

Study #1: Epic of the Exodus (Approaching Exodus)

- I. Introduction. Exodus is Epic and is an Epic!
 - A. The book at a glance (Ryken, ESV LSB, 78).
 - B. A Story of Rescue & Salvation
 1. Exodus and Star Wars, Episode IV: A New Hope
 2. A Rescue Story in Progress.
 - a) Genesis 3:15. A story of God's grace poured out upon undeserving sinners. A story of a cosmic war between the seed of the woman—Christ and the seed of the serpent— The devil.
 - b) Genesis 12:1-3. A story of promises given, unfolded, and fulfilled in history. A story that unfolds the covenant of grace.
 - c) Genesis 17:8. A true story of God revealing himself to man so that he might have fellowship with him!
 - d) God's people, in paradise, in his presence!
 - C. Summary of Exodus. Exodus 6:1-8
- II. A Story that Points Us To Jesus
 - A. "There is nothing 'brand new' in the NT."
 1. Augustine- The NT's message is contained (concealed) within the Old Testament, while the OT's message is revealed more fully in the New.
 2. Doctrines contained in Exodus
 - a) Paradigm of Salvation & the Christian Life: Sin, Salvation, Service (Guilt, Grace, Gratitude)
 - b) Doctrines of: Sovereignty of God over the nations, God who desires to reveal himself to and know his people, Salvation, Justification, Adoption, Sanctification, Total Depravity, Election, Predestination, Ethics, Worship, Covenant, the Holiness of God, Judgement, Repentance, Forgiveness, Atonement, Jesus as the Mediator, Immanuel principle & God's garden temple, the Resurrection....the list goes on and on
 3. A story that tells us about Jesus and points to Jesus
 - a) Mediator & Moses

- b) Atonement & Passover
- c) A Pattern for Jesus and for us

III. Author & Audience

A. Author

1. The Author. Exodus is the inspired Word of God. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
2. The author. Moses. Exodus 24:3-4; John 5:45-47

B. Audience

1. Who was the original audience for Exodus?
2. What was their situation? In life? In the timeline of Redemptive History (God's rescue plan)?
3. Where were they coming from? Where were they going?
4. What kinds of pastoral needs might they have had?
5. How is our situation similar? What similar needs to we have?

IV. Summary & Conclusion

A. An Epic Story that will increase our love for Christ and for our neighbor!

B. Getting ready next week:

1. Read Exodus 1
2. For reflection: Read Luke 24:13-35 & 1 Corinthians 10:1-13. How might these verses influence our reading and interpretation of Exodus?
3. Consider reading all the way through Exodus in the next several weeks to get the "big picture" of the book. Write down any questions that come up and email them to Pastor Baker!

Prayer Requests: