

Exodus

Introduction to The Book of Exodus

1. Exodus has a strong Genesis connection.

The book of Exodus begins with a reference to the twelve tribes of Israel.

- The twelve tribes are developed in Genesis.

The book of Exodus begins with a reference to the Israelites in Egypt.

- How the people of Israel got to Egypt is explained in Genesis.

The book of Exodus begins by telling us that the Israelites were fruitful and multiplied.

- In Genesis 1:28, God commands the people to be fruitful and multiply.

The book of Exodus begins with the first word being, “and.”

- “And” is a connection to the previous book – Genesis.

The Book of Exodus does not stand alone.

Genesis tells the story of the creation of the world.

Exodus tells the story of the creation of a nation.

In Genesis, we learn how God’s people got into Egypt.

In Exodus, we learn how God’s people got out of Egypt.

In Genesis, God promises to build a nation out of one family.

In Exodus, God delivers that nation from bondage.

2. Exodus has a strong Gospel connection.

Remember, the Old Testament prepares us for the New Testament.

In Genesis, we encounter the sin problem.

In Exodus, we see God address the sin problem with Passover and the Passover Lamb.

In the New Testament, we find Jesus is the sacrificial lamb.

In Genesis, we learn of God’s promises to His people.

In Exodus, we learn of God’s ability to keep His promises to His people.

In the NT, the promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus.

In Genesis, we see broken relationships and the damage of sin.

In Exodus, we see God on the world stage, delivering people from slavery to Egypt.

In Jesus, we see God on the cosmic stage, delivering people from slavery to sin.

Through all of that, we also see God’s ability to bless people who live in a sin-filled world.

What I hope you’re hearing in all of this is that the Book of Exodus is not some old book that you have to be familiar with simply because it’s in the Bible. The story of Exodus is our story. We are in the story of God’s deliverance from slavery to sin to a new life.

In Exodus, God makes Himself known.

In Jesus, God makes Himself known.

In Exodus, God dwells among His people.

In Jesus, God dwells among His people.

In Exodus, God redeems His people with the Passover Lamb.

In the NT, Jesus is the Lamb.

Exodus helps us to understand what God is up to in you, in me and in Jesus.