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St. Mark's Coptic Church – Servant's Preparation



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- Broad overview of the Book of Exodus
- How does this book apply to us, our faith and our service



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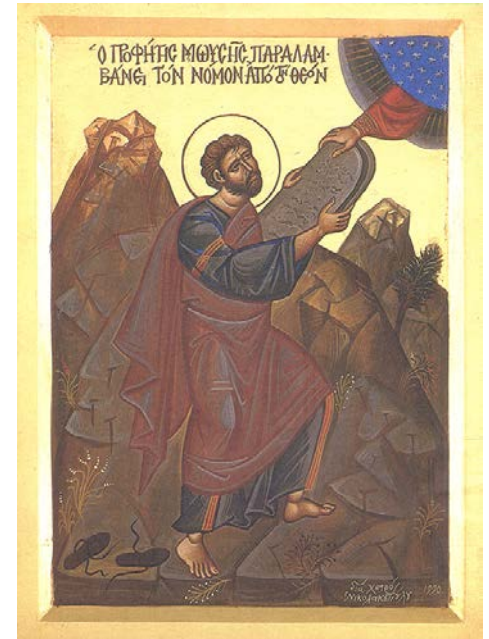
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Introduction

- 2nd book of the Pentateuch, by Moses
- Means “the way out”
- Tells the story of redemption

- In Genesis 46:27, ~70 entered Egypt, and after 400-430 year $\sim \geq 2.1$ million, left during Exodus
- Moses is prominent Exodus, his life is divided into:
 - 40 years in Pharaoh’s palace in Egypt
 - 40 years in the desert in Midian
 - 40 years in the wilderness as leader of the Israelites



EXODUS

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">GENESIS</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">350 Years</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Groan of the Israelites</p>	<p>Bondage</p> <p>Israelites became numerous</p> <hr/> <p>New Pharaoh</p> <hr/> <p>Plan to destroy Israelites</p> <hr/> <p>Moses</p> <hr/> <p>CHAPTERS 1-2</p>	<p>Deliverance</p> <p>Blood Frogs Gnats Flies Livestock</p> <hr/> <p>Boils Hail Locusts Darkness Death</p> <hr/> <p>Passover</p> <hr/> <p>Exodus</p> <hr/> <p>CHAPTERS 3-12</p>	<p>Journey</p> <p>Cloud and fire</p> <hr/> <p>Red Sea</p> <hr/> <p>Grumbling</p> <hr/> <p>CHAPTERS 13-18</p>	<p>Law</p> <p>Moral</p> <hr/> <p>Civil</p> <hr/> <p>Social</p> <hr/> <p>CHAPTERS 19-24</p>	<p>Tabernacle</p> <p>Outer court 150 feet x 75 feet</p> <hr/> <p>Inner court 45 feet x 15 feet</p> <hr/> <p>CHAPTERS 25-40</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Glory of the Lord</p>
	<p>Location</p> <p>Egypt</p>	<p>Time</p> <p>430 years</p>	<p>Theme</p> <p>Suffering and liberation of people of God</p>	<p>Key Verses</p> <p>6:6; 12:40-42; 19:5-6</p>		
<p>Time</p> <p>3 months</p>	<p>Theme</p> <p>Guidance of God</p>	<p>Key Verses</p> <p>6:6; 12:40-42; 19:5-6</p>	<p>Christ in Exodus</p> <p>Passover lamb (chapter 12); sacrificial offering, tabernacle, articles of worship (chapters 25-40); His leadership and deliverance are pictured in Moses; His purity and intercession are pictured in the high priest.</p>			

Bondage - Chapters 1-2

- Pharaoh sees the strength of the Israelites and commands, "Every son born to you shall be cast into the river..."
 - Moses was placed in a basket down to river with intent to win over Pharaoh's daughter
 - His name means 'drawn from the water'
 - He grows, sees the oppression of the Israelites, and kills a soldier beating his people, and flees



Deliverance - Chapters 3-12

- At Horeb, the 'mountain of God' God called to Moses in the form of a flaming bush and tasked him to save His people. He tried to avoid saying "Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh..." and "I am slow of speech..." but God would not take 'no' as an answer
- God allowed Moses to perform miracles, but still had a plan to, "...harden his [Pharaoh's] heart, so that he will not let the people go..."

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- *[Chapter 12] The Passover Instituted*
 - The Lord spoke saying, "...On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb...and they shall take *some* of the blood and put *it* on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses...it *is* the LORD's Passover....seven days you shall eat unleavened bread...



Journey - Chapters 13-18

- Series of laws for the people; guidance
 - “And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.”
- Pharaoh tried to attack them again but got captured in the Red Sea
- On their travels, the Israelites complained...a lot...
 - Bitter waters made sweet; Quails and Manna

Law - Chapters 19-24

- *The Ten Commandments*
 - You shall have no other gods before Me
 - You shall make no idols
 - You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain
 - Keep the Sabbath day holy
 - Honor your father and your mother
 - You shall not murder
 - You shall not commit adultery
 - You shall not steal
 - You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor
 - You shall not covet

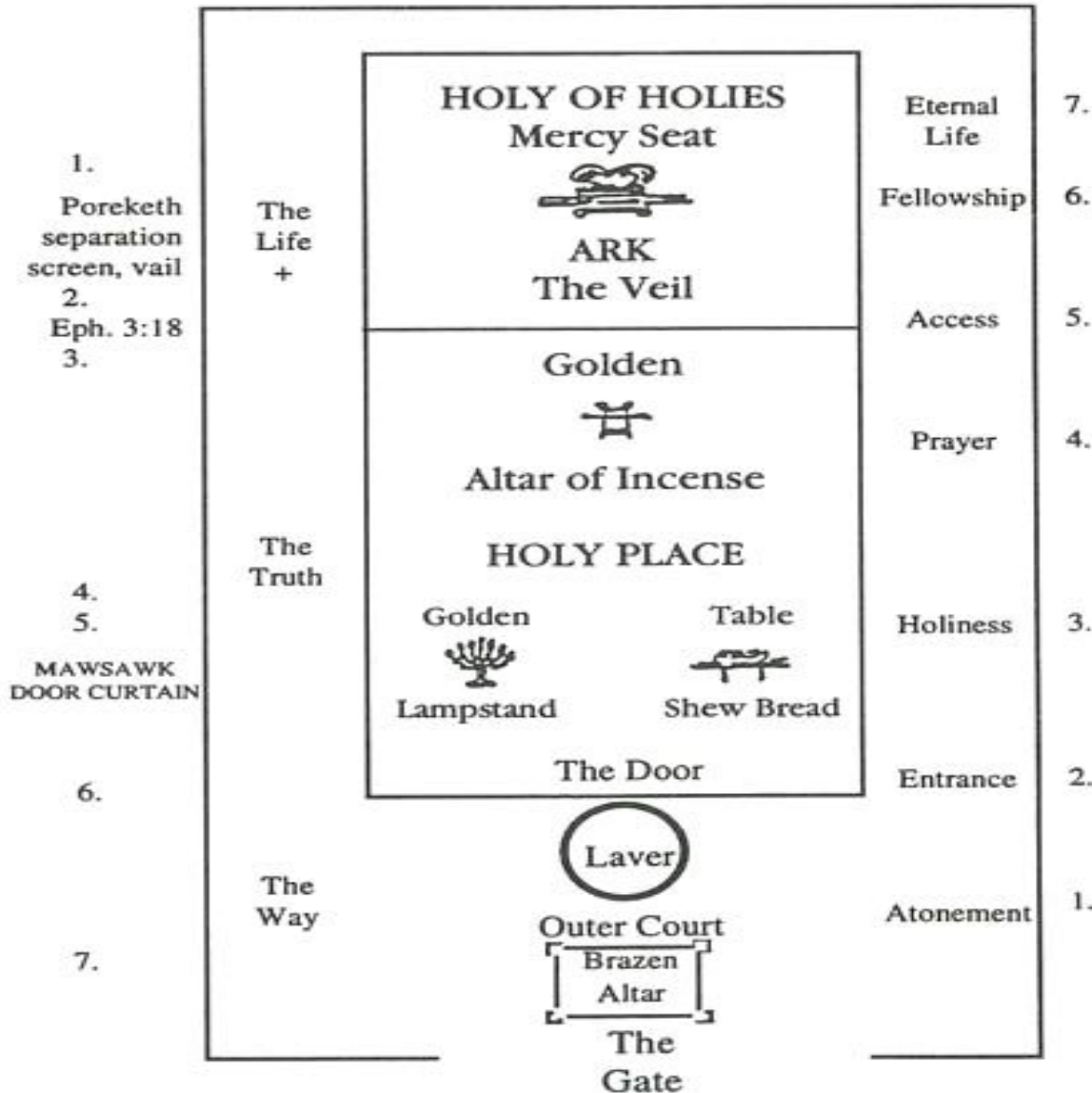
GOD

- 1: Do not worship any other gods
- 2: Do not make any idols
- 3: Do not misuse the name of God
- 4: Keep the Sabbath holy

MAN

- 5: Honour your father & mother
- 6: Do not murder
- 7: Do not commit adultery
- 8: Do not steal
- 9: Do not lie
- 10: Do not covet

Tabernacle - Chapters 25-40



- Instructions and rules

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How does the life of Moses resemble ours?

- Moses was born + removed from the comfort of his home and forced to live with the Egyptians
 - We were removed from paradise (Garden of Eden) and forced to live life on Earth
- He refused to belong to the Egyptians although he could have lived the life of luxury
 - As Christians we refuse to live an Earthly/sinful life
- God called Moses, but he made excuses/felt unworthy/afraid to serve
 - Our role as disciples and spreading God's word
 - Avoidance—hiding from God's path (St. Mary/Jonah/Judas)

How does the life of the Israelites resemble ours?

- God prepared Moses to take care of the Israelites and to be patient (they complained a lot)
 - We are God's sheep and are guided through life through authority figures (parents/church/priest)
 - We complain a lot to God
- God encouraged His people; provided signs
 - God provides us signs in life

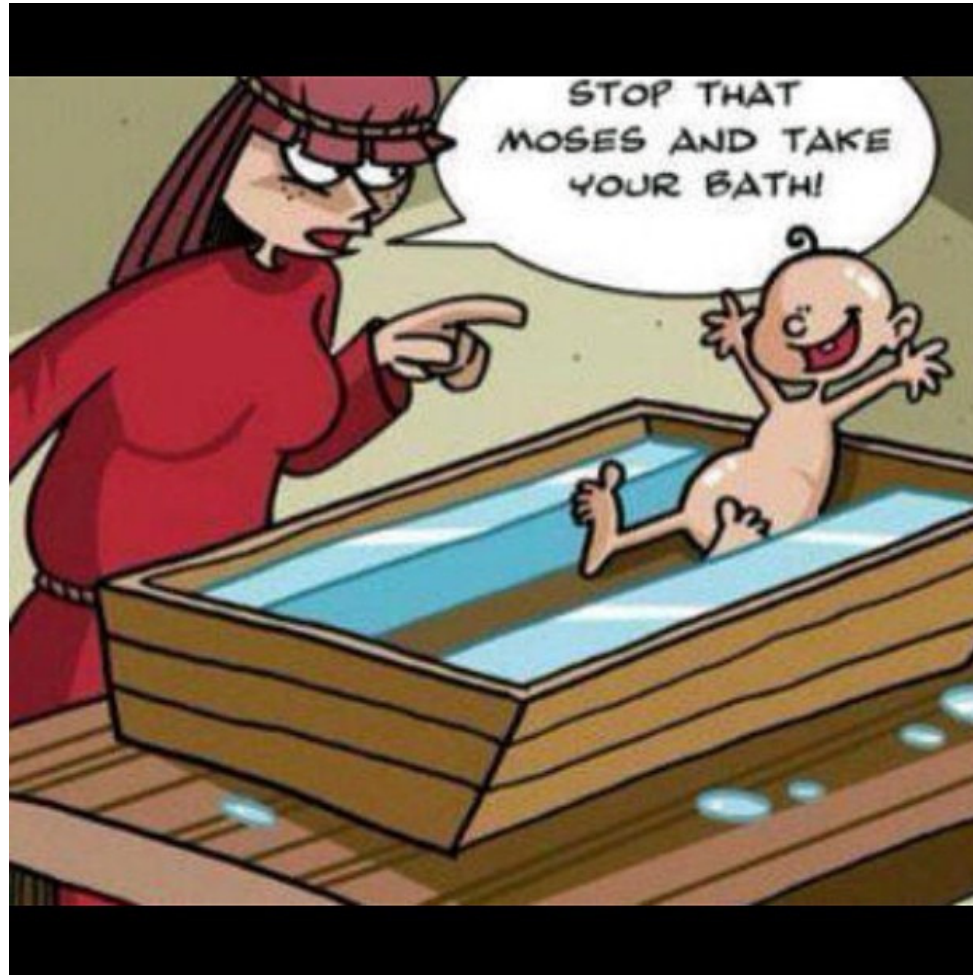
How does the life of Moses/Israelites resemble ours?

- The plagues in Egypt
 - Similar to our fight with the devil—persisting in faith despite obstacles
- Exiting Egypt (the land of slavery)
 - Exiting the ‘earthly life’/sin
 - Crossing the sea is baptism, the second birth
- Living in the wilderness is striving to enter through the ‘strait gate and narrow path’
 - Wilderness is desolate, no scenery, no vegetation; but when God is with us we have nothing to fear
- We are guided by fire and cloud [Holy spirit]
- The tabernacle → we need a place of worship, a set of rules

Application to Me

- How does this book change our vision of Christ and the Church, and our relationship with Christ
- How does this book change our vision of the service, and relationship of those we serve

Questions?



Chapters 3-12 Summary

- Why the plagues?
 - They were God’s battle with the gods of Egypt

THE PLAGUES					
Level of Pain: Discomfort					
Plague	Verses	Warning	Conditions / De-tails	Application to Egyptian Gods	Outcome / Responses
Nile turned to blood	7:14-25	Pharaoh as he went to get water from Nile in the morning.	“In the morning”	Hopi (Apis), the bull god of Nile; Isis, goddess of Nile; Khnum, ram god, guardian of Nile	Magicians duplicated; Pharaoh refused to listen; People dug along Nile for water
Frogs	8:1-15	Let My people go, or else ...		Heqet, goddess of birth — frog head	Magicians duplicated; Moses petitioned to remove frogs; Pharaoh to set time
Gnats	8:16-19	None		Set, god of desert	“This is the finger of God”

Level of Pain: Destruction

Flies	8:20-32	Pharaoh as he goes to get water in early morning	“In the morning” Time specified, Goshen exempted	Re, sun god; Uatchit, possibly represented by fly	Moses summoned / Pharaoh bargains: “Don’t go far”
Livestock killed	9:1-7	If you refuse...	Israel’s cattle exempted, Time of plague	Hathor, goddess with cow head; Apis, the bull god (fertility)	Pharaoh informed, no repentance
Boils	9:8-12	None	Soot of furnace tossed in air	Sekhmet, goddess over disease; Sunu, pestilence god	Magicians afflicted, could not stand before Moses. Pharaoh hardened.

Level of Pain: Dread

Storm	9:13-25	“Let my people go, or else... Plagues full force!”	“In the morning” worst storm in Egypt’s history. Time set. Bring in livestock.	Nut, sky goddess; Osiris, god of crops, fertility; Set, god of storms	Some officials brought in servants, cattle. Goshen exempted Pharaoh: “I have sinned — We are wrong” King & officials hardened hearts
Locusts	10:1-20	“Let my people go ... if you refuse...”		Nut, sky goddess Osiris, god of crops, fertility	Officials plead for release of Israel before plague. Pharaoh bargains, “Men, only” “I have sinned”
Darkness	10:21-29	None	Total darkness.	Re, sun god	“Go, without herds”
			Light in Israel’s homes	Nut, sky goddess Hathor, sky goddess	“Out of my sight” “Don’t come back”