



This Is Us (An Intro)

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7 I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God.

Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.

8 And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord.’”

4 Passover Seder Questions:

- On all other nights, we eat either bread or matzah; on this night, why only matzah?
- On all other nights, we eat herbs or vegetables of any kind; on this night, why bitter herbs?
- On all other nights, we do not dip even once; on this night, why do we dip twice?
- On all other nights, we eat our meals in any manner; on this night, why do we sit around the table together in a reclining position?

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. 2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3 They all ate the same spiritual food 4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

Answer to 4 Passover Seder Questions:

We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and God brought us out with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. And if God had not brought our ancestors out of Egypt, we and our children and our children's children would still be subjugated to Pharaoh in Egypt...

Exodus is the true story of humanity.

Exodus is the story of: True Freedom, True Intimacy, and True Meaning.

Exodus is everyone's story because it's the story of True Freedom.

Genesis 1:28

Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it."

Exodus 1:6-11

6 Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, 7 but the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them. 8 Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. 9 "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have

become far too numerous for us. 10 Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”

11 So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor...

“Our generation is confused as to the nature of true freedom. No matter how often we experience liberation from constraints, limitations, or oppression we still find ourselves falling into new forms of bondage. We get free from boredom, and fall into slavery to distraction. We pursue liberty from prohibitions, and fall into bondage to addictions. We escape repressing, and become enslaved to lust. We are released from isolation and fall captive to peer pressure and the power of the online mob.”

- Alastair J. Roberts & Andrew Wilson, *Echoes of Exodus*

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Prototype of Redemption:

- There are a people who are in slavery.
- The people are utterly helpless against powers they can't usurp or defeat.
- There is an oppressor, "Pharaoh."
- God raises up a Deliverer.
- Through suffering, the Deliverer grows.
- The Deliverer brings people liberation.
- In the narrative, the liberation happens by means
- of death.
- God is enacting justice on the oppressor.
- Evil is ultimately and definitively defeated.
- A new land with new ways of living (people of freedom).

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Exodus 6:7

"I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God."

The story of the Bible is the account of God's pursuit of restoring His broken relationship with human beings.

God is after us.

Leviticus 26:11-13

11 I will put my dwelling place among you, and I will not abhor you. 12 I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people. 13 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high.

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling (tabernacled) among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

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Layers of Exodus:

One (what's on the screen): What's happening with Moses in real time.

Two: Prophets looking at this story interpreting it on what it means, how we are to live, and how we are to see God.

God makes all things new, *not* all new things.