

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

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

Book of Exodus Class 1 Slide 15 Transcript

These are key elements I want you to understand as you are reading. This will help you understand the Book of Exodus. It is going to sound like a repeat but there's nothing like repeating to make sure that I got it in. As you are reading this, the Exodus is the foundational event in the life of the Israelite people. You are not just reading a nice bible story. That would so under-rating what they are as a people. This is a story that is retold from generation to generation. That's very important because you are going to have some discrepancies because when stories are retold from generation to generation they may contradict earlier things and people get all upset. This is not a historical book like

you are reading the biography of John F. Kennedy and you are following along. This is a story of a people's faith that created them so you are going to find that oh wait. I thought that was supposed to be over there.

The story of Exodus is not just about a past event but a living reality. So in your questions I will often make you think what about today? What does that pericope, which is a section with a black heading, that's a pericope. What does it tell you about today? What is it saying?

The story is ritualized so we are going to go through some rituals that you are going to say "this is boring", "this is weird". That's because we are in different times, so let's work through this because it is a ritual. Some people think we are weird because we are Catholics and I really do think that the hat that the bishop wears is a miter must look pretty weird to people who are not Catholic. "What is that on his head?" And yet for us who grow up with it, we see it all the time. It means nothing. But you are going to see that Aaron dresses in a way is like why was he dressing this way.

Everything in the Old Testament and the New Testament is rooted in this event and the story of Exodus continues to inflame the hopes and the passions of people today.

I am assuming because you are coming to a bible class that you are going to the Easter Vigil. And you go to the Easter Vigil, we read about this as one of the nine possible readings you can have. This reading is required reading. They have a total of nine and you can read a minimum of three, but whichever one, you have to read this one because this one is with pharaoh and his chariots and his charioteers as you keep hearing over and over again, how they all drowned in the sea.