

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

June 7

EXODUS

1. Looking Backward: The Sequel to Eden

Exodus 1 (NIV) *The Israelites Oppressed* ¹ "These are the names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt with Jacob, each with his family: ² Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah; ³ Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin; ⁴ Dan and Naphtali; Gad and Asher. ⁵ The descendants of Jacob numbered seventy in all; Joseph was already in Egypt. ⁶ Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, ⁷ but the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them. ⁸ Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt ⁹ 'Look, I he said to his people, 'the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. ¹⁰ Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.'"

Genesis 46:8 (NIV) "These are the names of the sons of Israel (Jacob and his descendants) who went to Egypt."

Genesis 1:27-28 (NIV) ²⁷ "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'"

2. Looking Inward: The Illusion of Freedom

¹¹ "So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites ¹³ and worked them ruthlessly. ¹⁴ They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly."

- Whatever holds your ultimate allegiance—other than God—holds your chains.
- Salvation in Exodus isn't just liberation from bad circumstances; it is liberation for worship.

Exodus 20:2-3 (NIV) "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."

3. Looking Around: God in the Shadows

Exodus 1:15-22 ¹⁵ "The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiprah and Puah, ¹⁶ 'When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.'
¹⁷ The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. ¹⁸ Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, 'Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?' ¹⁹ The midwives answered Pharaoh, 'Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.'
²⁰ So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own. ²² Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: 'Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.'"

4. Looking Forward: The Ultimate Exodus

John 1:17 (NIV) ¹⁷ "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."

Mark 9:2-4 (NIV) The Transfiguration ² "After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus."

Luke 9:28-31 (NLT) The Transfiguration ²⁸ "About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus. ³¹ They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem."

Luke 24:44 (NIV) "He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'"

John 1:14 (NIV) "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

eskenosen (ἐσκήνωσεν). The literal, raw translation of that Greek verb is "to pitch a tent" or "to tabernacle."

"This is possibly the greatest verse in the New Testament and certainly the sentence for which John wrote his gospel." — **William Barlay**