

Sermon, January 9, 2011,
“Redemption”, Exodus 12:21-28,
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The First Five Books:

- Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- Written by Moses (John 5:46-47; 7:19; Luke 24:27)
- The Law
- The Pentateuch (five books)
- From Creation to the edge of the Promised Land

Now the next four Books (Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)

- About 40 years of time
- Combines narrative and laws
- Miracles
- Growth
- Deliverance
- Wilderness journey
- God’s Law
- God’s ways of Holy living
- Obedience and disobedience
- Preparation for the promised land

Exodus

- Exodus (which means “way out” in Greek), is the story of redemption.
- God delivers His people from bondage to freedom.
- It begins with the evil of Pharaoh and ends with the glory of God’s presence
- From desperation to redemption to the presence of God.
- Begins in Egypt and ends at Mt. Sinai
- Battle between the gods of Egypt and God Almighty; Pharaoh’s plan verses God’s plan
- Records Israel’s exodus from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the desert depending on God
- Deliverance, salvation, God’s way (law), miracles and more miracles.
- Decisive event in Israel’s history
- Covenant promise begins to be fulfilled
- Begins 400 years after Joseph
- Genesis tells of the history of humankind (1-12), the history of families (12-50); Exodus continues the story by telling of the start of the history of the chosen people.
- It is the story of Moses; of how God used Moses to fulfill His plan.
- Dwight L. Moody said that “Moses spent forty years thinking he was somebody, forty years learning he was nobody, and forty years discovering what God can do with a nobody.”

Exodus can be divided into three parts:

- 1-19 Redemption from Egypt
- 20-31 The giving of the Law
- 32-40 The response of the people

Exodus Highlights

- 1 Pharaoh’s plan to limit the growth of the Hebrews (slavery, killing the firstborn) does not work
- 2 The first 40 years of Moses life, the next 40 years of Moses life
- 3 Moses 80 years old and sees the burning bush; God’s name, “I Am” YHWH
- 4-12 Moses sent to Egypt free the Hebrews; the 10 plagues; Passover; the Exodus...miracles
- 13-14 Pharaoh’s chariots; Pillar of fire; Crossing the Red Sea; deliverance and judgment
- 15-19 Journey to Mt. Sinai; people complain; God provides bread from heaven and water from the rock
- 20-24 Giving of the Law; 10 Commandments; moral law and ceremonial law
- 24-31 Directions for building the tabernacle where YHWH is to dwell with his people
- 32-34 Golden Calf; renewal of the Covenant
- 35-40 Building and erection of the Tabernacle; Ark of the Covenant; glory of God

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The Story of Redemption

- Exodus has many lessons and the one lesson that sums up Exodus is redemption by the blood of the lamb, the 10th plague and salvation.

The 10 plagues

- First nine show that God alone is ruler of heaven and earth; over rivers, animals, sun, and sky. Pharaoh and Egyptian gods had no power.

How did the 10th differ from the other nine?

- God over people too.
- God took from Egyptians the one person they viewed as most important in their families.
- God held future generations of Egypt in His hands.
- God provided a plan for redemption under the blood of the lamb

Exodus 12:21-28

²¹ Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go, select lambs for your families, and slaughter the passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood in the basin. None of you shall go outside the door of your house until morning. ²³ For the LORD will pass through to strike down the Egyptians; when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over that door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you down.

- Passover served as a reminder of how God led Israel out of Egypt
- Pointed to Christ's sacrifice on the cross for our sins
- Event teaches the substitutionary atonement, a little more progressive revelation, as promise works its way through symbolism increases
- Christ is our sacrifice Hebrews 10:4-10, **Hebrews 10:10** ¹⁰ *By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*
- our Passover Lamb,
- **John 1:29** ²⁹ *The next day he (John the Baptist) saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*
- **1 Corinthians 5:7** ⁷ *Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.,*
- **1 Peter 1:18-19** ¹⁸ *knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ..*
- NT moves from lamb of the OT Passover to the Lamb, Jesus,
- prison now is slavery to darkness not slavery to Egypt,
- redemption is ethical change not geographical

In Exodus a little more revelation is given...The people of God are redeemed by the blood of the lamb.

In Genesis and Exodus we learned:

- God's grace and provision covered Adam and Eve's sin...
- God's grace and mercy saved Noah and his family...
- God's grace provided the sacrifice in place of Isaac...
- God's grace sustained Joseph...
- God's grace is revealed through His plan of redemption

- Adam and Eve took the covering, believed...
- Noah had the faith to build an ark for 120 years
- Abraham is the father of faith and it was credited to him as righteousness...
- Joseph persevered through faith in God...
- The chosen people believed that the blood of the lamb would redeem them, they responded by faith and were saved.
- God's grace will do all of this for you if you truly believe!