

Wednesday Night Supplemental Teaching

Covered this week: Exodus and Leviticus

Exodus

Key Themes

- God reveals himself to his people (Burning bush/addresses/the law).
- God rescues his people (The Exodus).
- God provides for his people both physically and spiritually (Quail/Manna/The Law).
- God guides his people (Pillar of Fire/Cloud/The Law).
- God chooses people for holy work (Priests/Craftsmen).

Key Characters: Moses, Aaron, Miriam, Jethro, Zipporah

Setting for the Exodus: Either in 1445 BC during Thutmose III (1479-1425BC) or 1250 BC during Rameses II (1279-1213BC)

Key Verses:

- Exodus 3:14 – “I am who I Am”
- Exodus 14:31 – “The Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed.”
- Exodus 19:5-6 – “If you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all the nations you will be my treasured possession.”
- Exodus 34:6 – “And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, ‘The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.’”
- Exodus 40:34-35 – “The glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.”

Outline (from Hill and Walton, *A Survey of the Old Testament*, 102)

- I. Israel in Egypt
 - a. Slavery in Egypt (1)
 - b. Birth, Early Life, and Call of Moses (2-4)
 - c. Pharaoh’s Oppression of Israel (5:1-6:13)
 - d. Genealogies (6:14-27)
 - e. The Plagues and the Passover (6:28-12:36)
- II. The Journey from Egypt to Sinai
 - a. The Exodus from Egypt (12:37-14:31)
 - b. The Song of Moses (15:1-21)
 - c. The Wilderness of Shur (15:1-21)
 - d. The Wilderness of Sin (15:22-27)
 - e. The Rock at Tephidim (17)
 - f. Jethro and Moses (18)

- III. Covenant and Law at Sinai
 - a. Preparations for Covenant (19)
 - b. The Decalogue (20:1-17)
 - c. The Covenant Code (20:18-23:33)
 - d. Ratification of Covenant (24)
 - e. The Tabernacle (25-40)
 - i. Specifications (25-27)
 - ii. The priests (28-29)
 - iii. The furniture (30)
 - iv. The craftsmen (31:12-18)
 - v. Israel's breach of covenant with the golden calf (32)
 - vi. Yahweh and Moses (33)
 - vii. Covenant renewal (34)
 - viii. Construction of the tabernacle (35-38)
 - ix. The priestly garments (39)
 - x. Completion and dedication of the tabernacle (40)

Leviticus

Key Themes

- Holiness – both God's and ours
- Sacrifice – both for atonement and as sign of gratitude
- Sabbath Rest and the Sabbatical Year

Key Verses

- Leviticus 10:3 – "I will show myself holy."
- Leviticus 11:45 – "Be holy, because I am holy."
- Leviticus 18:5 – "Keep my decrees and laws."

Key Characters: Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu

Setting: Sinai. Tradition holds that Moses is the author.

Outline

- I. Approaching a Holy God
 - a. Laws about Sacrifice (1-7)
 - b. Laws about the Consecration of Priests (8-10)
- II. Living in the Presence of a Holy God
 - a. Laws about "Clean" and "Unclean" things (11-15)
 - b. Laws about Holiness (16-25)
- III. Covenant Blessings and Curses (26)
- IV. Appendix: Laws about Vows and Gifts (27)