

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

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Yahweh's Self-Exalting, Gracious Presence amidst Israel

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❖ 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.**’” ¹⁵God 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.

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divine-enablement for ministry for God's glory (1 Pet. 4:11)**

- ❖ The Causer of All: The controller of hearts and the hardening of Pharaoh (4:21 with 5:1–2; 7:3–5 with 7:13): **Conversion and holiness fully dependent on God.**
- ❖ 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.*”

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

- ❖ **The overseer of nature and the defeater of Egypt's gods (15:2–3, 11–12): life and death upheld by God's power for God's glory**
- ❖ **Exod. 12:12. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am Yahweh.**

The 10 Plagues & the Gods of Egypt

<i>Plague</i>	<i>Egyptian Deity Targeted</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.	

- ❖ **Exod. 15:11**. Who is like you, O Yahweh, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?
- ❖ **Exod. 18:10–11**. Blessed be Yahweh, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. ¹¹Now I know that Yahweh is greater than all gods.
- ❖ **Num. 33:3–4**. On the day after the Passover, the people of Israel went out triumphantly in the sight of all the Egyptians, ⁴while the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom Yahweh had struck down among them. On their gods also Yahweh executed judgments.
- ❖ **2 Sam. 7:23**. And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods?

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❖ **Conclusion:**

- ❖ **Yahweh is the Causer of All Things**
- ❖ **What do you need Jesus to be for you?**

What Do You Need Jesus to Be? I am...

- ❖ The **one with authority** over the storm and the **calmer of fears** (John 6:20)
- ❖ The **all-satisfying one** (6:35)
- ❖ The **light**, the ultimate guide and enabler (8:12)
- ❖ The **object of faith and means of salvation** from sins (8:24)
- ❖ The one proven to be **God** in his death and resurrection (8:28; 13:19)
- ❖ The one who **existed before Abraham** (8:58)
- ❖ The only **door to refuge** (10:7, 9)

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- ❖ The **good Shepherd**, the ultimate provider and protector who gives his life for his own (10:11, 14)
- ❖ The one who **provides eternal life and access to the Father** (11:25; 14:6)
- ❖ The **source** from which all good fruit is produced (15:1, 5)
- ❖ The one whose **identity demands homage** (18:5–6)
- ❖ The **absolute Sovereign** over all—the source, sustainer, and goal of everything (Rev. 1:17–18; 21:6)
- ❖ The **Messiah** anticipated from the line of David (22:16)

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❖ God’s Answer:

- ❖ “I am Yahweh, the Causer of All”

❖ Israel’s response:

- ❖ Exod. 14:31. 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**.

❖ How will you respond?