

Exodus: Ex. 14:10-13, 21-23, 26-30; 15:1-13
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I. Introduction

II. Overview

A. Israel's formation as a people/nation

1. Not just one family (70 (Gen 46:27) vs. 603, 550 (Num. 1:45-46))
2. Lens for the rest of the Bible

B. Parts

1. Liberation (Ex. 1-15)
2. Sinai covenant (Ex. 16-24)
3. Abiding presence (Ex. 25-34)

III. From Exodus repeated throughout OT

- A. Restore/renew Sinai covenant (Ex. 34; Deut. 29-30; Josh. 4-5; 24 . . .)
- B. God who saves (Ex. 14:30; 1 Sam. 10:19; 14:39; Job 5:15; 22:29 . . .)
- C. Slavery to instill empathy (Ex. 23:9; Lev. 19:34; Deut. 10:19 . . .)

IV. Historicity

- A. No archaeological evidence
- B. Primary concern is theology not history
- C. Around 1290 BC, Ramses II
- D. Current written form from exile, or shortly afterward
- E. Parts go back to Moses' time (Ex. 15; 21)

V. NT connections

- A. Jesus comes out of Egypt (Matt. 2:15)
- B. Jesus celebrates Passover (Matt. 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16)
- C. Jesus as the Passover lamb (1 Cor. 5:7)

VI. Exodus 14 vs Exodus 15

- A. Climatic event of the exodus
- B. Exodus 14

1. Complaint leaves out Yahweh (14:11-12)
2. Moses reassures by bringing in Yahweh (14:13-14)
3. Waters of chaos divided like creation (14:21; Gen. 1:9)
4. God unleashes chaos (14:27)
5. Yahweh saves (14:30)

C. Exodus 15

1. Possibly oldest part of OT
2. God is portrayed anthropomorphically as warrior (15:3, 6, 9)
3. Doxology (15:11)

D. Observations

1. World is not chaotic because God is in control
2. God is for Israel and us
3. Violence: oppressor vs. oppressed

VII. What else is applicable for us?

VIII. Questions and comments

IX. LET US PRAY!

Next time: Feb. 1 Leviticus/Numbers
Feb. 15 Deuteronomy

Exodus 14:10-13, 21-23, 26-30

¹⁰ As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” ¹³ But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

Exodus 15:1-13

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

² The LORD is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him; my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

³ The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.

⁴ Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he cast into the sea;

his elite officers were sunk in the Red Sea.^[b]

⁵ The floods covered them;

they went down into the depths like a stone.

⁶ Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power— your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.

⁷ In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries;

you sent out your fury; it consumed them like stubble.

⁸ At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;

the floods stood up in a heap;

the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

⁹ The enemy said, ‘I will pursue; I will overtake; I will divide the spoil; my desire shall have its fill of them.

I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’

¹⁰ You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;

they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹ Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

¹² You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them.

¹³ In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed;

you guided them by your strength to your holy abode.