

Bethel Bible Series

An Emerging Nation on the Way to its Homeland

Study 7

Leaders must spend some time in the "desert". - PK

Welcome

Opening - Why was it important for God to Unite His chosen people Israel?
InDepth Memory Review = Throw out concepts
Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Semester

Picture and Standard 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 and 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 His ways, Live the Destiny

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

Looking ahead, how did the Israelites abuse their calling?

Matthew 23:1-7 = Pharisees flaunted 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

- 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 and what did they bring?

Exodus 12:31-39 = 600,000m+w+c+o (2 million +), silver, gold, clothing, unleavened bread

Why didn't God leave the Israelites in Egypt?

Genesis 26:3-4 = 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 and prepare them to be a blessing

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

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

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

Deuteronomy 29:12-15 = Confirm the covenant given to their forefathers A, I, J

Joshua 24:14-18 = God did these things 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 and Trials = Through crises and trials, God taught His people to Trust Him - Add to board

<u>CRISIS</u>	<u>GOD'S RESPONSE</u>
= Exodus 14:10-12	Exodus 14:13-14, 26, 29-31
= Afraid of Egyptians chasing	God saved Israel from Egyptian army, 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 and 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 - Add to board

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 and place
Numbers 2:9, 16-17, 24, 31 = Systematic breaking of camp
Numbers 10:1-4 = Orderly communications system with trumpets

Law and Legislation = A basic set of rules to start the nation on the right foot - Add to board

God insisted on:

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

Exodus 23:6-8 - 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 and livestock

Three types of Law in the Old Testament:

Civil - Exodus 21-23 = Emphasized justice and 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*

God's plan was bigger than the individual, bigger than the corporate group and bigger than Israel

God's Law defined health for Israel = Essential for fulfilling destiny

Sins against God's Law threatened Israel's health = had to be cut out as cancers

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Rigid Discipline = To be God's Chosen People and *be a blessing*, must be strictly disciplined - Add to board

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

Concept Review

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

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InDepth Research:

How did God use similar approaches with the early church (New Testament Israel) to teach her to Trust in the Lord in order to fulfill her destiny of being Blessed to be a Blessing?

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 7 and Assignment

Next Week - *A Destiny Insured*