THE BOOK OF EXODUS
BEFORE WE BEGIN THE STUDY OF EXODUS

- Winters in Maine and Cancelation of Classes
- Review of what is offered on the Website
- Which Bible to get
- How to read the Bible,
Cancelations will be listed there as soon as I call it.
OUR PARISH WEBSITE

Book of Exodus

Schedule for the Book of Exodus

Thursday, February 27 – Introduction to Exodus

Thursday, March 5 – The Israelites in Egypt PART I (11:26-27)

Thursday, March 12 – The Israelites in Egypt PART II (6:20-12:26)


Thursday, April 2 – THE LIGHT IS ON (No Class)

A scheduled Class – The Dwelling and its Furnishings (25:1-40:38)

Chat

Your name: Guest47
02/26/20 11:32am EST Daniel: Sorry, Claire is working on this too
02/26/20 11:32am EST Daniel: I used her name
02/26/20 11:32am EST Daniel: I think this will work

Class 1 - Introduction to the Book of Exodus

Class 1 - Documents

Class 1 Handout and Homework for next week
BIBLE TO GET – NAB NEW AMERICAN BIBLE
HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

1) Footnote “*”
2) Cross Reference “b”
FOOTNOTES AND CROSS REFERENCES

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Goals for Today

• The Significance of the Exodus for the Israelites and for Christians
• The Formation of the Book
• The Divisions of the Book
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The significance of an event in the life of a person or a people

- The events get told over and over and passed on to our children
- They are part of our common consciousness
- The past is reinterpreted and the future is formed by the event

American History
- The American Revolution and Independence Day - Freedom
- Signing of the Constitution and the intentions of the founding Fathers
- Gun Control
- Shooting of John F. Kennedy
- 9/11

Church History
- The sisters in Waterville
- Vatican II
- The sexual abuse crisis

Personal History
- A divorce
- An accident
Key Elements to Reading and Understanding Exodus

- The Exodus is the foundational event in the life of the Israelite People
- This is a Story that is retold from generation to generation
- The Story of the Exodus is not just a past event but a living reality
- The Story of the Exodus is ritualized
- Everything in the Old Testament and the New Testament is rooted in the Exodus event
- The Story of the Exodus continues to inflame the hopes and passions of people today
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The Story of the Exodus is retold from generation to generation

- The story of the Exodus is about the passage from bondage to freedom. From death to life
- This was the decisive event of God’s self-disclosure. This changed everything for the Israelites
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- Israel sees everything in its national story from this event
- Prophets call Israel back to Yahweh who brought them out of the land of Egypt
- The belief that because God acted in the past, he would continue to remember it and act in the future.
The Story of the Exodus is not just a past event but a living reality

- In the retelling of the story, the events of the past become present
- They are standing there with Moses being freed from slavery and worshiping God
- Israel will always be the people of the Exodus
- Through liturgy, they are present to the reality

The Story of the Exodus is ritualized

- In the reciting of the ritual ceremony, it is not just a telling of the past, it is also a description of the present moment. God is continually acting now.
- The Jewish Remembering is not just a calling to mind
Everything in the Old Testament and the New Testament is rooted in the Exodus event

- The Law
- The Prophets
- The Psalms
- The Gospels

The Story of the Exodus continues to inflame the hopes and passions of people today

- New Pharaohs
- New Egyptians
- New people
- New situations that enslave and destroy life

- New Moseses
- New deserts
- New Sinais
- New Promise Lands

- New unknowns and a call to follow in God’s ways
- New journeys to a new life from a bad life
- New complaints when the journey gets hard
- New uncooperative people whom God is trying to help
- New questioning if God is in our midst or not
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Key Elements to Reading and Understanding the Passion of Christ

• The cross is the foundational event in the life of the Christian People
• This is a Story that is retold from generation to generation
• The Story of the crucifixion and resurrection is not just a past event but a living reality
• The story of the passion, death and resurrection is ritualized at Mass
• Everything in the Old Testament and the New Testament is seen in light of the cross and resurrection of Jesus
• The Story of Jesus continues to inflame the hopes and passions of people today
The Exodus and Christian Connection
- The passion, cross and resurrection is Jesus’ Exodus
- Jesus is the Lamb of God, the lamb who is offered on the night of the Exodus
- The Eucharist, the Last Supper, is the Passover Meal for Jesus

The Gospels
- Show Moses and Jesus together, Jesus as the new Moses
- Old and New Testament, Covenant, Law
  - The Commandments and the Greatest Commandment
  - The 10 Commandments and the Beatitudes
  - Jesus as God’s interpreter of the Mosaic Law
    - Sabbath Laws
    - Laws of clean and unclean
    - Laws of marriage, divorce and love
  - Covenant is a solemn agreement made with a religious ritual.
    - Confirms a special relationship between the parties
    - Marriage covenant
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Most scholars agree that the Exodus took place around 1250 BC
- There were no eye witnesses
- It was handed down in oral tradition
- The final form we have today seems to be from the 5th/6th century

There seems to be three different Traditions that were combined into its final form
- Yahwist Tradition (Y) seems to be the earliest 10th Century BC
  - Seems to show God as close to human beings. God talks directly to humans
- Elohist Tradition (E) seems to be from the 8th Century BC
  - God is more distant and uses mediators and messengers
  - From the Prophetic circles because emphasizes the breaking the covenant
- Priestly Tradition (P) seems to be the 6th Century BC
  - God is more majestic and transcendent
  - Concerned with liturgical and legal aspects of Israel
The Formation of the Book

Because of the three different Traditions (Y) (E) (P) that make up the Book

- Be prepared to see the same story told in different ways
- Some minor details may be contradict each other
- Some disjointed elements

Do not try to harmonize them.

Remember that you are not reading a contemporary novel

- This is a story of faith
- This is a story of a people who came to know God through events
- This is a story that created a people
- This is an event that happened over 3000 years ago