moral stories from the Old Testament. We want to get our theology from Genesis to Revelation. We want to get, we want to understand and see the work of God through Jesus, beginning in general, in Genesis, ending in Revelation, and really continuing now, obviously in our lives day to day. -Jeff Norris

If there's ever an Old Testament passage that screams just at the top of our lungs, screams Jesus, it's Exodus chapter 12. It's the setting up of God's beautiful picture which is only through the blood of the lamb, through which His people go free. And of course we now being on this side of the cross are able to look back and to see Jesus on that night that He was portrayed, that Thursday night, before He went to the cross on Friday, take that very same Passover meal, that God's people had been partaking in generation after generation, after generation living out the instructions of Exodus 13 and beyond, and taking that meal every year at Passover and dining on the Lamb. -Jeff Norris

Scripture References:

[Exodus 7-12](#)

[Book of Ephesians](#)

[1 Samuel 15](#)

[Book of Romans](#)

Additional Resources:

Sally Lloyd Jones, [The Jesus Storybook Bible](#)

C.S. Lewis, [Surprised by Joy](#)

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Big Takeaway:

The gospel is all throughout the book of Exodus. The great news of there being a Redeemer, one who saves, one whose blood shed over the doorpost spread over the doorpost in my heart, so to speak, is the one who sets me free.

Application Questions:

Where have you seen the Gospel displayed in the Exodus story so far?

In what ways have you been challenged to relate to Exodus and the Old Testament so far?

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