

Week Five: Teachers Guide

“Deliverance Through The Blood”

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Intro

Last time we got together we looked at how:

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“The Role of Covenant.”

God had covenants with Adam and Eve... and Noah... but Abraham is where the concept of “Covenant” was developed and solidified in Scripture. God loved His people so much that He is willing to bind Himself to a deal (almost like a business deal or legal arrangement)... and He signed His part of the deal in blood (the blood of Calvary).

Abraham left his father's house, was circumcised in his 90s as his part of the covenant with God.

He was even willing to give up his son Isaac in worship, but God did not require that.

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Our title for this week's lesson is, "Deliverance through the Blood"

Before we start, we always want to ask God to bless the lesson and help us to draw closer to Him... PRAY!

The Beginning of Israel

Abraham and Sarah waited 25 years before they finally had their promised son, Isaac.

Isaac grew and eventually had sons of his own named Jacob and Esau.

Jacob also went on **his own journey of faith.**

Like his grandfather Abraham, Jacob did many things well, but he was not perfect. Yet Jacob continued to align his life in obedience with the covenant that God began with his grandfather Abraham (that we talked all about last week).

Also, just like his grandfather, he too also gets his name changed.

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Genesis 32:27–28 (KJV)

27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

The nation of Israel, as we know it today, did not begin as a "nation."

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- Instead, it began as one man.
- Then that one man had 12 sons.
- Then they had children.

And the "Nation" of Israel began to grow into a family, and then an entire population of people.

And all of a sudden, we see God's promises to Abraham about a "**great nation**" slowly starting to come to fruition as God's hand is upon this family and this growing nation.

Israel Settles in Egypt

Then a famine hits the known world of that time.

“Israel” and his family end up in the nation of Egypt because God had used one of his sons named Joseph to prepare the world for that famine.

When Israel and his family move to Egypt to get reunited with his son Joseph, the Bible says there were only about 70 “Israelites” total at this point.

The Egyptians were fine with the “Israelites” being there in Egypt... until the number in their population kept rising.

Israel (the man formerly known as “Jacob”) dies, and then his son Joseph (who was famous in Egypt) also dies.

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Exodus 1:8 (KJV)

8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

Now the trouble really starts for the growing nation of Israel dwelling in the land of Egypt.

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Exodus 1:9–14 (NLT – for ease of understanding)

9 He said to his people, “Look, the people of Israel now outnumber us and are stronger than we are.

10 We must make a plan to keep them from growing even more. If we don't, and if war breaks out, they will join our enemies and fight against us. Then they will escape from the country."

11 So the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. They appointed brutal slave drivers over them, hoping to wear them down with crushing labor. They forced them to build the cities of Pithom and Rameses as supply centers for the king.

12 But the more the Egyptians oppressed them, the more the Israelites multiplied and spread, and the more alarmed the Egyptians became.

13 So the Egyptians worked the people of Israel without mercy.

14 They made their lives bitter, forcing them to mix mortar and make bricks and do all the work in the fields. They were ruthless in all their demands.

Egyptian Slavery

Instead of fighting back or leaving, the Israelites stayed in the bondage of Egypt for more than 400 years!

Although challenging things happen in life, God is never unaware or unconcerned!

Several hundred years earlier, God actually **TOLD** Abraham when He first talked to him about covenant that this bondage would happen to the nation God was eventually going to form through Abraham...

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Genesis 15:13–14 (KJV)

13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

Even when things seem bleak... God has a plan and He knows the way!

In this case... God's desire was not for His people to remain in Egypt.

Even in that passage we just read, God tells Abraham that they would eventually come out and leave with great substance.

If you remember, God told Abraham that the land He would give to the people would be their "Promised Land"...

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Genesis 17:7–8 (KJV)

7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

So as we move now into 400 years of Egyptian bondage...even though that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were dead and gone...

God's promise of an "**EVERLASTING Covenant**" was still on the horizon for the children of Israel!

God Calls a Deliverer

God speaks to a man named **Moses**, and tells Moses that he is supposed to go in before the Egyptian leader (the "Pharaoh") and tell this man that God wants him to release the people of Israel.

God had spoken to people earlier than this point. We see it with:

- Adam and Eve,
- Cain and Abel,
- Noah,
- Abraham,

In previous biblical accounts, we do not read about humanity asking God to "identify himself" or to "offer His Name."

Look what Moses says...

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Exodus 3:11–13 (KJV)

11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought

forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

It is important to understand the context of that day.

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Egypt was a “polytheistic” nation. This means they worshipped many gods.

There was:

- The Sun god,
- The Moon god,
- A god for fertility,
- The Nile River was a god,
- A god for harvest,
- Even a cow could have been a god because they believed in reincarnation.

And, as we already discussed, a person’s NAME meant everything. It was a definition of their calling and power. (Sarah was “Mother of Nations”).

It identified who you were.

God Identifies Himself

So when Moses says, "who shall I say sent me?" He was looking for a way to define his God to the Egyptians who serve many gods.

Basically, Moses is saying, "Should I tell them you are the God of"

- Harvest,
 - Deliverance,
 - Fertility,
 - Direction,
 - Healing,
- Etc....

Look how God responds...

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Exodus 3:14 (KJV)

14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

God would not let Himself be placed in a box.

He is basically saying:

[\[Show Slide on "I AM"\]...](#)

If you need a healer... **I AM.**

If you need a deliverer... **I AM.**

If you are barren and desire to have a child... **I AM.**

If you need victory... **I AM.**

If you need a miracle... **I AM.**

If you need a Savior... **I AM.**

I AM WHATEVER YOU NEED ME TO BE BECAUSE I HAVE ALL POWER!

This is interesting because the God of the Old Testament says He is the "I AM."

Then when you flip to the New Testament, Jesus actually makes the same claim!

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John 8:57–59 (KJV)

57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

They knew what Jesus was claiming there... that is why they wanted to kill Him! **Jesus was claiming to be the God of the Old Testament!** We will look at who Jesus actually was in a upcoming lesson.

So Moses finally goes back to Egypt, and he takes his brother Aaron with him.

They walk into Pharaoh's courts and eventually ask Pharaoh to let the Israelites go. As you might imagine, this doesn't work out so well!

When Moses did this, Pharaoh said, "I don't know your God and I will not be letting your people go!"

God Sends Plagues

Many think that this account is a story of:

Moses versus Pharaoh,
Israel versus Egypt,

But this was really a story of the **GOD of Israel** versus all **the pagan gods of Egypt** (who was the most powerful nation in the world at that time).

So God starts sending plagues upon all of Egypt. Plagues that intentionally disrupted their comfort and way of life

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- **Blood**
- **Frogs**
- **Lice or Gnats**
- **Flies**
- **Death of Livestock**
- **Boils**
- **Hail**
- **Locusts**
- **Darkness**
- **Death of Every Firstborn**

By God taking control of the weather, the livestock, or even the Nile River. It was a clear and direct statement that **HE ALONE** was

the one God who was in control of all the elements, and not the false gods that they were worshipping.

I want to look at the last plague was one where God was going to take all the firstborn of the land (TEACHER'S NOTE: ask who in your class is a firstborn in their family).

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Exodus 11:4–6 (KJV)

4 And Moses said, Thus saith the Lord, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt:

5 And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.

6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.

At midnight all firstborn people and animals were going to die, and the Bible makes it clear that there would be such a cry of sadness that Egypt had never seen in their history, nor would they ever see again!

But would the Israelites lose their firstborn too?

That just doesn't seem like a fair and kind God!

Just remember what we discussed in lesson three when we discussed **"The Foundational Theme of Salvation."**

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GRACE. FAITH. OBEDIENCE.

The Call for Sacrifice and Blood to be Applied

With that in mind, let's look at the portrait of God's grace:

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Exodus 12:3–11 (KJV)

3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:

4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover.

That was a lot of direction and at first glance, it almost seems like a bunch of worthless details.

Why do we need to know all this?

Well, just like God gave every detail to Noah when He shared the plan for the Ark... the "Plan for his family's salvation"

God is now sharing another "**Plan for Salvation**" for the firstborn of Israel!

And anytime God shares a "Plan for Salvation"... **it never just entails "believing" on something without acting.**

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GRACE. FAITH. OBEDIENCE.

So God tells Moses to tell the people all about the plan...

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1. On the 10th of the month
2. One lamb per household
3. Male lamb without blemish in the first year of life
4. Keep it until the 14th day of the month
5. Kill it at twilight
6. Put blood on both doorposts (they needed to stay in the covering of the blood, just like we do with the blood of Christ too!)
7. Eat it at night with unleavened bread and bitter herbs
8. If anything is left over, burn it up in the morning
9. Eat it with your belt and sandals on and a staff in your hand

Just like Noah's Ark, God's people could have been like:

- "I don't think it matters if it's a boy or girl lamb. A lamb's a lamb!"
- "We have blood in the house, if we put it on the doorpost our neighbors will think we are WEIRD!"
- "Let's not waste good food. Save the leftovers for this weekend!"

God had a VERY SPECIFIC PLAN to save His people, and it was up to them whether or not they would **choose to believe it and obey it!**

I want you to see that even though the blood there had been **SHED...**

It did not become powerful enough to deliver until it had been **APPLIED!**

[Show Slide with Grace, Faith, and Obedience]...

GRACE:

God lets His people know that He is going to take the firstborn throughout the land, but He gives them a way out.

FAITH:

God reached out, told them what would happen, gave them the “plan of salvation” for their firstborn. Now it was up to them whether or not they would believe what He was saying.

They could say, **“I believe you are going to do this Lord, but I don’t think it matters what kind of animal we eat, or whether or not we put blood on our doors!”**

If they would have said this, their firstborn would have died!

OBEDIENCE:

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Exodus 12:28–30 (KJV)

28 And the children of Israel went away, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

Without that one passing verse (verse 28) they would have lost their firstborn. The words, “did as the Lord commanded them” is just as important as any other part we read.

29 And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

As we read earlier, this was a cry they had never experienced before. Imagine waking up tomorrow morning, in the city you live in, and EVERY SINGLE HOUSE having at least one dead!

There would be such a scream and cry on your street that you could never imagine!

Pharaoh finally lets the people of Israel go!

Christ as the Lamb

God has a perfect plan for all of our lives... one in which He desires to save us and cover our sins in His blood that He shed on Calvary when He died on the Cross.

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Just like that innocent lamb whose blood was shed back then... that actually pointed to what would eventually happen in the New Testament for us...

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1 Peter 1:18–19 (KJV)

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;
19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Like I said earlier about the blood of the lamb in Exodus...

Even though the blood there had been SHED...

It did not become powerful enough to deliver until it had been APPLIED!

In the upcoming lessons we will look at what type of instruction the New Testament gives us so we know how to apply the blood of Christ to our own lives for salvation!

The prophets understood the "typology" or the "way things in the Old Testament pointed to things in the New Testament."

This is why John the Baptist looked at Jesus and the first words out of John's mouth were this...

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John 1:29 (KJV)

29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Closing

It's important that you see there was a type of bloodshed in the **OLD testament** that pointed to a type of bloodshed in the **NEW Testament**. Like that, there is also a type of **WATER in the OLD Testament**, that also points to a type of **water in the NEW Testament**.

These are things that make the Bible the most amazing book ever written.

God always had a plan. So even as you read the details of one story that took place thousands of years earlier...

The New Testament will record Jesus, His disciples, or the Apostles like Paul, referencing how things that took place back in the Old Testament actually were the type and shadow of things to come in the New Testament!

So these stories that we are looking at are presenting themes and a foundation for our own story.

Their story of salvation is also what can shed light on the story of our own salvation. And just like the blood saved and delivered them from Egypt (which was a type and shadow of sin)...

The blood of Christ also is the only hope we have for also being saved and delivered from the bondage of sin!

Next time we get together, we will see what happens when they leave Egypt, and then the type of Plan for Salvation that God establishes for them when they are in the wilderness on their way to their Promised Land.

