

The Bible Jesus Used

A Gospel-Centered Glance at the Old Testament

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Exodus at a Glance

Yahweh's Self-Exalting, Gracious Deliverance
of Israel

Chs. 1–15

Yahweh's Self-Exalting, Gracious Covenant
with Israel

Chs. 19–24

Yahweh's Self-Exalting, Gracious Presence
amidst Israel

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Overview of the Message

- ❖ **Background: Builds off the Messianic and Missional Purposes of Genesis**
 - ❖ God promised to multiply Abraham's descendants into a great nation (Gen. 15:5 with Exod. 1:7).
 - ❖ God promised to rescue Israel from slavery in Egypt so as to move them to the Promised Land (Gen. 15:13–16; 50:24–25 with Exod. 1–15).

- ❖ **Israel as God’s “son” reminds the reader of the hope of royal redeemer and of their missional call to reflect, resemble, and represent God on a global scale; the contrast with Pharaoh’s “firstborn son” suggests a head-to-head combat between the offspring of the serpent and the offspring of the woman and places the exodus from Egypt into God’s kingdom-building purposes (Gen. 3:15; 5:1–3; 22:17b–18; Exod. 4:22–23).**
- ❖ **Through the Mosaic Covenant at Mount Sinai, God reaffirmed his lasting commitment to Israel established with Abraham (Gen. 17:7–8 with Exod. 19–24).**

❖ Two Questions

- ❖ From Israel: **“What is his name?” (Exod. 3:13)**
- ❖ From Pharaoh: **“Who is Yahweh that I should obey him?” (5:2)**

❖ God’s Answers:

- ❖ Yahweh’s miraculous, self-exalting deliverance of his people from slavery;
- ❖ Yahweh’s gift of the law (*torah*) as a means for sustaining relationship with him;
- ❖ Yahweh’s presence as the key element that distinguishes Israel from the other peoples of the earth.

Yahweh's Self-Exalting, Gracious Deliverance of Israel (chs. 1–15)

❖ **Yahweh, the causer of all—God's memorial name.**

❖ Ex. 3:14–15. God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘**I AM** has sent me to you.’”¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘**Yahweh**, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, **has sent me to you.**’ This is my name forever, and **thus I am to be remembered** throughout all generations.

❖ **God's name-exalting deliverance of Israel:**

- ❖ **The maker of mouths and the messenger of deliverance (4:11): divine-enablement for ministry for God's glory (1 Pet. 4:11)**
- ❖ **The controller of hearts and the hardening of Pharaoh (4:21 with 5:1–2; 7:3–5 with 7:13): conversion and surrender wrought by God for God's glory**
 - ❖ **Why would God harden Pharaoh's heart?**

- ❖ **Exod 7:5 – “*The Egyptians shall know that I am Yahweh, when I stretch out my hand on Egypt and bring out the sons of Israel from their midst.*”**
- ❖ **Before the 7th plague: Exod 9:15–16 – “For if by now I had put forth my hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, you would then have been cut off from the earth. But, indeed, for this reason I have allowed you to remain, in order to show you my power and *in order to proclaim my name* through all the earth.”**

- ❖ Before the 8th plague: Exod 10:1–2 – “Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, *that I may perform these signs of mine among them*, and that you may tell in the hearing of your son, and of your grandson, how I made a mockery of the Egyptians and how I performed my signs among them, *that you may know that I am Yahweh.*”
- ❖ Before the 10th plague: Exod 11:9 – “Pharaoh will not listen to you, *so that my wonders will be multiplied in the land of Egypt.*”

- ❖ Concerning the crossing of the sea: Exod 14:17–18 – “As for me, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and *I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army*, through his chariots and his horsemen. *Then the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD*, when I am honored through Pharaoh, through his chariots and his horsemen.”
- ❖ Ps 106:6–8 – “We have sinned like our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have behaved wickedly. Our fathers in Egypt did not understand your wonders; they did not remember your abundant kindnesses, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. Nevertheless he saved them *for the sake of his name, that he might make his power known.*”

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 - ❖ **The overseer of nature and the defeat of Egypt's gods (15:2–3, 11–12): life and death upheld by God's power for God's glory**

The 10 Plagues & the Gods of Egypt

<i>Plague</i>	<i>Egyptian Deity Targetted</i>
Nile to Blood (Exod 7:14–25)	<i>Khnum</i> : guardian of Nile; <i>Hapi</i> : spirit of Nile; <i>Osiris</i> : giver of life whose blood-stream was Nile
Frogs (8:1–15)	<i>Heqt</i> : form of frog, god of resurrection, wife of <i>Khnum</i>
Gnats (8:16–19)	?
Flies (8:20–32)	?
Against Cattle (9:1–7)	<i>Hathor</i> : mother-goddess, form of cow; <i>Apis</i> : bull of god Ptah, symbol of fertility; <i>Mnevis</i> : sacred bull of <i>Heliopolis</i>
Boils (9:8–12)	* <i>Imhotep</i> : god of medicine
Hail (9:13–35)	<i>Nut</i> : sky goddess; <i>Isis</i> : goddess of life; <i>Seth</i> : protector of crops
Locust (10:1–20)	<i>Isis</i> : goddess of life; <i>Seth</i> : protector of crops
Darkness (10:21–29)	<i>Re</i> , <i>Aten</i> , <i>Atum</i> , <i>Horus</i> : all sun gods of sorts
Death of Firstborn (11:1–12:29)	The deity of Pharaoh; <i>Osiris</i> : the giver of life
*Perhaps too early for this deity to have been involved.	

❖ **The Result (and Goal):**

- ❖ **Exod. 15:31. Israel saw the great power that Yahweh used against the Egyptians, so the people feared Yahweh, and they believed in Yahweh and in his servant Moses.**