

THE MESSAGE OF EXODUS

THEME: *God works sovereignly to save a special people for His own glory.*

INTERPRETATIVE REMINDERS:

Genres: Old Testament historical narrative and law

1. For historical narrative, there are 3 levels of narrative to keep in mind:

Level 3: Who God is and what He is doing

Level 2: The story of God's people (e.g., Israelites)

Level 1: The story of individual people (e.g., Moses)

2. For law, there are 2 types of law to keep in mind:

Type 1: Command Law (a.k.a., *apodictic law*; e.g., Ex. 20 - Ten Commandments)

Type 2: Case Law (a.k.a., *casuistic law*; e.g., Ex. 21 - "if...then...")

OUTLINE:

1. ***God works sovereignly...***

a. In Moses

- 1) God raises up Moses (Ex. 1-2)
- 2) God calls Moses (Ex. 3-4)
- 3) God uses Moses to lead His people (Ex. 5-40)

b. In Pharaoh

- 1) God places Pharaoh in his position (Ex. 9:16; Acts 17:26)
- 2) God hardens Pharaoh (Ex. 4:21; 10:1)
- 3) God defeats Pharaoh (Ex. 14)

2. ***...to save a special people...***

a. By distinguishing His People from the Egyptians (Ex. 8:32; 11:7; 12:26-27)

b. By distinguishing His People from all the peoples of the earth

- 1) God grants them His law and a covenant (Ex. 19-31; Ex. 23:2; 23:5)
- 2) God teaches and calls them to holy obedience (Ex. 34; 39:42-43)
- 3) God grants them His special presence (Ex. 35-39)

3. ***...for His own glory*** (Ex. 6:7; 7:3-5; 8:10; 9:15-16; 9:29; 10:1-2; 14:4; 15:17-18)