

## 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)

- Which Torah book is most frequently quoted in the NT?
- What two chapters contain the Ten Commandments?
- Which gospel writer uses the word Tabernacle?
- Where in the Torah is the Shema?
- Who was the most zealous character in the Torah?
- Who joined Moses in the Tent of Meeting?
- Who was Moses’ wife?
- How old was Moses when he led the Exodus?
- What other scripture did Moses write besides the Torah?
- Where else in the Bible did Moses appear?

### Survey: Exodus through Deuteronomy

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

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

<i>Exodus Survey: Chosen, Delivered, &amp; Instructed</i>		
<b>12-14</b>	<b>Passover &amp; Exodus</b>	<i>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.</i>
<b>15</b>	<b>Songs of Moses &amp; Miriam</b>	<i>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."</i>
<b>16-18</b>	<b>Manna, Rock Water, Jethro</b>	<i>18:17 Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good."</i>
<b>19-31</b>	<b>Sanai; Giving the Law; Covenant Tabernacle; Consecration</b>	<i>19:5-6 Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.</i>
<b>32-34</b>	<b>Golden Calf [Levites]: God's Presence; Radiance (2 Cor 3:17)</b>	<i>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.</i>
<b>35-40</b>	<b>Setting up Tabernacle, Ark, &amp; Altar At the Tent of Meeting (Lev 1)</b>	<i>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.</i>
<i>Exodus Themes in the NT: Moses as Messiah; Exodus as Conversion; Kingdom of Priests [Rev 12]</i>		

<i>Leviticus Themes</i>		<i>Insight</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructions for holiness, sacrifices, and priests come after the Exodus (grace)</li> <li>Law: Apodictic (Universal) vs. Case/Causistic (application/conditional)</li> <li>Justice, righteousness (right relationship)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Law follows grace</li> <li>What laws apply to Christians?</li> <li>How do we live righteously?</li> </ul>
<i>Leviticus Survey: Set Apart for Holy Living</i>		
<b>1-7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Starts at the Tent of Meeting</b></li> <li><b>Instructions for Offerings</b></li> </ul>	<i>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, &amp; blood</i>
<b>8-10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Aaron's Family Anointed</b></li> <li><b>Nadab &amp; Abihu Drunk?</b></li> </ul>	<i>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.</i>
<b>11-27</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Clean / Unclean</b></li> <li><b>Ritual Purity &amp; Atonement</b></li> <li><b>Neighborly Righteousness</b></li> </ul>	<i>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.</i>
<i>Leviticus Themes in the NT: Sacrifice of Jesus and Us [Hebrews 9:22; Romans 12:1-2]</i>		

<i>Numbers Themes</i>		<i>Insight</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trust God in faith or give into fear</li> <li>God's presence (Numbers 9:15-18)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rebellion starts with complaints; Heroes have faith (Joshua, Caleb, Phineas)</li> </ul> <i>9:17 Whenever the cloud lifted from above the tent, the Israelites set out; wherever the cloud settled, the Israelites encamped.</i>
<i>Numbers Survey: Surviving the Wilderness</i>		
<b>1-4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Census (603,550+Levites)</b></li> </ul>	<i>1:46 The total number was 603,550 (excluding 23,000 Levites); 26:51 601,730</i>
<b>5-10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Nazirite Vow (6)</b></li> <li><b>Tabernacle Dedication/Passover</b></li> </ul>	<i>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.</i>
<b>11-21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Complaints &amp; Rebellion</b></li> <li><b>12 Spies in Canaan</b></li> </ul>	<i>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 <b>Caleb</b> has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.</i>
<b>22-36</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Balaam of Beor (22-24; Mic 6:5; 2Pe2:15; Rev 2:14)</b></li> <li><b>Moab seduces Israel (25)</b></li> <li><b>Joshua Commissioned</b></li> </ul>	<i>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 <b>Phinehas</b> son of Eleazar... was as zealous for my honor among them as I am... 27:18 Take <b>Joshua</b> son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him.</i>
<i>Numbers Themes in the NT: Jesus was tempted in the wilderness... so are we! Matthew, Mark, Luke</i>		

<i>Deuteronomy Themes</i>		<i>Insight</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God's love through his covenant</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each generation must choose a relationship with God</li> </ul>
<i>Deuteronomy Survey: Ready for the Promised Land?</i>		
<b>1-4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Review: How we got here</b></li> </ul>	<i>1:1 These are the words Moses spoke to all Israel in the wilderness east of the Jordan...</i>
<b>5-26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Review: Receiving the Law</b></li> </ul>	<i>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</i>
<b>27-30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ratification: Cursed or Blessed</b></li> </ul>	<i>30:15 I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction...Now choose life...</i>
<b>31-34</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Leadership Succession</b></li> </ul>	<i>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.</i>
<i>Deuteronomy Themes in the NT: <a href="#">The Shema</a>/Greatest Commandment; Temptation; The <a href="#">Kingdom</a>/Promised Land/Heaven</i>		