

EXODUS AS A PARADIGM
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- Ex 6:2 Boh oslovil Mojžiša a ubezpečil ho: Ja som Hospodin. 3 Zjavil som sa Abrahámovi, Izákovi a Jákobovi ako Všemohúci Boh. Svoje meno Hospodin som im však nedal poznať. 4 Uzavrel som s nimi aj zmluvu, že im dám Kanaán, krajinu, kde bývali ako cudzinci. 5 Počul som však aj nárek Izraelitov, ktorých zotročili Egyptania, a rozpamätal som sa na svoju zmluvu. 6 Preto povedz Izraelitom: Ja som Hospodin. Ja vás vyvediem spod egyptského jarma, vyslobodím vás z otroctva a vykúpim vás vystretým ramenom a tvrdými trestami. 7 Prijmem vás za svoj ľud a budem vaším Bohom. Poznáte, že ja som Hospodin, váš Boh, ktorý vás vyvedie spod egyptského jarma. 8 Privediem vás do krajiny, ktorú som slávnostne sľúbil dať Abrahámovi, Izákovi a Jákobovi. Vám ju dám do vlastníctva. Ja som Hospodin.
- 1Cor 10:1 Nechcem, bratia, aby ste nevedeli, že naši otcovia všetci boli pod oblakom a všetci prešli cez more, 2 všetci boli pokrstení v Mojžišovi, v oblaku a v mori všetci jedli ten istý duchovný pokrm 4 a všetci pili ten istý duchovný nápoj, lebo pili z duchovnej skaly, ktorá ich sprevádzala, a tou skalou bol Kristus. 5 Ale vo väčšine z nich nemal Boh zaľúbenie, veď zahynuli na púšti. 6 Toto sa pre nás stalo predobrazom, aby sme neboli dychtívi po zle, tak ako po ňom dychtili oni. 7 Ani nebuďte modlári, ako boli niektorí z nich, tak ako je napísané: Posadil sa ľud, aby jedol a pil; nato vstali, aby sa zabávali. 8 Ani nesmilnime, ako niektorí z nich smilnili, a padlo ich za jediný deň dvadsaťtritisíc. 9 Ani nepokúšajme Krista, ako niektorí z nich pokúšali, a hynuli od hadov. 10 Ani nereptajte, ako niektorí z nich reptali, a hynuli od zhubcu. 11 Toto sa im stalo predobrazom a nám, ktorých zastihol koniec vekov, to bolo napísané ako napomenutie. 12 A tak ten, kto si myslí, že stojí, nech si dáva pozor, aby nepadol. 13 Skúška, ktorá na vás doľahla, je len ľudská. Boh je však verný. On nedopustí, aby ste boli skúšaní nad svoje sily, ale so skúškou dá aj východisko, aby ste ju vládali zniest'.

לְכֵן אָמַר לְבְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲנִי יְהוָה
וְהוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מִתַּחַת מְצָרֵי
הַיְצִלְתִּי אֶתְכֶם מֵעַבְדֵי
הָמִצְרַיִם וְנִצַּלְתִּי אֶתְכֶם בְּזֵרֵעַ נְשִׂוָּה
וּבְיַד עֲשָׂוִים גְּדֹלִים

Exodus 6:6 Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment

Οὐ θέλω γὰρ ὑμᾶς ἀγνοεῖν, ἀδελφοί, ὅτι οἱ πατέρες ἡμῶν πάντες ὑπὸ τὴν νεφέλην ἦσαν καὶ πάντες διὰ τῆς θαλάσσης διήλθον ² καὶ πάντες εἰς τὸν Μωϋσῆν ἐβαπτίσθησαν ἐν τῇ νεφέλῃ καὶ ἐν τῇ θαλάσῃ ³ καὶ πάντες τὸ αὐτὸ πνευματικὸν βρώμα ἔφαγον ⁴ καὶ πάντες τὸ αὐτὸ πνευματικὸν ἔπιον πόμα· ἔπιον γὰρ ἐκ πνευματικῆς ἀκολουθούσης πέτρας, ἡ πέτρα δὲ ἦν ὁ Χριστός. ⁵ Ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐν τοῖς πλείοσιν αὐτῶν εὐδόκησεν ὁ θεός, κατεστρώθησαν γὰρ ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ. ⁶ Ταῦτα δὲ τύποι ἡμῶν ἐγενήθησαν, εἰς τὸ μὴ εἶναι ἡμᾶς ἐπιθυμητὰς κακῶν, καθὼς κάκεῖνοι ἐπεθύμησαν. ⁷ μὴδὲ εἰδωλολάτραι γίνεσθε καθὼς τινες αὐτῶν, ὥσπερ γέγραπται· ἐκάθισεν ὁ λαὸς φαγεῖν καὶ πίνειν καὶ ἀνέστησαν παίζειν. ⁸ μὴδὲ πορνεύωμεν, καθὼς τινες αὐτῶν ἐπόρευσαν καὶ ἔπεσαν μιᾷ ἡμέρᾳ εἴκοσι τρεῖς χιλιάδες. ⁹ μὴδὲ ἐκπειράζωμεν τὸν Χριστόν, καθὼς τινες αὐτῶν ἐπείρασαν καὶ ὑπὸ τῶν ὄφρων ἀπώλλυντο. ¹⁰ μὴδὲ γογγύζετε, καθάπερ τινες αὐτῶν ἐγόγγυσαν καὶ ἀπώλοντο ὑπὸ τοῦ ὀλοθρευτοῦ. ¹¹

1Cor 10:1-12 I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not (1) desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be (2) idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in (3) sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not (4) put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor (5) grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things

ταῦτα δὲ τυπικῶς συνέβαινε ἐκείνοις, ἐγράφη δὲ πρὸς
νουθεσίαν ἡμῶν, εἰς οὓς τὰ τέλη τῶν αἰώνων
κατήντηκεν.¹² Ὡστε ὁ δοκῶν ἐστάναι βλέπετω μὴ
πέση.

happened to them as an example, but they were
written down for our instruction, on whom the end
of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who
thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

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0. INTRODUCTION

- powerful feelings → liberation from oppression, injustice, death threat... → all this and more we find in the history of Exodus...

0.1. SYMBOLIC USE

- "Everybody knows" → Egyptian plagues; Passover; the Red Sea; the Wilderness; Decalogue; Golden calf under Horeb; Joshua & Caleb; Aaron's two sons;
- the Biblical use of the Exodus-symbol/idea
 - → the way of salvation;
 - → the psychology of redemption... (faith & unbelief)
 - → abstract and spiritual notions in the space-time history and concrete down-to-earth stories...

0.2. THE WORD "EXODUS"

- Hebrew
 - **Dt 4:37** And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out (הוֹצִיאָ) of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power
- Greek
 - **Luke 9:31** who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure (ἔλεγον τὴν ἔξοδον αὐτοῦ), which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.
 - **Heb 11:22** By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus (περὶ τῆς ἐξόδου τῶν υἱῶν Ἰσραὴλ) of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones

Latin → suffix "-us" to the Greek word

0.3. BACKGROUND

- Speculations: Freud → Moses and Monotheism; (developmental model of religion → monotheism must be *late*)
- Akhenaton = Moses!??? (“monotheism” of the sun-god)
- Time of Exodus 16-13 ct. BC
 - [Internet] “Exodus picks up 100–300 years after the death of Joseph and follows seamlessly the history of Israel in Egypt for another century. This chapter begins somewhere between 1650–1550 B.C. The Exodus took place between 1550–1440 B.C. At some point in time, Joseph is not only just a part of Egyptian history, but he is lost to the Egyptians entirely. Whatever happened, whether the Hyksos dynasty followed Joseph by 50–100 years, destroying most of the records of all recent rulers, or whether this was just lost to that time period, we do not know,…”

1. OPPRESSION, SLAVERY, DEATH → THE WORLD, SIN

- the poor? (liberation theology → Latin America, Marxist analysis)

1.1. FOREIGN LAND

- enemies → **Psalm 106:10-11** So he saved them from the hand of the foe (שׁוֹנֵא) and redeemed them from the power of the enemy (אֹיֵב). ¹¹ And the waters covered their adversaries (צָרִיָּהִם); not one of them was left.
- strangers → **Psalm 114:1-2** When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language (מֵעַם לִעֵי), ² Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion
- **1 Peter 2:11** Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles (ὡς παροίκους καὶ παρεπιδήμους) to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul

1.2. FOREIGN GODS

- [Babylon!] **Psalm 137:4** How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land (עַל אֲדָמַת נְכַר)?
- spiritual oppression
- **1 John 5:21** Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

1.3. HARD WORK, SLAVERY

- complaints → more work; harder conditions
- **Mt 11:28-30** Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

1.4. GENOCIDE

- death (killing the newborn boys)
- **Rom 5:12** Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned

2. SACRIFICE, VIOLENCE, WAR → GOD'S POWER

- **Is 43:3** For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom (כּוֹשׁ וּסְבָא תַחֲתֶיךָ), Cush and Seba in exchange for you (נִתְחַי כְּפָרֶךְ מִצְרַיִם)

2.1. THE TEN PLAGUES

- Salvation goes hand-in-hand with judgment! → **Isaiah 51:5** My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait

[<http://inthedoghouse.hubpages.com/hub/Ten-Plagues-For-Ten-Gods>]

1. Turning water to blood: Ex. 7:14–24 → Hapi, god of the Nile
2. Frogs: Ex. 7:25–8:15 → Heket, goddess of fertility

3. Lice or gnats: Ex. 8:16–19 → **Geb**, god of the earth
4. Wild animals or flies: Ex. 8:20–32 → **Khepri**, god of creation
5. Pestilence of livestock: Ex. 9:1–7 → **Hathor**, goddess of love and protection
6. Boils: Ex. 9:8–12 → **Isis**, goddess of medicine and peace
7. Thunderstorm of hail and fire: Ex. 9:13–35 → **Nut**, goddess of the sky
8. Locusts: Ex. 10:1–20 → **Set**, god of storms and disorder
9. Darkness for three days: Ex. 10:21–29 → **Ra**, the sun-god
10. Death of firstborn: Ex. 11:1–12:36 → **Pharaoh**, the god-king of Egypt

2.2. PASSOVER LAMB

- judgment is UNIVERSAL! → necessity of a substitute!
- → the CROSS (the Lord's supper)
 - **1Cor 5:7** Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

2.3. THE RED SEA

- point of no return → baptism (**1Cor 10:2** all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea [εἰς τὸν Μωϋσῆν ἐβαπτίσθησαν ἐν τῇ νεφέλῃ καὶ ἐν τῇ θαλάσῃ])

3. LIBERTY, JUSTICE, EMANCIPATION → SALVATION

- getting out → unity
- getting in → strife
- **Rom 6:22** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

3.1. COVENANT

- **Exodus 24:6** And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." ⁸ And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."
- **Acts 7:39** Our fathers refused to obey him, but thrust him aside, and in their hearts they turned to Egypt (ἐστράφησαν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν εἰς Αἴγυπτον).
- **Jude 1:5** Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. → Jer 31:31

3.2. LAW

- emancipation: from the gathering of slaves a nation
- **Dt 4:5-6** See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ⁶ Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'
- Sinai → Rom 7 → Decalogue → Pentecost → Gal 5:22-23

3.3. WORSHIP

- God among his people → the tabernacle
- **1Cor 3:16** Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

4. TO REMEMBER

- Exodus/salvation is the hope for those who are heavy laden... → unhappy with sin

- Salvation is also a judgment on sin. → the necessity of substitutional sacrifice → Jesus the Messiah!
- Exodus is a change of masters. → from serving the devil to serving God.