

Redemption & Restoration

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“Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent.”

~Exodus 14:13-14 (NASB)

1) Salvation For God’s People

- A) The book of Exodus is a book about redemption (salvation from slavery and oppression), and restoration (God taking possession of His people). These two themes beautifully mix together in the first section of Exodus (Exodus 1-14).

- B) Following the incredible Joseph narrative (Genesis 37-50), God saves His people from severe drought and provides them with phenomenal abundance with innumerable descendents (Exodus 1:1-7).

- C) When a new Pharaoh in Egypt attempts to kill off God’s people, God saves His people by preserving their children through the obedience of Hebrew midwives (1:8-22)

- D) This all serves as a prelude to God providing a deliverer (savior) for His people through Moses (2:1-14). However, Moses abuses his role as redeemer, and flees Egypt (2:15-25), leaving God's people behind in bitter slavery.

2) God Reveals His Character & Crazy Plan For Redemption

- A) Moses' "exile" to the Midian desert proves to be a 40-year training mission for Moses, concluding when God appears to Moses from a burning bush revealing an insane plan for releasing His people from bondage (3:1-10).
- B) When Moses objects to God's crazy plan, God reminds Moses that He is, in fact, God -- and just to press the matter further, God reveals His memorial-name of compassion for His people "I AM WHO I AM" to Moses (3:11-22)

3) God Punishes Egypt And Dramatically Saves His People

- A) God sends Moses and his brother, Aaron, to deliver God's request to Pharaoh of "let My people go." But Pharaoh refuses, and instead punishes God's people and blames it on Moses, which makes God's people angry (Exodus 4-6).
- B) God promises to make Moses like God to Pharaoh, and sends Moses back to Pharaoh. When Pharaoh "hardens his heart" against Moses, God judges Egypt (7:1-13).
- C) God then rolls out 10 plagues -- water to blood, frogs, gnats, flies, dead livestock, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and death of firstborns -- through all of Egypt (7:14-11:10, 12:29-32).
- D) God establishes Passover/Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Consecration of the Firstborn as God leads His people out of Egypt, saving them from slavery, and delivering them from the pursuing army of Pharaoh (12:1-28; 12:33-14:31).