

# Bethel Bible Series

## An Emerging Nation on the Way to its Homeland

### Week 7

Welcome & Announcements

Opening - Why was it important for God to Unite His chosen people Israel?

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

## Review of Last Semester

Picture and Memory Concept Review

1) Genesis 1 - *Creation*

Genesis 1 = God created all things good

2) Genesis 2 - *Divine Intentions*

Genesis 2 = Divine intentions

3) Genesis 3 - *Disharmony*

Genesis 3 = The fall

Genesis 4 = Brother's keeper

Genesis 7 = The flood

Genesis 11 = Tower of Babel

4) Genesis 12 - *Pronouncement of a Destiny* (SELECTION)

Genesis 12 = Blessed to be a blessing

5) Genesis 12-50 - *Ardent Dreams of a Destiny* (SEPARATION)

Genesis 13 = Separation within families (Abram-Lot)

Genesis 16 = Hagar and Ishmael

Genesis 17 = Circumcision instituted

Genesis 24 = Deliberate ethnic separation (Isaac marries Rebekah)

Genesis 47 = Geographic separation in Goshen

Genesis 50 = God can use evil for good

6) Genesis 12 - Exodus 20 - *United for a Destiny* (UNITING FACTORS)

Exodus 2 = Birth of Moses

Exodus 4 = The Excuses of Moses when faced with a Challenge

Exodus 18 = Jethro's Advice to Moses to Delegate Responsibility

Exodus 19 = Israel, A Kingdom of Priests

Exodus 20 = The Ten Commandments

Exodus 21 = The Eye for an Eye Code

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### Israel's Calling

What is the common feature to Pictures 4, 5 & 6? = The Prism

What is the message behind this feature on all 3 pictures?

- Selection = I will bless you
- Separation = so that you will be a blessing
- Uniting Factors = by you all the nations will be blessed

How did the prophets remind the Israelites of this calling? = Break apart

Isaiah 2:1-5 = People will come to the Lord's mountain to learn ways, Live the Destiny

Zechariah 8:20-23 = People & nations will come to seek the Lord through the Jews

Looking ahead, how did the Israelites abuse their calling?

Matthew 23:1-7 = Pharisees flaunt their false righteousness (Selection)

Matthew 23:13-14 = Pharisees shut heaven in men's faces (Separation)

Matthew 23:23-24 = Law made an end, rather than means to end (Uniting)

Matthew 23:37-38 = *I've longed to gather you ... but you were not willing* (Uniting)

### Exodus Memory Concepts - Second Half

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| Civil law for nomads                                   | = Exodus 21-23 |
| Instructions to build a tabernacle                     | = Exodus 25-27 |
| Inauguration of the priesthood                         | = Exodus 28-29 |
| God equips people for specific tasks                   | = Exodus 31    |
| The golden calf  | = Exodus 32    |
| Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children | = Exodus 34    |
| God, a constant presence in Israel's midst             | = Exodus 40    |

## Lesson - *An Emerging Nation on the Way to its Homeland*

An Emerging Nation on the Way to its Homeland = Show Picture 7

How many were in this emerging nation & what did they bring?

Exodus 12:31-39 = 600,000m+w+c+o, silver, gold, clothing, unleavened bread

Why didn't God leave the Israelites in Egypt?

Genesis 26:3-5 = Their destiny to bless others was based on being Holy Nation in Canaan

Why did God bring them to Egypt in the first place?

Genesis 15:13-14 = To build & prepare them to be a blessing

Genesis 46:3 = To make Israel into a great nation

What was the purpose of their events & experiences during wanderings?

Deuteronomy 29:2-6 = You've seen & experienced these things to know I am God

Deuteronomy 29:12-15 = Confirm the covenant that He is your God

Joshua 24:16-18 = God did these for us. We will serve Him.

What did God ask of the Israelites in the wilderness?

Exodus 14:31 = TRUST IN THE LORD <== Write on board

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Crisis & Trials = Through crises & trials, God taught His people to Trust Him

<u>CRISIS</u>	<u>GOD'S RESPONSE</u>
Exodus 14:10-12	Exodus 14:13-14, 29-31
= Afraid of Egyptians chasing	God saved Israel, they trusted Him
Exodus 15:22-24	Exodus 15:25-26
= Only bitter water	God made water sweet
Exodus 16:2-3	Exodus 16:11-15 = <i>Manna</i> means <i>What is it?</i>
= No food	Quail in evening, manna in morning
Exodus 17:3	Exodus 17:6
= No water	Water from the rock

Did God's intervention always achieve the desired results? = Above examples within first 3 months

Numbers 14:11 = How long will they refuse to believe, in spite of miracles

What was God's intention when He intervened in a crisis?

Exodus 15:1-2 = He is my strength & salvation <= To build TRUST

The Jew asked: *Why is God depriving me?*

He should have asked: *For what is God preparing me?*

Organization = was critical in the beginning years of this new nation

Exodus 18:13, 17-18, 24-26 = Chain of command; leaders of 10s, 50s, 100s, 1000s

Numbers 1:1-4 = Census taken of all tribes, Tribal leaders appointed

Numbers 4:4-5, 24-25, 29, 31 = Specific religious duties for Levite clans

Numbers 2:1-2 = Specific encampment orders - each tribe with own standard & place

Numbers 2:9, 16-17, 24, 31 = Systematic breaking of camp

Numbers 10:1-4 = Orderly communications system with trumpets

Law & Legislation = A basic set of rules to start the nation on the right foot

God insisted on:

Exodus 22:20, 23:32-33 - Pure = worship

Exodus 23:6-7 - Pure = justice

Laws addressed unique conditions of people living in close contact with:

Exodus 22:26-27 = each other

Exodus 21:33-34 = each other's property & livestock

Three types of Law in the Old Testament:

Civil - Exodus 21-23 = Emphasized justice & mercy, evolves over time

Ceremonial - Leviticus = Emphasis on sacrifice, evolves (tabernacle to temple)

Moral - Exodus 20 = 10 Commandments, never changes, unacceptable to heathen

Laws were made for a *people*, not a *person*

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Rigid Discipline = To be God's Chosen People & *be a blessing*, must be strictly disciplined

<u>SIN</u>	<u>GOD'S DISCIPLINE</u>
= Exodus 32:1-6	Exodus 32:27-28, 35
= Idolatry (Golden Calf)	Executions & Plague
Leviticus 10:1	Leviticus 10:2
= Abusing religious duties	Burned in God's fire
Leviticus 24:11	Leviticus 24:13-14
= Blaphemed (cursed) God	Stoned by assembly
Numbers 12:1-2	Numbers 12:9-10
= Jealousy (Miriam of Moses)	Leprosy
Numbers 16:3	Numbers 16:31-33
= Disrespect for authority	Swallowed by earthquake

### Summary

God formed His new nation through these things to teach them to

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Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 7 and Assignment 8

Next Week - *A Destiny Insured*