



EXODUS

BOOKS OF LAW

Brief History of Events of Exodus

- Ex 19-20 Spoken decalogue
- Ex 20-24 Multiple trips up Mt Sinai, only Moses enters cloud of God
- Ex 25-31 Plans for tabernacle and priestly service given, ending in God giving Moses stone tablets after 40 days
- Ex 32-33 Golden calf incident, Moses plead with God 40 days to remember His covenant to patriarchs. (Deut 9:13-21)
- Ex 34 Moses cuts new stone tablets and spends 40 days on Mt Sinai. God shows Moses His glory.
- Ex 35-40 Tabernacle built using gifted men and gracious gifts of people. Journey to promised land resumed 14 mo after Exodus (Num 9:1-5)

Grumbling to Canaan

- Pharaoh's pursuit—'there are no graves in Egypt?' Ex 14: 10-12, 14:30-31
- Waters of Marah—'die of thirst' Ex 15:23-24, 25-26
- Lack of Meat—Ex 16:3, 13-16
- Lack of Water—Ex 17:2-3, 6-7
- Taberah— Physical hardship, Num 11:1 (fire of the LORD)
- Kibroth-hattavah—Num 12, Desire for meat/fish/melons/garlic (LORD gave quail a yard deep and a 5 miles diameter (plague for greediness))

Grumbling to Canaan

- ◉ Miriam and Aaron mutiny—God defends Moses and give Miriam leprosy, Moses prays and God heals her
- ◉ At Kadesh-Barnea (Num 13) 12 spies sent into Canaan—10 bring bad report and urge disobeying God The 10 are killed by God and God says all over 20 yrs old will die in wilderness over next 39 yrs before they have another chance to enter promised land.
- ◉ Korah mutiny (Num 16)—Earth opened and swallowed them
- ◉ People complain of judgement of Korah—God sends plague that was stopped when Aaron made atonement with incense.
- ◉ Lack of water at Meribah—Moses strikes rock rather than speaking to it as commanded by God. Miriam died there.

Grumbling to Canaan

- Mt Hor (West of Edom)—Aaron dies and Eleazar made priest. Israel defeats King of Arad and goes around Edom
- People complain of physical hardship and speak against God and Moses. God sends fiery serpents. Moses constructs brass serpent on pole and people look on it to be saved. Num 21
- Continue to Amorite area N of Moab at Arnon River, border of Sihon to S and Og to N. Both defeated by Israel.
- Incident of Balaam and Moab. Israel men and Moabite women, worship Baal Peor. God sent plague. Stopped after 24K men died and Phinehas killed man and his Moabite bedmate. Num 25

Grumbling Problem

- Our natural tendency is to be unthankful to God, and self-righteous (Romans 1:21)
- We want to be in control, to effectively replace God (Col 3:5)
- We seek self-glory and this conflicts with others seeking the same thing (John 5:44)
- We attempt to manipulate others to get our desires fulfilled (Phil 2:4)
- We fail to keep our focus on Christ (Col 3:1-2)

Application Questions for Grumbling

- Do we ever look at Exodus and say of their grumbling, “I would never act like that”?
 - 1 Cor 10:14 includes the phrase “common to man”, this implies we have a common nature.
 - Like COI it is easy for us to grumble against God and his chosen human leaders.
- Do we ever grumble about our circumstances, hardships, relationships?
 - Grumbling took place in the NT church and necessitated admonishment and encouragements from Apostles
 - Who is in control of calamity? For what purposes?

Solution to Grumbling

- Trust in God's goodness, faithfulness, sovereignty and in everything
 - If God gave us Christ, He will not withhold good from us (Rom 8:32)
 - Our future is secure and glorious (1 Pet 1:3-5)
 - We have the HS, new life and can walk in the Spirit (2 Cor 1:22, Gal 5:16)
- Don't think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think (Rom 12:3)

Israel's Fleshly Confidence

- First Incident—God declares to Moses his unique choice of Israel, with purpose that they would be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Ex 19:4-6
 - COI responded to Moses msg, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.”
 - God say further that he will come to Mt Sinai and speak to Moses so that all hear and believe Moses forever Ex 19:9
 - God appeared on mountaintop with thunder, lightning, mountain smoking, sound of a trumpet.
 - COI begged Moses to speak rather than God lest they die. (Ex 20:18)

Israel's Fleshly Confidence

- Second and Third Incidents— Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules and all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” Ex 24:3
 - Then he [Moses] the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” Ex 24:7
 - Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and 70 elders went up to Mt Sinai and enjoyed food and drink in presence of God on throne. Then Moses called to enter cloud of God presence, the others told to remain at camp until Moses and Joshua return. The glory of the LORD appeared as devouring fire on the top of the mountain. Ex 24:15-18
 - Moses given stone tablets of the testimony, written by God, during 40 days in cloud. Ex 25-31

The Golden Calf

- ◉ When Moses delayed on mountain (he was there 40 days and nights with God), the people went to Aaron and asked him to make them a golden calf to represent YHWH.
 - ◉ Aaron complied and fashioned graven image of young bull, declaring that it was Yahweh—failed to remind them of God's faithfulness and presence of cloud
 - ◉ People embraced feast in pagan manor.
- ◉ God and Moses angered by people's rapid corruption.
- ◉ Moses intercedes for people (and Aaron) based on Abrahamic Covenant and God's character.

Issue of People's Complaint

- People questioned Moses safety going into cloud of God's presence on Mt Sinai, and yet—
 - This cloud preserved and led them out of Egypt
 - This cloud lead them in wilderness
 - They saw cloud and heard God speaking decalogue
 - Aaron and 70 elders had eaten by cloud on Mtn
- So why would they be fearful when Moses was in cloud?
- Why would Aaron yield to their desire for idol?

Spiritual Leadership of Moses

- Early in his leadership he complained to God about burden of leading COI (Ex 15:25, 16:2-3, 17:2-4) and God taught him as well as COI.
- Later response demonstrated the heart of God
 - Receiving first stone tablets—F&P 40+40
 - After golden calf—prostrate F&P 40+40
 - After Kadesh Barnea rebellion—prostrate F&P 40+40

Husbands Called to Spiritual Leadership

- ◉ How do you respond to difficult circumstances?
 - ◉ Becoming harsh, controlling and bitter, or falling on you face in prayer?
- ◉ If one were to ask wife or kids about your leadership, what would they say?
 - ◉ Arrogant, demeaning, and dictatorial or humble, gracious and servant of all?
- ◉ Do you typify Moses—a student of God, or Balaam—always working selfish angles, or Aaron—willing to compromise at times to follow worldly influences?

Confident in God's Grace and not Our Flesh

- ◉ We need God's grace both daily as well as in salvation
- ◉ "Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace.
- ◉ .. any moment when we bask in God's mercy and grace is our highest moment, higher than when we feel smug in our decent performance and cannot think of anything we need to confess...Paul's words, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Gal 6:14)"
- ◉ Jerry Bridges, "The Discipline of Grace", p 9 and 18

Understanding God Sovereignty

- IS 46:8-10 says “I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord who does all these things.”
- Acts 2:23 says “this Jesus, delivered up by the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.”
- God ordains evil as well as good, but evil with good purposes without being an agent of evil
 - glorify himself, and sanctify his redeemed ones

Types and Sensing of Symbols in OT

- ◉ Story of Abraham and Isaac
 - ◉ Father-Son relationship like God the Father and Jesus in sacrificial offering
 - ◉ Isaac's trust in his father like Jesus trust in His Father
 - ◉ Miraculous prophetic birth of Isaac like virgin birth of Christ
 - ◉ Example of God ordaining calamity and yet bringing good
 - ◉ God personal and compassionate to those who are his, providing a substitute, parallel to the demonstration of God's love of sinners in Christ, our substitute.

Types and Sensing of Symbols in OT

- ◉ Moses as a Type of Christ
 - ◉ Sent to redeem people in slavery, to be kingdom of priests
 - ◉ God said Moses would be like God to Aaron and Aaron would be his prophet
 - ◉ Face displayed the glory of God
 - ◉ Covenant people to be a light to the world, kingdom of priests
 - ◉ Spoke to God face to face
 - ◉ Persecuted by the world and false disciples
 - ◉ Humble man of prayer who loved sinners

Types and Sensing of Symbols in OT

- ◉ Moses as Type of Christ (continued)
 - ◉ Advocate for Israel to God
 - ◉ Miracle worker, authenticating God as source of his words and actions
 - ◉ Experienced rejection for Israel
 - ◉ God ordained hostility of Pharaoh to his message in order to display His glory and be redeemer of Israel
 - ◉ Moses was vehicle for heavenly bread and water
 - ◉ Moses participated in 40 days of fasting and prayer



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