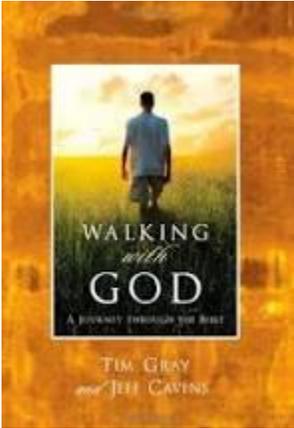


Walking with God Session Three

Chapter Three: Egypt and Exodus



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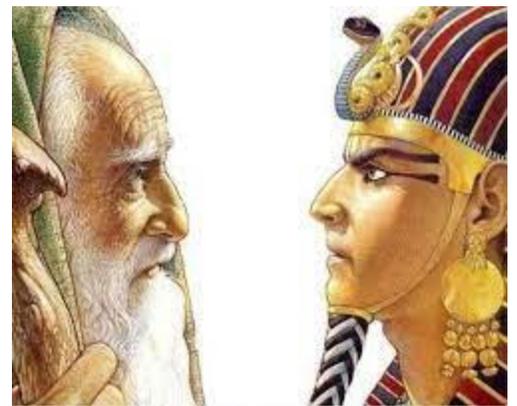
- The Hebrew name for what the Greeks called “The Book of Exodus” is “*Shemot*” or “The Book of Names.” Why does God reveal His Name to Moses?
- Do you hear God lovingly calling you out of your sin and error into His own Life?

Act One: The Call of Moses

- Moses’ name means “drawn out of water.” What does this reflect and foreshadow?
- Whose names were recorded so their fidelity to God would be remembered?
- Whose name was deliberately blotted out? What does this tell you?
- What are some remarkable aspects of God’s call of Moses?
- Do you see in your faith journey towards God similar times of trusting and testing? Do you find excuses to delay obedience to God’s laws or His Holy Spirit?

Act Two: Signs and Wonders

- What was the original request Moses made of Pharaoh? Does this place the Exodus in sharper focus?
- What is the meaning of the phrase “God hardened Pharaoh’s heart”?
- What is the meaning of Pharaoh’s court magicians being able to conjure crocodiles?
- What is the significance of the first and last plagues?
- Why do the plagues occur every seven days?
- Why does God send the plagues?
- Name the two instances in this narrative when blood saves Moses.
- What is significant in the smearing the lamb’s blood on the doorposts?



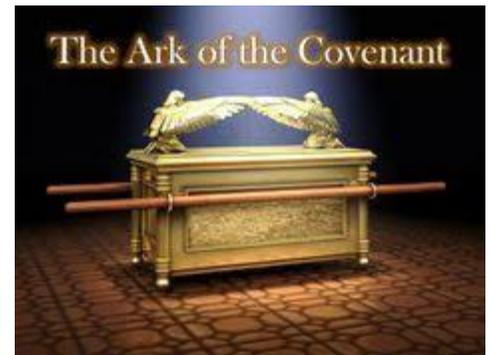
Act Three: Sinai Covenant

- The Israelites have been “Egyptian” for ten generations. Despite the Signs and Wonders, they do not know how to trust this new God. They rebel rather than rely upon Him. How does God respond to their grumbling?
- What is Israel’s vocation? To whom shall they minister?
- How are the Ten Commandments separated on the two tablets? What is significant about the separation?
- How is the Mosaic Covenant ratified?



Act Four: Rival Loyalties

- God gives Moses explicit instructions on liturgy – “right worship.” During this time, the Israelites, having received the Law, do what?
- Why does Israel lose the ability to be a “kingdom of priests”? Why is the priesthood restricted to the Levites?
- Moses intercedes for the people, saving them from utter destruction and abandonment by God. How does he do this?
- How does God reveal Himself to Moses while passing by him?
- In what ways is God among the people, yet veiled?



Recollection: How does God reveal His love for His Chosen People? Do you recognize yourself and your relationship with God in the Israelites’ actions?

