

GENESIS 31- EXODUS 6

# The Story of Redemption

*Thoughts and Comments*

**"As for you, you  
meant evil against  
me, but God meant  
it for good..."**

**Genesis 50:20**

*favorite verse*

GENESIS 50

## Meant for Good

The specific phrasing 'meant for good' is important. Many people say that God 'turns' evil into good. But this implies that God is waiting to see what Satan does so he can counter it and strategize based on what happens. But God is in ultimate control. His plans are purposed from the very beginning so we have every confidence that we can trust Romans 8:28 that all things will work out. God is never playing defense.

GENESIS 35-36

## We Are Family

Genealogies are usually pretty boring to read. We tend to skim past them. But they are an important part of Scripture. For one, they prove authenticity and historicity of Scripture. But they are also a testament to God's faithfulness and grace. When we read the genealogies we see Abraham's descendants multiply. These genealogies eventually lead to the birth of Jesus. And within these lists of people who are part of the lineage of Christ we see Tamar, Rahab, and David. People who sinned. 'Outsiders' to the Jews. There is grace for us. God uses all people for his glory and there is no 'holy standard' to be welcomed into the family of God!

"The family is full of sin, suffering, struggle, and tragedy, and yet the Lord has called them his own."





## EXODUS

# Deliverance

The major theme of the book of Exodus is deliverance. It begins with the delivering of the baby Moses at a dangerous time. Moses becomes an archetype of Christ, rescuing God's people from slavery just as the cross saves us from our slavery to sin and the desires of the flesh.

There are almost 100 verses that refer back to God's deliverance of his people from Egypt. We can't ignore its significance. God says, 'Remember how I brought you out of Egypt.'

I loved how the commentary points out that when Moses told the Israelites what God was going to do, they worshiped. He hadn't yet delivered them, but they knew who God was. God never fails us. Worship involves praising God for what he has done but it also should be praise for what God WILL do even though we haven't experienced it yet.

It demonstrates our trust and confidence in the power and faithfulness of God.

He promised deliverance then, now, and forever, and we can count on it.

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## EXODUS 3

# I Can't

Moses was 83 years old when God appeared to him in the burning bush. Egypt was decades behind him. I'm sure it came as a surprise to him that God would ask him to be in charge of delivering his people.

'Choose someone else!' Moses says.

We read the whole account and think- Moses. God is literally talking to you through a burning bush. He says he will go with you. He says he will do wonders. He turns your staff to a serpent and back. He turns your arm leprous and back. He says he will give you the words to say. And after all this Moses is still like- Hard pass, God.

It's convicting. Because how many times do we tell God we can't when he has promised to equip us for his work. No matter how many signs we may ask or see, we still must have faith.





## EXODUS 6

# I AM Who I AM

God tells Moses to tell the Israelites 'I AM has sent me to you.' This is the name God gives himself. One of eternal existence. Yahweh. The holy name of God that the Israelites didn't even utter.

Jesus boldly declared himself I AM in John 8:58- "Before Abraham, I AM.'

He further declares

'I am the way, the truth and the life.' (Jn 14)

'I am the good shepherd.' (Jn 10)

'I am the bread of life.' (Jn 6)

'I am the true vine.' (Jn 15)

'I am the light of the world.' (Jn 8)

Jesus truly is God with us. God made flesh. Just as God delivered the Israelites from Egypt, Jesus is our ultimate deliverer.

'I am the resurrection and the life.' (Jn 11)



## Last Thoughts and Looking Ahead

I had my first meeting with some local friends to talk about what we've been reading and it was such a good time! If you don't have anyone to read or discuss with, I would recommend it. There were several questions we wrestled with together, some that we didn't find answers to and plan to reflect on more.

We were able to talk about some of the symbolic reminders of God's faithfulness in our own life. We reflected on the sinful nature of man and how much we need saving. How we know we won't be perfect, but we don't want to be like Lot's wife and looking back longingly at the sinful life God is calling us to leave.

*Next up... Exodus 19..*

Exodus 19 is next (for me), but the next edition of this will start with Exodus 7.

**[NOTE: IF YOU'RE BEHIND AND FEELING OVERWHELMED, FEEL FREE TO SKIP THE CHAPTERS YOU MISSED AND MOVE AHEAD TO STAY ON TRACK!]**

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