

CLASS 4: *The Chosen People: Claiming Our Identity* (Exodus-Deuteronomy)

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Words/People to Know					
Passover	Moses	Aaron/Miriam	Egypt	Promised Land	Tabernacle
Joshua/Caleb	Phineas	Pharaoh	Shema	Levites	Tent of Meeting

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Introduction / Background

- The Torah (Pentateuch) [BPV: The Law](#)
 - Genesis = “origins”; creation and the Patriarchs
 - Exodus = “go out”; Hebrew deliverance
 - Leviticus = “about the Levites”; instructions
 - Numbers = “Numeri” (Latin) or “In the Wilderness” (maybe more relatable!)
 - Deuteronomy = “second law” (Moses’ last will and testament to the next generation)
- Author: Moses (Numbers 33:2), “Law of Moses” (12x in OT; 9x in NT)
- Textual Challenges
 - Exodus Date? Option 1: ~1440 (Ex. 12:40, 1 Ki 6:1, Gal 3:17) or Option 2: 1260 (Archaeological)
 - Israel’s Population? Option 1: 603,505; Option 2: Symbolic Numbers (1000 or families)
 - Curses, genocide, hyperbole, and Strange Laws? (patriarchy, bodily fluids, slavery, sexual sins)
- Literary forms: Narrative + Torah (“law,” instruction, teaching) + Poetry (Miriam/Moses’ songs)

Survey: Exodus through Deuteronomy

Exodus Themes	Insights
1. Deliverance (12-14)—Exodus! God the Redeemer (Passover) 2. Presence (3,19,34)—God’s Presence (Tabernacle, Cloud, Fire) 3. Covenant (19-24)—Moses (10 Commandments, 613 Laws) 4. Rebellion (32)—Complaining, disobedience after every new law 5. Gospel & Law—God’s grace despite rebellion	*1-3 An interwoven triangle: Deliverance, Presence, & Covenant *4-5 The gospel delivers God’s grace after law reveals their need

Exodus Survey: Chosen, Delivered, & Instructed	
1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Israel in Egypt 400+ years • Joseph (ruler) to Moses (slave) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story of Moses—birth, raised by Pharaoh, murders Egyptian, flees Egypt • Moses marries Zipporah, daughter of Jethro
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Call of Moses • God as “I am” • God’s authority • Moses the Prophet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messenger (Angel) of the Lord = the Lord (BPV: Angel of the Lord) • “I AM” = YHWH; name = character; names matter • Approaching a holy God with reverence (their view of God vs. today) • “I will be with you” = presence; not about us, but God; the source of our identity
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs for Moses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moses’ son’s circumcision—thank you Zipporah!
5-11	<p><i>12:12 I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nile to blood 2. Frogs 3. Gnats 4. Flies 5. Death of livestock 6. Boils 7. Hail 8. Locusts 9. Darkness 10. Death of firstborn <p><i>12:12 I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hapi (Apis): bull Nile god; Isis: Nile goddess; Khnum: ram Nile guardian; & others 2. Heqet: frog-headed birth goddess 3. Set: desert storm god 4. Uatchit: possibly represented by the fly 5. Hathor: cow-head goddess; Apis: the bull fertility god 6. Sekhmet: disease goddess; Sunu: pestilence god; Isis: healing goddess 7. Nut: sky goddess; Osiris: crops/fertility god; Set: desert storms god 8. Nut: sky goddess; Osiris: crops/fertility god 9. Re & Horus: sun gods; Nut & Hathor: sky goddesses 10. Min: reproduction god; Heqet: childbirth goddess; Isis: child guardian goddess; Pharaoh & Pharaoh’s firstborn son considered gods <p>https://zondervanacademic.com/blog/what-the-bible-tells-us-about-the-10-plagues-of-egypt</p>

Exodus Survey: Chosen, Delivered, & Instructed

12-14	Passover & Exodus	12:36 The Lord had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians.
15	Songs of Moses & Miriam	15:21 Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea."
16-18	Manna, Rock Water, Jethro	18:17 Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good."
19-31	Sanai; Giving the Law; Covenant Tabernacle; Consecration	19:5-6 Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.
32-34	Golden Calf [Levites]: God's Presence; Radiance (2 Cor 3:17)	33:11 The Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.
35-40	Setting up Tabernacle, Ark, & Altar At the Tent of Meeting (Lev 1)	36:2 Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work.

Exodus Themes in the NT: Moses as Messiah; Exodus as Conversion; Kingdom of Priests [Rev 12]

Leviticus Themes		Insight
• Instructions for holiness, sacrifices, and priests come after the Exodus (grace)	• Law: Apodictic (Universal) vs. Case/Causistic (application/conditional)	• Law follows grace • What laws apply to Christians? • How do we live righteously?

Leviticus Survey: Set Apart for Holy Living

1-7	• Starts at the Tent of Meeting • Instructions for Offerings	Ex 40:34 The cloud covered the tent of meeting and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. 1) Burnt 2) Grain 3) Fellowship 4) Sin 5) Guilt 6-7) Instructions on priests, fat, & blood
8-10	• Aaron's Family Anointed • Nadab & Abihu Drunk?	10:1 Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, contrary to his command.
11-27	• Clean / Unclean • Ritual Purity & Atonement • Neighborly Righteousness	19:17-18 Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt. Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.

Leviticus Themes in the NT: Sacrifice of Jesus and Us [Hebrews 9:22; Romans 12:1-2]

Numbers Themes		Insight
• Trust God in faith or give into fear • God's presence (Numbers 9:15-18)	• Rebellion starts with complaints; Heroes have faith (Joshua, Caleb, Phineas)	9:17 Whenever the cloud lifted from above the tent, the Israelites set out; wherever the cloud settled, the Israelites encamped.

Numbers Survey: Surviving the Wilderness

1-4	• Census (603,550+Levites)	1:46 The total number was 603,550 (excluding 23,000 Levites); 26:51 601,730
5-10	• Nazirite Vow (6) • Tabernacle Dedication/Passover	6:24-26 The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
11-21	• Complaints & Rebellion • 12 Spies in Canaan	11) manna; 12) Moses' leadership; 13) spies about giants; 16) Korah 21) snakes Climax: Num 20:2-13 Moses complains, doesn't get to go into the promised land 14:24 because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.
22-36	• Balaam of Beor (22-24; Mic 6:5; 2Pe2:15; Rev 2:14) • Moab seduces Israel (25) • Joshua Commissioned	Rev 2:14 Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. 25:11 Phinehas son of Eleazar... was as zealous for my honor among them as I am... 27:18 Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him.

Numbers Themes in the NT: Jesus was tempted in the wilderness... so are we! Matthew, Mark, Luke

Deuteronomy Themes		Insight
• God's love through his covenant	• Each generation must choose a relationship with God	

Deuteronomy Survey: Ready for the Promised Land?

1-4	• Review: How we got here	1:1 These are the words Moses spoke to all Israel in the wilderness east of the Jordan...
5-26	• Review: Receiving the Law	6:5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength. 17 Instructions for the King; 18:15 The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me
27-30	• Ratification: Cursed or Blessed	30:15 I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction...Now choose life...
31-34	• Leadership Succession	34:9-10 Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him... no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face.

Deuteronomy Themes in the NT: [The Shema](#)/Greatest Commandment; Temptation; The [Kingdom](#)/Promised Land/Heaven