

## **Backdrop: From Egypt to the Promised Land**

### The Exodus

*Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey. **Exodus 3:7-8***

#### **Opening Discussion:**

1. What do you remember about the Exodus story?
2. Can you think of any New Testament passages that relate to the Exodus?
3. How does the Exodus symbolize our salvation from sin?

The journey of Israel out of Egypt and into the Promised Land is the foundational story of God's deliverance in the Bible.

#### **1. Egypt represents spiritual bondage and oppression.**

*I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. **Exodus 20:2***

*For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery. **Micah 6:4***

*Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin." **John 8:34***

#### **2. The Exodus represents salvation and deliverance.**

*"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt." **Jeremiah 31:31-32***

- Psalms built around the Exodus story: 66, 77, 78, 80, 81, 105, 106, 114, 135, 136
- Prophets referencing the Exodus story: Amos 2:10; 3:1; 9:7; Micah 6:4; 7:15; Hosea 2:15; 11:1; 12:9, 13; 13:4; Isaiah 11:16; Jeremiah 2:6; 7:22, 25; 11:4, 7; 16:14; 23:7; 32:21; 34:13

*And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant that remains of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt. **Isaiah 11:16***

*Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus . . . saved a people out of the land of Egypt. **Jude 5***

*Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure (exodus), which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. **Luke 9:28-31***

*For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were . . . You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? 1 Corinthians 10:1-7, 21-22*

*They have made me jealous with what is no god; they have provoked me to anger with their idols. Deuteronomy 32:21*

### **3. The Promised Land represents God's promises to His people.**

*“Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her . . . And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt. “And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ . . . And I will make for them a covenant on that day . . . and I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, ‘You are my people’; and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’” Hosea 2:14-16, 18, 23*

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. **Hebrews 4:1-2**

#### **Fill in the Blank Answers:**

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1. bondage, oppression
2. salvation, deliverance
3. promises, people